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May 21st, 2023
KEEP RISING UP
9:30 AM Worship



**Walking in the
Resurrection**

PRELUDE

Solveig Englund

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Alleluia. Christ is Risen!
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GATHERING HYMN

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

ELW #779

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

Arisen Christ, **Even in the resurrection, we struggle in this world and gather regularly to worship. Help us to remember that in this time of joining together we come to see your glory, and experience your love, wisdom, goodness, power, and fullness. As we arise in this new life, help us to come together in worship to be filled and to remember your glory. Amen**

CHILDREN’S TIME

TEACHER RECOGNITION

FIRST READING**Isaiah 40:27-31**

²⁷ Why do you complain, Jacob?
 Why do you say, Israel,
 "My way is hidden from the LORD;
 my cause is disregarded by my God"?

²⁸ Do you not know?
 Have you not heard?
 The LORD is the everlasting God,
 the Creator of the ends of the earth.
 He will not grow tired or weary,
 and his understanding no one can fathom.

²⁹ He gives strength to the weary
 and increases the power of the weak.

³⁰ Even youths grow tired and weary,
 and young men stumble and fall;

³¹ but those who hope in the LORD
 will renew their strength.
 They will soar on wings like eagles;
 they will run and not grow weary,
 they will walk and not be faint.

SECOND READING**2 Corinthians 11:22-33**

Paul wrote, Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they Abraham's descendants? So am I. ²³ Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. ²⁴ Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. ²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, ²⁶ I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers. ²⁷ I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. ²⁸ Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches. ²⁹ Who is weak, and I do not feel weak? Who is led into sin, and I do not inwardly burn?

³⁰ If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. ³¹ The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, who is to be praised forever, knows that I am not lying. ³² In Damascus the governor under King Aretas had the city of the Damascenes guarded in order to arrest me. ³³ But I was lowered in a basket from a window in the wall and slipped through his hands.

L: The Word of the Lord**C:** *Thanks be to God***SERMON****Pastor Brent Erler****HYMN OF THE DAY****"My Life Flows On in Endless Song"****ELW #763****BAPTISM****Tate Kim Tran****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 system has 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

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

ELW #765

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.

Today we Celebrate the Baptism of



Tate Kim Tran

daughter of
Sarah and Tam Tran

Sponsors are:

Anna Novak and Jake Tonsager

Alive in
the Spirit

EMBRACING GOD
IN OUR LIVES AND
COMMUNITY

This summer we will look at how God blesses us on our journey as individuals and community through the Holy Spirit. As we enter this season traditionally known as Pentecost, we will ask ourselves: how can we participate with the Spirit in this ongoing spiritual movement?



"Everybody is Someone Here"

Worship 9:30am Sundays

Sunday School 10:30am Sundays

Confirmation and Youth Group

6:20 pm Wednesday Nights

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