

WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



WELCOME FAMILIES!

We are glad that you are worshipping with your children and want you to feel welcome.

There is a “**Pray Ground**” for quiet play in the front right of the sanctuary. We ask that families stay with their little ones and try to keep noise to a minimum.

If you or your little one needs “a break” or “louder play”, there is an “**Active Worship**” room on the West side of the sanctuary. You can see and hear the service from this room.

GATHERING



The Holy Spirit gathers us together during this time of worship

Inviting All to Live the Gospel through Faith, Love, and Compassion

Welcome to Family of Christ

You are welcome to participate in worship this morning
the way you feel comfortable.

All Are Welcome, No Exceptions!
Everybody Is Somebody Here

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN

“Joy to the World”

ELW #267

CALL TO WORSHIP

All: God gives us all a purpose.

L: Sometimes living with purpose looks bright and cheerful.

All: Sometimes living with purpose challenges and pushes us.

L: We worship Jesus whose purpose led to the cross – and beyond!

All: And today, we follow the Spirit who leads us through obstacles to a life of love and service.

Amen!

SONG OF TRUST

“Shout to the Lord”

ELW #821

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Abundant God, we sometimes think that the goal of life is happiness. You show us that true flourishing is so much bigger than that. Help us, today, to trust that in living out your purposes for us, we will experience true joy and fulfilment. Help us to know, deep in our souls, that we have a part to play in your vision for all of humanity and creation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

All young and young at heart are invited forward during the Children's time.

THE WORD

God speaks to us through scripture reading, preaching, and song.



CHILDREN'S TIME

READING

Matthew 16:21-28

After Peter proclaimed Jesus the messiah, son of the living God, Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"

²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

²⁸ "Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

L: The Good News of our Lord C: **Thanks Be to God**

MESSAGE

Pastor Brent Erler

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Lead On, O King Eternal!"

ELW #805

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.

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THE MEAL

God feeds us with the
forgiveness and presence
of Christ.
All are invited to receive
these gifts of God.
No Exceptions!
Children are welcome to
come forward and receive
communion or a blessing
and Goldfish Crackers.



THE SENDING

We are blessed and
sent out into the world
to share God's Love
with all people.



SHARING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOISY OFFERING

360 Communities

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Lord, in Your Mercy

C: Hear Our Prayer

HOLY COMMUNION

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.**

DISTRIBUTION

BLESSING

PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

**Lord God, you have called your servants
to ventures of which we cannot see the ending,
by paths as yet untrodden,
through perils unknown.
Give us faith to go out with good courage,
not knowing where we go,
but only that your hand is leading us
and your love supporting us,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

SENDING HYMN

"Lift High the Cross"

ELW #660

POSTLUDE



Observing the widespread and severe effects of social disconnection on Americans' health, Dr Vivek Murthy (Surgeon General of the United States) says that "loneliness and isolation represent profound threats to our health and well-being." This reality reflects what our faith already teaches us: God created us for connection and community. Drawing on the experiences of the early church in scripture, let us relearn how God leads us into lives of meaningful relationship with Godself and one another.

Serving Today

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