

WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Fifth 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

“I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”

ELW #860

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

L: In the light of the Resurrection, with humility we confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: Risen Lord,

C: We long to live into the power of your resurrection promises, but we are slow to let go of all that keeps us in the grip of death: anger, regret, envy, stubbornness, self-righteousness, exclusion, fear, and despair.

Forgive us, work in our hearts, and show us the joy which comes in believing your word of life.

L: People of God, hear the good news: Christ is arisen, and with him so are we! Receive and trust the word that in the name of Jesus Christ + you are forgiven.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

ELW #857

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Loving God,

C: You no longer call us servants, but friends. Make us true ambassadors of your love, willing to put others first and to find joy in the happiness of our neighbors, for the sake of Christ. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Leah Pletscher

READING:**Psalm 22:25-31**

- ²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
- ²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the Lord.
May your hearts live forever!
- ²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord;
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.
- ²⁸ For dominion belongs to the Lord,
and he rules over the nations.
- ²⁹ To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
and I shall live for him.
- ³⁰ Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord,
- ³¹ and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that he has done it.

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

GOSPEL READING:**John 15:1-8**

¹ "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

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

THE WORD

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

**MESSAGE****Leah Pletscher**

HYMN OF THE DAY
"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

ELW #671

BAPTISMS

Sky Bella Witt
Ian Romano Marks

SHARING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOISY OFFERING

Luther Park Camp

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.
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**

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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.



THE SENDING

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



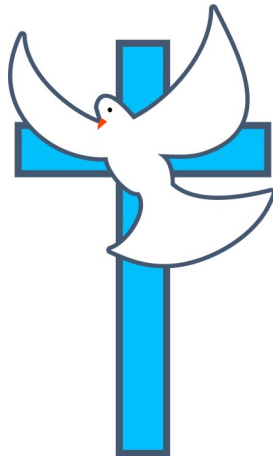
SENDING HYMN

“We Are Marching in the Light”

ELW# 866

SENDING

POSTLUDE



Today We Celebrate the Baptism of Sky Bella Witt

Daughter of Fabiola and Adam Marks

Sponsors are:

Favio Maesri and Marisela Terrazas

Ian Romano Marks

Son of Fabiola and Adam Marks

Sponsors are:

Favio Maesri and Amanda Marks

Serving Today

Pastor

Brent Eler

Assisting Minister

Dana Sahlin

Musician

Solveig Englund

Sound and Video

Donny Bergquist

*Thanks to all those who helped make worship possible.

Special **THANKS** to Leah Pletscher from Luther Park Camp & Retreat Center for joining us at worship today!

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