

WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Second Sunday of Easter



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.

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

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

ELW #631

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Lord of life,

C: Though you have made all things new, we still cling to the old. Forgive us when we doubt your presence, resist your call, and lose heart in the face of challenges. Remind us that you are bigger than our problems, our petty concerns, and foolish preoccupations, and restore us with your all-consuming love.

P: Jesus is risen indeed, and we have received the most precious blessing: life eternal in his kingdom. Neither sin nor evil has the power to separate us from the One who loves us, and the One who forgives us in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Praise and Thanksgiving”

ELW #689

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Holy Spirit,

C: Jesus gave the gift of your presence when he appeared before the disciples. Grant us your presence and teach us to work for the world with the guidance of your advocacy. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING

Psalm 150

Praise the Lord!
Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty firmament!
Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his surpassing greatness!
Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!
Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!
Praise him with clanging cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!

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

GOSPEL READING:

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

L: The Gospel of our Lord C: **Thanks Be to God**

THE WORD

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



MESSAGE

Pastor Brent Erler

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Thine Is the Glory”

ELW #376

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

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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.



PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOISY OFFERING

The Drawer

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.

THE SENDING

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



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

“My Life Flows On in Endless Song”

ELW #763

SENDING

POSTLUDE



That 1st Easter as the woman approached the tomb and the disciples remained hidden behind closed doors hope and a new path forward was already emerging. The stone was rolled back, and the grave clothes were piled up but Jesus wasn't there. An angel proclaimed, “Why do you look for the living among the dead?” Why? Because that's where Jesus should be.

Easter is about God doing a new thing amongst and in us. Join us as we look at how the resurrected Christ showed up in the lives of those that followed him and how Christ continues to bring us new road for the future.

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