

### **Announcements**

- A special welcome to Pr. Barb Streed who is going to share the Good News with us today!
- Today 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.
  - We will also have SPY Team tonight from 6:00 - 7:30.
- We've started up bi-weekly Bible Study again and we've added a new morning time. We'll meet on Thursday at 9:30 and 6:00.
- And a reminder that we will have a special congregational meeting next Sunday, 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** | *Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain* v. 1-2, 4-5      ELW 363 (recording done)

*Come, you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!*

*God has brought forth Israel into joy from sadness,*

*Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters;*

*Led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.*

*'Tis the spring of souls today: Christ has burst his prison,*

*And from three days' sleep in death as a sun has risen.  
All the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying  
From the Light to whom we give laud and praise undying.*

*Neither could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal,  
Nor the watchers, nor the seal, hold you as a mortal:  
But today, among your own, you appear, bestowing  
Your deep peace, which evermore passes human knowing.*

*Alleluia! Now we cry to our Lord immortal,  
Who triumphant bursts the bars of the tomb's dark portal;  
Alleluia! With the Son God the Father praising;  
Alleluia! Yet again to the Spirit raising.*

### **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**

Holy and righteous God, **you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, 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 3:12-19**

*After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.*

[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

### **Second Reading | 1 John 3:1-7**

*God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.*

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

### **\*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 24:36b-48**

*In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.*

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he 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. You are witnesses of these things.

## **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day** | *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

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*That Easter day with joy was bright; the sun shone out with fairer light  
When, to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord!*

*O Jesus, king of gentleness, with constant love our hearts possess;  
To you our lips will ever raise the tribute of our grateful praise.*

*O Christ, you are the Lord of all in this our Easter festival,  
For you will be our strength and shield from ev'ry weapon death can wield.*

*All praise, O risen Lord, we give to you, once dead, but now alive!  
To God the Father equal praise, and God the Spirit, now we raise!*

## **\*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, especially Pastor Dave, Nancy Gjerde, Lori Roemhildt, Jane Lorsung, and Connie Ellanson, as well as the family and friends of 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, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn** | *Thine is the Glory* ELW 376 (old recording)

*Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.  
Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!*

*Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;  
Let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting!  
Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!*

*No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;  
Make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.  
Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!*

**\*Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**