



WELCOME FAMILIES!

We are glad that you are worshiping 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

So That They May be One

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

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

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

"Gather Us In"

ELW #532

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

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Send forth your spirit, O God, and renew the face of the earth. **Dwell among us, even though your presence will startle and unsettle us. Grant us your peace, we pray, as justice and love pour down upon the yearning earth. Amen**

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING:

Acts 1:3-11

After Jesus' suffering he presented himself alive to the disciples by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

L: The word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING:

John 17:1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they

THE WORD

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



have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

L: The Gospel of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

Pastor Brent Erler

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” ELW #779

verses 1-4

BAPTISM

Natalie Jo Carlson & Eliana Grace Carlson

SHARING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOISY OFFERING

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Lord in Your Mercy

C: **Hear our prayer**

HOLY COMMUNION

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

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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



THE SENDING

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



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 My Children, with My Blessing”

ELW #543

SENDING

POSTLUDE

Serving Today

Pastor

Brent Erler

Musician

Solveig Englund
Sound and Video

Donny Bergquist

Acolyte

Communion Set-Up

Sandy Soukup

Communion Servers

Sandy Soukup

Amy Klimpke

Gerry Wills

Reader

Sandy Soukup

Ushers

Emily Wills

Dave Peterson

Fellowship Host

Martha Johnson

*Thanks to all those who helped make worship possible.



Today We Celebrate the Baptisms of:

Natalie Jo Carlson, daughter of Daniel & Angela Carlson

Sponsors are Joshua & Nicolle Carlson

Eliana Grace Carlson, daughter of Joshua & Nicolle Carlson

Sponsors are Daniel & Angela Carlson

Welcome Children of God!

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