



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

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**Walking in the
Resurrection**

**May 14th, 2023
THE UPRISING OF PARTNERSHIP
9:30 AM Worship**

PRELUDE

Logos

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Alleluia. Christ is Risen!

C: **Christ is Risen indeed.**

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GATHERING HYMN

“We Are A Family”

We are a family, a grace-filled family of God

You are invited, all are invited to come

Welcome

Oh-----we are

Living out the gospel

Living out the gospel- oh

Through faith, (xx) through love (xx) and compassion (xxx)

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Bridge: *Everyone belongs*

All have gifts to offer, Oh

The table and the font

Bring us all together (We are living out the gospel...)

Ending: *We are a family, a grace-filled family of God. Welcome.*

by Amy Vigesaa 2023 For Family of Christ Lutheran Church. Lakeville, MN.

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration, and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

ELW #857

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Risen Christ, In our baptisms, we are given freedom and hope to live new lives. May this gift move us to show hospitality and compassion to those around us, inviting more and more people to know the life found in Christ. Amen

CHILDREN'S TIME

READING

Acts 16:11-35, 40

¹¹ We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us. ¹⁶ One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." ¹⁸ She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰ When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city ²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe." ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³² They spoke the word of the Lord^[e] to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God. ³⁵ When morning came, the magistrates sent the police, saying, "Let those men go."

⁴⁰ After leaving the prison they went to Lydia's home, and when they had seen and encouraged the brothers and sisters there, they departed.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: *Thanks be to God*

SERMON

Intern Pastor Amy Vigesaa

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Christ, Be Our Light"

ELW #715

BLESSING OF THE INTERN

PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING/NOISY OFFERING

Saint Paul Area Synod Planting Hope

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "O Lord, Hear My Prayer". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "O Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord hear my pray'r When I call, an - swer me. O Lord hear my pray'r. O Lord hear my pray'r, Come and lis - ten to me. O".

L: Lord, in Your Mercy

C: Hear our prayer

HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS of INSTITUTION

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

O 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

“Shout to the Lord”

ELW #821

POSTLUDE

Welcome to Family of Christ

You are welcome to participate in worship this morning the way you feel comfortable. This includes the invitation to join us for Holy Communion.

All Are Welcome, No Exceptions!

Everybody Is Somebody Here

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT FAMILY OF CHRIST?

Information is available from the ushers and in the literature stand outside the church office at the West entrance. If you are looking for a faith community, please fill out the insert or visit our website at www.familyofchrist.com.

KID ACTIVITY BAGS filled with coloring materials and other resources are available in the back of the worship space for those that would like them.

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 a **"Listening Room"** on the West side of the sanctuary. You can see and hear the service from this room.

Arise: Walking in the Resurrection.

This Easter Season we will look at Jesus' resurrection and how it effects who we are as a people of God. Though Jesus conquered death itself, his rising starts all of us on a path to new life; not just in the future but right now. We too are "Risen" in fellowship, discipleship, worship, justice, service, and blessing. Through storytelling and reflection we will walk the path of resurrection and new life.



"Everybody is Someone Here"

Worship 9:30am Sundays

Sunday School 10:45am Sundays

Confirmation and Youth Group

6:20 pm Wednesday Nights

*Worship Online at www.familyofchrist.com