

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter, May 2, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM



OPENING HYMN “Now the Green Blade Rises” (ELW 379, vs 1-2,4)

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| <p><b>1 Now the green blade rises<br/>from the buried grain,<br/>wheat that in dark earth<br/>many days has lain;<br/>love lives again,<br/>that with the dead has been;<br/>love is come again like<br/>wheat arising green.</b></p> | <p><b>4 When our hearts are wintry,<br/>grieving, or in pain,<br/>your touch can call us<br/>back to life again,<br/>fields of our hearts<br/>that dead and bare have been;<br/>love is come again like<br/>wheat arising green.</b></p> |
| <p><b>2 In the grave they laid him,<br/>love by hatred slain,<br/>thinking that he would<br/>never wake again;<br/>laid in the earth<br/>like grain that sleeps unseen;<br/>love is come again like<br/>wheat arising green.</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 John 4:7-21

*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: Mark 2:1-12

*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: "To Be Your Presence" (ELW 546)

**1 To be your presence is our mission  
here, to show compassion's face and  
list'ning ear, to be your heart of mercy  
ever near, alleluia!**

**3 To be your presence is our mission  
blest, to speak for all the broken and  
oppressed, to be your voice of hope,  
your love expressed, alleluia!**

**2 To be your presence is our mission  
bold, to feed the poor and shelter  
homeless cold, to be your hands of  
justice, right uphold, alleluia!**

**4 We are your heart, O Christ, your  
hands and voice, to serve your people is  
our call and choice, and in this mission  
we, the church, rejoice, alleluia!**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

## PEACE

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

## OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

## OFFERING PRAYER

## HOLY COMMUNION

*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.***

*With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

#### 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.**

#### 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

Preacher: Pastor Beth Ann Stone;  
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