

September 1, 2024

## WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Fifteenth 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

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

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### 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**

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### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

### GATHERING HYMN

“When Peace like a River”

ELW #785

### INVOCATION

### WORDS OF CONFESSION

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

L: Most merciful God,

C: **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

### FORGIVENESS

### HYMN OF PRAISE

“Shout to the Lord”

ELW #821

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.



### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of all creation, we pray that you would protect us when the storms of life threaten us. Lead us in difficult times, guide us through the unknown, and bring calm and peace when we cry out to you. Amen.

### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **GOSPEL READING**

**Mark 4:35-41**

<sup>35</sup> When evening had come, Jesus said to the disciples, "Let us go across to the other side of the sea of Galilee" <sup>36</sup> And leaving the crowd behind, the disciples took Jesus with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup> Now a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup> But Jesus was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and the disciples woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are dying?" <sup>39</sup> So Jesus woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup> He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" <sup>41</sup> And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

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

### **SERMON**

**Pastor Brent Erler**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"My Life Flows On in Endless Song"**

**ELW #763**

### **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

### COMMUNITY TIME

### NOISY OFFERING

**Foster Together**

### 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

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

ELW #765

### 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**

Pastor

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Musician

Mary Wescott

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