



### 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

## WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

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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

### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come. Wrestle with God, who receives us and welcomes us just as we are.

**All: Come, let us worship!**

L: Come. Look around with questions, look around with wonder, turning your head in every direction you can find.

**All: Come, let us worship!**

L: Come. God calls us into renewed relationships with one another.

**All: Come, let us worship!**

L: Come. God invites us into new beginnings.

**All: Come, let us worship!**

### OPENING HYMN

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

ELW #679

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Gathered into one by God’s Spirit,  
we are bold to confess our sins, our shortcomings, our failures, right here in the open,  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*(silence for reflection)*

God of grace,

**We confess that we have failed you, failed ourselves, failed one another. We assume the worst about those around us rather than giving anyone the benefit of the doubt. We do the same to ourselves, and sometimes, even, we do the same to you.**

**We are stubborn and determined to hold a grudge. We fail to exercise our imaginations, fail to recognize your works waiting to be born, if only we would step up to help, or sometimes, if only we would move out of the way. Forgive us, O God, and show us another way forward.**

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



Hear the good news of the risen Christ: God is making all things new! Your sins are forgiven.  
God's invitation is to another way of living.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## **SONG OF PRAISE**

**Lord, I Lift Your Name on High“”**

**ELW #857**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**O God, you invite us to be part of your new creation, over and over again. And yet, we doubt our own faith, our own abilities, our own witness. Give us clear minds, steady hands, strong stomachs, that we might stand tall in the face of fear, that we might recognize your call to disobedience in the face of evil. Amen**

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **FIRST READING:**

**Exodus 1:15-22**

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live."

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

### **GOSPEL READING**

**Matthew 16:13-20**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

## THE WORD

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

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

## MESSAGE

Pastor Brent Erler

## HYMN OF THE DAY

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

ELW #659

## 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.

## PEACE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## NOISY OFFERING

Dignity for Daughters

## OFFERING

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Lord in Your Mercy

C: **Hear our prayer**

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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.



## 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.

### 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

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

ELW #547

### SENDING

### POSTLUDE

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### Serving Today

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