COON VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH

**“We are a family of God, striving to enrich the lives of all**

**through the love of Christ.”**

PRELUDE MUSIC Mary Schultz

**~ GATHERING ~**

**The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God**

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL to WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

This is the day that the Lord has made!

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

SOLO Brian Rude

GREETING and PRAYER of the DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. **Amen.**

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth:

**Help us to see your presence burning in the hearts of others;**

grant that we may be united in a fellowship of love and prayer;

**give us the courage to pick up our cross and respond to the needs of the world,**

give us the stamina to follow you, to be your hands and heart in the world;

**enable us to witness to your grace and mercy.**

We pray all this through the love of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN #815 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

**~ WORD ~ (Scripture insert)**

**God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song**

FIRST READING: Acts 1:6-14 PSALM 68:1-10, 32-35 (read responsively)

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW page 151

*Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?*

*You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.*

GOSPEL John 17:1-11

*After the Gospel is read*

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

SERMON

HYMN of the DAY #456 Baptized in Water

BLESSING OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES *(on insert)*

**~ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ~**

**The Holy Spirit calls us as a community to say what we believe,**

**reach out to each other, and offer gifts and prayers for God’s purposes**

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**

**Creator of Heaven and earth;   
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son Our Lord,   
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING and OFFERING SONG #674 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

OFFERING PRAYER

God of love, **we join with you in the joy of giving.  
You give us life and breath, you fill the world with beauty,  
our hands with bounty, and our hearts with the desire to give.  
Accept these gifts, and ourselves in your service. Amen.**

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

Each petition ends…*Hear us, O God…****Your mercy is great.***

THE 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.**

**~ SENDING ~**

**God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world**

BLESSING

May God’s blessing rest on each one of you.

May God’s light shine on you and make your path clear.

May hope carry you through the challenging times,

and gratitude be your response when life is good.

May your days be filled with curiosity and adventure,

and may you discover the incomparable joy

of living lives that bring honor and glory to God. **Amen.**

BELLS

SENDING HYMN #579 Lord, You Give the Great Commission

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve our risen Lord. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE Mary Schultz



“The High Priestly Prayer”

**COON VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**May 21, 2023**

**7th Sunday of Easter**

**Blessing of our High School Graduates**