

#### 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

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

# WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

#### GATHERING HYMN "This is the Day"

This is the day, this is the day. That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made. We will rejoice, we will rejoice, And be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day, this is the day That the Lord has made.

## CONFESSION

- One: We believe in God, who made us in his image.
- All: We live, we love, we laugh, because we are like Him.
- One: We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Lord and Savior.
- All: He had the last laugh on the devil when He rose from the dead.
- One: We believe in the Holy Spirit, co-equal and co-eternal with the Father and the Son.
- All: Our counselor, our guide, our motivator He is our joy!
- One: Forgive us, Lord, when we take ourselves too seriously, when we don't claim the happiness that is rightfully ours as your children, when we forget that you will have the last laugh in this world.
- All: Restore to us the joy of our salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### HYMN OF PRAISE

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Holy God,

C: You have taken what we call impossible and turned it into possibility.....
You have brought us to sing springtime alleluias where once there was a gray dawn,
You have called us out of the tombs we inhabit into an undreamed of tomorrow.
We praise you for this day!
Come, Risen Christ,
in newness and hope this Easter Season. AMEN

# CHILDREN'S TIME

# **READING:**

#### Psalm 98

- <sup>1</sup> O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.
- His right hand and his holy arm
- have gained him victory.
- <sup>3</sup> He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
- All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- <sup>4</sup> Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
- **break forth into joyous song and sing praises.** <sup>5</sup> Sing praises to the Lord with the piano,
- with the piano and the sound of melody.
- <sup>6</sup> With trumpets and the sound of the horn
- make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.
- <sup>7</sup> Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
  - the world and those who live in it.

<sup>8</sup> Let the floods clap their hands;

let the hills sing together for joy

<sup>9</sup> at the presence of the Lord

L: The Word of our Lord C: Thanks Be to God

## **GOSPEL READING:**

## John 11

Jesus said to Martha, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life.<sup>[I]</sup> Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah,<sup>[g]</sup> the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

# THE WORD

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



<sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." <sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>32</sup> When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup> He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" <sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup> I know that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

L: The Good News of our Lord C: Thanks Be to God

## MESSAGE

#### **Pastor Brent Erler**

HYMN OF THE DAY "Earth and All Stars!"

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## **EDUCATION RECOGNITION**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

#### NOISY OFFERING

#### **OFFERING**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** L: Lord, in Your Mercy

C: Hear our prayer

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The Drawer

#### 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.



## Serving Today

Pastor Brent Erler <u>Assisting Minister</u> Dana Sahlin <u>Musician</u> Solveig Englund <u>Sound and Video</u> Gerry and Cheryl Wills

\*Thanks to all those who helped make worship possible.

# 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

## 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

#### SENDING HYMN

"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

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## SENDING

POSTLUDE

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