

Organ Prelude

*Call to Worship

In the presence of God ...

Toes tap to some heavenly chorus,

Tears emerge from a hidden ache,

Silence descends like a gentle mist,

Joy ascends like a rocket in the sky.

God is here ...

Glad hearts are refreshed,

Sorrowing hearts find comfort,

Broken hearts discover healing,

Searching hearts find home.

Here in the presence of God,

We are made whole and sing our joyful songs of praise. Amen

***Hymn** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* #310

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world
without end. Amen.*

*Welcome and Announcements

Children's Sermon

Scripture Readings **Luke 24:44-53**

Jesus said to them, "While I was still with you, I told you that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, the Books of the Prophets, and in the Psalms had to happen."

Then he helped them understand the Scriptures. He told them: The Scriptures say that the Messiah must suffer, then three days later he will rise from death. They also say that all people of every nation must be told in my name to turn to God, in order to be forgiven.

So beginning in Jerusalem, you must tell everything that has happened. I will send you the one my Father has promised, but you must stay in the city until you are given power from heaven.

Jesus led his disciples out to Bethany, where he raised his hands and blessed them. As he was doing this, he left and was taken up to heaven. After his disciples had worshiped him, they returned to Jerusalem and were very happy. They spent their time in the temple, praising God.

Sermon

Hymn *Open the Eyes of My Heart* *see insert*

Prayers of the People

Pastoral - Silent - Lord's Prayer – *Cares Chorus*

I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of my burdens down at your feet, and anytime that I don't know what to do, I'll cast all my cares upon you.

Offering our Gifts

Invitation

Offertory Music

*Doxology

Praise God from who all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures, here below, Praise God above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Offering Prayer

Rejoice and be glad that with our love and our gifts we can contribute to the building of God's Kingdom. Amen

***Hymn** *Crown Him with Many Crowns* #309

*Benediction

As we leave this place, let us depart in the assurance that God does not remain hidden in a cloud, concealed from us.

God is still among us!

Let us not gaze longingly at heaven for a sign.

God is revealed!

Let us glimpse the face of Christ in one another.

Let us celebrate the Holy Spirit, who works in our community.

Let us give glory to God our Creator, today and every day. Amen.

*Postlude

Prayer Corner

Hospitalized: Sharon Nagel

Home from the hospital:

In Our Prayers: Karla Maurer, Lucy Reiman, Terri Kroehler, JoAnne Martens, Mary Martens, Audrey Glamm, Larry McConnell

Homebound: Gaylord

Pauline Woehler – Oak Terrace Nursing Home
Le Sueur

Ed Nye – Ridgeview Le Sueur Nursing Home

Carmen Wigand—Oak Terrace

Arline Karels—Oak Terrace

At Home

Anita Tiegs

If you know of someone in the hospital, scheduled for surgery, recently hospitalized or in need of a pastoral visit, please call Pastor Deb or the church office.

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