

### Announcements

- A special welcome to Pr. Kaz and Asami who are here to share the Good News with us today!
- And our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Galen Krueger, whose funeral was here yesterday as well.
- Next Sunday after worship we will have an informational meeting regarding the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering. Those who will be in 8th - 12th grade this fall are eligible to attend.
- And a reminder that we will have a special congregational meeting on April 25th after worship to approve our newly revised congregational constitution. There are copies of the updated document available in the office.
- Pioneer Power help (Tammy has notes?)

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.**

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

**Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.**

Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.

**Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.**

Make us one, risen Christ.

**Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.**

To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### Gathering Hymn | *Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather*

*(Sekai no tomo to te o tsunagi)* ELW 530

*Here, O Lord, your servants gather, hand we link with hand;*

*Looking toward our Savior's cross, joined in love we stand.*

*As we seek the realm of God, we unite to pray:*

*Jesus, savior, guide our steps, for you are the Way.*

*Many are the tongues we speak, scattered are the lands,  
Yet our hearts are one in God, one in love's demands.  
E'en in darkness hope appears, calling age and youth:  
Jesus, teacher, dwell with us, for you are the Truth.*

*Nature's secrets open wide, changes never cease.  
Where, oh where, can weary souls find the source of peace?  
Unto all those sore distressed, torn by endless strife:  
Jesus, healer, bring your balm, for you are the Life.*

*Grant, O God, an age renewed, filled with deathless love;  
Help us as we work and pray, send us from above  
Truth and courage, faith and pow'r, needed in our strife:  
Jesus, master, be our Way, be our Truth, our Life.*

### **Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, **with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **Children's Message**

#### **First Reading | Acts 4:32-35**

*While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.*

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

#### **\*Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.*

*Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.*

*Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.*

**\*Gospel Reading | Luke 24:13-35**

On that same day, two disciples were traveling to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking to each other about everything that had happened. While they were discussing these things, Jesus himself arrived and joined them on their journey. They were prevented from recognizing him.

He said to them, “What are you talking about as you walk along?” They stopped, their faces downcast.

The one named Cleopas replied, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who is unaware of the things that have taken place there over the last few days?”

He said to them, “What things?”

They said to him, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth. Because of his powerful deeds and words, he was recognized by God and all the people as a prophet. But our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him. We had hoped he was the one who would redeem Israel. All these things happened three days ago. But there’s more: Some women from our group have left us stunned. They went to the tomb early this morning and didn’t find his body. They came to us saying that they had even seen a vision of angels who told them he is alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women said. They didn’t see him.”

Then Jesus said to them, “You foolish people! Your dull minds keep you from believing all that the prophets talked about. Wasn’t it necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then he interpreted for them the things written about himself in all the scriptures, starting with Moses and going through all the Prophets.

When they came to Emmaus, he acted as if he was going on ahead. But they urged him, saying, “Stay with us. It’s nearly evening, and the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. After he took his seat at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight. They said to each other, “Weren’t our hearts on fire when he spoke to us along the road and when he explained the scriptures for us?”

They got up right then and returned to Jerusalem. They found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying to each other, “The Lord really has risen! He appeared to Simon!” Then the two disciples described what had happened along the road and how Jesus was made known to them as he broke the bread.

## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day | *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia*

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*Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.*

*For our redeemer burst from the tomb, even from death, dispelling its gloom.*

*Let us sing praise to him with endless joy. Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.*

*Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!*

*For three long days the grave did its worst until its strength by God was dispersed.*

*He who gives life did death undergo, and in its conquest his might did show.*

*Let us sing praise to him with endless joy. Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.*

*Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!*

*The angel said to them, "Do not fear. You look for Jesus who is not here.*

*See for yourselves the tomb is all bare. Only the graveclothes are lying there."*

*Let us sing praise to him with endless joy. Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.*

*Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!*

*"Go spread the news: he's not in the grave. He has arisen this world to save.*

*Jesus' redeeming labors are done. Even the battle with sin is won."*

*Let us sing praise to him with endless joy. Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.*

*Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!*

*Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be.*

*Jesus is livin! Let us all sing; He reigns triumphant, heavenly king.*

*Let us sing praise to him with endless joy. Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.*

*Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!*

### \*Apostles' Creed

Let us confess our faith using the words of the 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.

### **\*Prayers of Intercession**

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

You shower your church with grace, O God. Unite the whole church on earth, so that with one heart it testifies to the resurrection of Jesus Christ with power and love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You proclaim the blessing of life forevermore. Like dew upon the mountains, refresh your creation. Restore waters, cleanse the air, and provide revitalizing moisture to parched land. Give your whole creation the promise of new life. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You direct the nations, O God. Guide all in authority, that they shepherd their peoples in the ways of your love. Defeat in us our impulse to war. Bestow the peace of Christ upon those in authority and breathe upon them the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You place within the heart of the church a spirit of sharing. Give us the power of your generous Spirit, that we provide for the needs of others. Announce your peace to those who are lonely, hurting, suffering, or afraid, we pray especially for Pastor Dave, Nancy Gjerde, Lori Roemhildt, Jane Lorsung, and Connie Ellanson, as well as the families and friends of Galen Krueger and Scott Christensen. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You give us fellowship with one another in this faith community. Shine the light of the risen Christ in our life together, so that we live in love for one another and our joy may be complete. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You share the gift of eternal life. In thanksgiving and remembrance, we recall the lives and gifts of those who now live in endless joy. Unite us with them in resurrection hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **\*Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **\*Words of Institution**

### \*Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray: **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.**

### \*Final Blessing

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father,  $\text{†}$  Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

### Sending Hymn | *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

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*“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”*

*“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son’s story, here you touched him, saw how glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”*

*“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit’s power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”*

### \*Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**