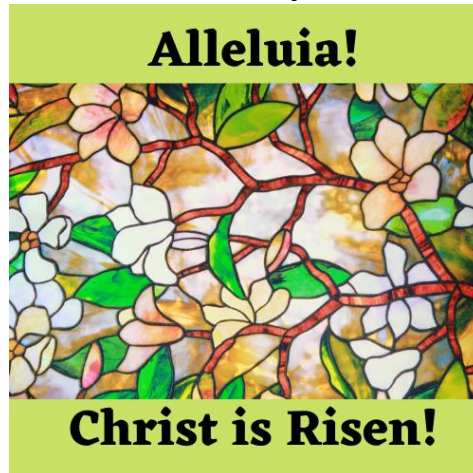


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Welcome

Dedication of Stained Glass in Memory of Sadie Hagness

Opening Hymn

On Eagle's Wings WOV 779

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord who abide in His shadow for life

Say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

(refrain) And He will raise you up on eagles' wings bear you on the breath of dawn
make you to shine like the sun and hold you in the palm of His hand

The snare of the fowler will never capture you and famine will bring you no fear
Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield (refrain)

You need not fear the terror of the night nor the arrow that flies by day
Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come (refrain)

Greeting

The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Council Installation

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through 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

Isaiah 40:27-31

Why do you say, O Jacob, and assert, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? ²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹ He gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted, ³¹ but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm

Psalm 148

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

²**Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

³Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

⁴**Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created,

⁶**who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

⁸**fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

⁹mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars; ¹⁰**wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;** ¹¹sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world; ¹²**young men and maidens, old and young together.** ¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven. ¹⁴**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel

John 13:31-35

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Hymn

You Are Mine ELW

I will come to you in the silence. I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear My voice. I claim you as My choice. Be still, and know I am near.
I am hope for all who are hopeless. I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in Me
Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name
Come and follow Me. I will bring you home. I love you and you are mine.
I am strength for all the despairing. Healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free and all will know My name.
Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow Me. I will bring you home. I love you and you are mine.
I will come to you in the silence. I will lift you from all your fear.
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Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow Me. I will bring you home. I love you and you are mine.
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Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Borning Cry WOV 770

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, To see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, With a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off. To find where demons dwell.
When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living God to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun.
In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.
I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

Graduate Recognition and Blessing

Peace

Offering and Doxology

Offering Prayer

Merciful God, **our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. Use them for your glory and strengthen us in the risen Christ. Amen.**

Words of Institution

On the night...remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution

Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, generous God, **for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Benediction

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Go My Children With My Blessing WOV 721

Go, my children, with my blessing, Never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are my own.

In my love's baptismal river. I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing - You are my own.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story; Here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, Closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; Here his tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.

I the Lord will bless and keep you and give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you and give you peace;
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, my children; I will keep you and give you peace.

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Go in peace. Tell what God has done. **Thanks be to God!**