



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

WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Seventh 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

"We Are Called"

ELW #720

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

ELW #857

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

THE WORD

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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you

C: **And also with you**

P: God of all,

C: **You long for your children to be one, even as you are one with the Son and the Spirit. Bless our efforts to join the whole human family in one earthly community which knows its maker and gives you praise, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING:

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them 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 our Lord C: **Thanks Be to God**

GOSPEL READING:

Luke 24:44-53

Then Jesus said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem."

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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.



You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Brent Erler

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Be Thou My Vision"

ELW #793

GRADUATION RECOGNITION

PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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.**

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

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

ELW #543

SENDING

POSTLUDE

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Serving Today

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