

## 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

**Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we many live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.**

**FIRST READING:** *Acts 3: 12-19*

**SECOND READING:** *1 John 3: 1-7*

**GOSPEL:** *Luke 24: 36b-48*

## MESSAGE

**SERMON HYMN**      *“Build A Longer Table”*  
*ACS #1062(vs. 1 & 4)*

**Build a longer table, not a higher wall,  
feeding those who hunger, making room for all.  
Feasting together, stranger turns to friend,  
Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end.**

**When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad,  
Christ became our doorway to the reign of God.  
So must our tables welcome those who roam.  
None can be excluded; all must find a home.**

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD: NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**  
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**  
**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us Oh, God.  
Your mercy is great.

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

## OFFERING PRAYER

## HOLY COMMUNION

## LORD'S PRAYER

## BLESSING

## DISMISSAL

We are a Christ-centered community of believers called to  
**Love God, love people, and serve the world.**  
Go in Peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### WELCOME

### GATHERING SONG

*"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"*  
ELW #608

**Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
calling for you and for me.  
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,  
watching for you and for me.**

*Refrain:*

**"Come home, (Come home,  
come home! (come home!)  
You who are weary, come home."  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, "O sinner, come home!"**

**Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,  
pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,  
mercies for you and for me? *Refrain.***

**Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised,  
promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,  
pardon for you and for me. *Refrain.***

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for  
the gift of baptism.