



## WELCOME FAMILIES!

We are glad that you are worshipping with your children and want you to feel welcome.

There is a “**Pray Ground**” for quiet play in the front right of the sanctuary. We ask that families stay with their little ones and try to keep noise to a minimum.

If you or your little one needs “a break” or “louder play”, there is an “**Active Worship**” room on the West side of the sanctuary. You can see and hear the service from this room.

## GATHERING



The Holy Spirit gathers us together during this time of worship

# WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Astounded Us

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*Inviting All to Live the Gospel through Faith, Love, and Compassion*

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## Welcome to Family of Christ

You are welcome to participate in worship this morning  
the way you feel comfortable.

**All Are Welcome, No Exceptions!**

**Everybody Is Somebody Here**

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Easter people, Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Christ *is* risen indeed! Yet we, like Thomas, may find questions bubbling up: How do we know? What's the proof? Is Resurrection real?

**Within our questioning, Christ appears.**

We may find ourselves like the other disciples, witnesses of Christ's resurrection who struggle to understand the doubt of others.

**Within our certainty, Christ appears.**

Whether you come to worship full of certainty or doubt, you are welcome here, for we are all participants in the story of God's salvific work in the world, a story still unfolding all around us.

**We gather to worship, believing that in certainty and doubt, the resurrected Christ dwells among us! Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

"Shout to the Lord"

ELW #821

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us make our confession, before God and each other,

**Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives:**

**The fear that stifles us,**

**The prejudice that impedes us,**

**The ignorance that hinders us,**

**The doubt that plagues us.**

**Help us, we pray, that we will**

**Find courage in unlikely places,**

**Move to those places where love is needed,**

**And have faith that you are with us.**

**This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Hear the Good News: we are forgiven! We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God!

**Alleluia! Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

ELW #857

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

## CHILDREN'S TIME

## FIRST READING:

Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19

*Congregation Read Bold Text*

I love the Lord because he has heard  
my voice and my supplications.

**Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.

**Then I called on the name of the Lord,  
"O Lord, I pray, save my life!"**

What shall I return to the Lord  
for all his bounty to me?

**I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the Lord;**

I will pay my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people.

**Precious in the sight of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful ones.**

O Lord, I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.  
You have loosed my bonds.

**I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice  
and call on the name of the Lord.**

I will pay my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people,  
**in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.**

**Praise the Lord!**

L: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL READING:

Luke 24: 13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked

All young and young at heart  
are invited forward during the  
Children's time.

## THE WORD

God speaks to us through  
scripture reading, preaching,  
and song.



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### THE MEAL

God feeds us with the forgiveness and presence of Christ.

All are invited to receive these gifts of God.

No Exceptions!

Children are welcome to come forward and receive communion or a blessing and Goldfish Crackers



them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

L: The Gospel of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

### SERMON

**Pastor Brent Erler**

### HYMN OF THE DAY

**"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"**

**ELW #484**

### BAPTISM

**Elodie Kay Hamm**

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NOISY OFFERING

### OFFERING

**"Once Again"**

*words included as insert*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Lord in Your Mercy

C: Hear our prayer

### HOLY COMMUNION

## THE SENDING

We are blessed and sent out into the world to share God's Love with all people.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## BLESSING

### PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

Lord God, you have called your servants  
to ventures of which we cannot see the ending,  
by paths as yet untrodden,  
through perils unknown.  
Give us faith to go out with good courage,  
not knowing where we go,  
but only that your hand is leading us  
and your love supporting us,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## CLOSING HYMN

“Go, Make Disciples”

ELW #540

## SENDING

## POSTLUDE



Today We Celebrate the Baptism of  
**Elodie Kay Hamm**

Daughter of Ben & Angie Hamm

Sponsors are

Amie & Jeremi Berge and Katie & Logan Nickel

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## Serving Today

Pastor

Brent Eler

Musician

Ann Mikiska

Sound and Video

Donny Bergquist

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