

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter, April 25, 2021



PRELUDE

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

OPENING HYMN "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!" (ELW 385, vs. 1-3)

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| <p><b>1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!<br/>Now is the triumph of our king!<br/>To all the world glad news we bring:<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</b></p> | <p><b>2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day;<br/>death's mighty stone is rolled away;<br/>let all the world rejoice and say:<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</b></p> |
|  | <p><b>3 Praise we in songs of victory<br/>that love, that life, which cannot die,<br/>and sing with hearts uplifted high:<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</b></p>   |

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-20

*The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.  
Let it burn like fire within in; speak until our hearts are stirred.  
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 6:12-16 & 8:1-3

*The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.***

*The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.***

SERMON: Pastor Beth Ann Stone

HYMN OF THE DAY: "*Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*" (ELW 389, vs. 1, 3-5)

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| <p><b>1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.<br/>The cross stands empty to the sky.<br/>Let streets and homes with praises ring.<br/>Love, drowned in death, shall never die.</b></p> | <p><b>4 Women and men, in age and youth,<br/>can feel the Spirit, hear the call,<br/>and find the way, the life, the truth,<br/>revealed in Jesus, freed for all.</b></p>    |
| <p><b>3 In ev'ry insult, rift, and war,<br/>where color, scorn, or wealth divide,<br/>Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,<br/>and lives, where even hope has died.</b></p>       | <p><b>5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring<br/>good news to this and every age,<br/>till earth and sky and ocean ring<br/>with joy, with justice, love, and praise.</b></p> |

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

*The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.***

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

OFFERING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

*Let us pray as our Savior teaches us...*

**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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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,  $\mp$  Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.***

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

## POSTLUDE

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