Today’s gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord’s day.
Gathering

You may wish to prepare for worship by lighting a candle and/or placing a small bowl of water nearby as a remembrance for baptism.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude
Partita on *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*
arr. Anne Krentz Organ

Thanksgiving for Baptism

*During the thanksgiving, you may wish to gesture to remember your baptism:*

- *A light splash of water,*
- *Use water to trace a cross on your forehead*
- *Make a sign of the cross across your body*

This world groans for healing.
We look to a time beyond the present storm.
As in rainbows that are displayed in unexpected moments,
God gently says we are loved today.

We give thanks for baptism water.
Waters that bathe us clean and offer new life.
Waters that offer forgiveness and hope for this new day.

*Amen*
Gathering Hymn

Day of Arising, ELW 374
Sonia Mackenzie, soloist

The assembly joins in singing:

1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,
un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.
When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,
and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.

2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,
blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,
yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing,
our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.

3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.
This is Christ’s prom - ise, this is Christ’s sign:
when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.

4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,
bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.
Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing
that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

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Greeting and Prayer of the Day

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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.**

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
**Amen.**

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**Word**

Children’s Message

Reading 1 Peter 1:17-23

The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.

17If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. 18You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, 19but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. 20He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. 21Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

22Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. 23You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Word of God, word of life.
**Thanks be to God.**
Gospel

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

13Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, 16but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. 18Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” 19He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 21But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.

22Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 23and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. 24Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” 25Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! 26Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” 27Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.
As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon
Pastor Elizabeth Palmer

Prayers of Intercession

As we begin our prayers together, we listen as Olivia Kelley sings.

As I went down to the river to pray, studying about that good old way
and who shall wear the starry crown / robe and gown, good Lord, show me the way.

Oh, sisters, let’s go down, let’s go down, come on down.
Oh, sisters, let’s go down, down in the river to pray.

Oh, brothers, let’s go down . . .

Oh, sinners, let’s go down . . .

After each petition, the assembly responds:

O God our . . . give ear to us.

We continue to hold in prayer:
Our bishops, Elizabeth Eaton and the ELCA Churchwide staff;
Yehiel Curry, and the Metropolitan Chicago Synod staff
Missionaries throughout the world especially Pr. Mawien Ariik and Pr. Wal Luot Reat in South Sudan; and Pr. Alex LaChapelle in Nairobi, whom we support
Our ecumenical brothers and sisters in the countries of Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan
Our community of faith, especially our pastors and staff, leadership and volunteers.
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,**  
    **hallowed be your name,**  
    **your kingdom come,**  
    **your will be done,**  
    **on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**  
**Forgive us our sins**  
    **as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**  
    **and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**  
    **and the glory are yours,**  
    **now and forever.**

**Amen.**

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**Sending**

**Blessing**

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The God of all grace ✝ bless us now and forever.

**Amen.**

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**Sending Song**

*Send Me Jesus / Thuma mina Nkosi yam, ELW 549*

**Both stanzas sung twice.**

1. *Thu-ma mi-na, thu-ma mi-na, thu-ma mi-na, Nkosi yam.*
2. *Ndì-yà vu-ma, ndì-yà vu-ma, ndì-yà vu-ma, Nkosi yam.*
1. *Send me, Je-sus; send me, Je-sus; send me, Je-sus; send me, Lord.*
2. *I am will-ing; I am will-ing; I am will-ing, will-ing, Lord.*
Dismissal

Christ is risen, just as he said.
Share the good news. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

As our service concludes, we share the peace with each other near and far.

Postlude

You are Holy (ELW 525), Per Harling
The Keller family, instrumentalists

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Sonia Mackenzie, soloist
Olivia Kelley, soloist
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The Keller family