



## 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

First Sunday after Epiphany: Jesus’ Baptism

*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

## SILENCE FOR GATHERING

## OPENING HYMN

**“All Are Welcome”**

**ELW #641**

## CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

L: For the well-being of all God’s children, we confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: Faithful Teacher,

C: As we become fully immersed into a new year, we ask your forgiveness for those things that we have done and have failed to do that bring harm to you, others, or ourselves. Cleanse us from our sin and transform us by your forgiveness. Amen.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

**“This Little Light of Mine”**

**ELW #677**

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine...

Hide it under a bushel? No, I’m gonna let it shine...

All around the world, I’m gonna let it shine...

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Heavenly God, You called your son beloved when he was baptized by John. May we also know that we are your beloved, and live lives serving you and loving others and bringing your kingdom. For the sake of Jesus, Christ our Savior. Amen.

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

## CHILDREN'S TIME

### FIRST READING

**Isaiah 42:1-9**

God said through the prophet Isaiah, "Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

## THE WORD

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



### GOSPEL READING

**Matthew 3:13-17**

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

L: The Gospel of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

## SERMON

**Pastor Bil Sutlief**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

**"Baptized in Water"**

**ELW #456**

## 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.

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### OFFERING

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

## 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

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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.



**CLOSING HYMN**  
“Let All Things Now Living”

ELW #881

**SENDING**

**THE SENDING**

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



**POSTLUDE**

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**SPECIAL THANKS**  
to Pastor Bil Sutlief  
for leading us in worship today

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**Serving Today**

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\*Thanks to all those who helped make worship possible.

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