



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

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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

“Gather Us In”

ELW #532

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: Patient God,

C: You have taught us all we need to be your faithful people. And yet we persist in going our own way, doing our own thing, and minding our own business when we ought to be about the business of your kingdom. Forgive our selfish neglect of others and bring us back into wholeness with our brothers and sisters. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Christ Be Our Light”

ELW #715

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O Lord,

C: Your son came as the fulfillment of your law. Continue to lift up all who are oppressed in this world, that they might know your blessing and receive the joy you have promised. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

FIRST READING

1 Corinthians 1:18, 26-31

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, that no one might boast in the presence of God. In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption,in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

L: The Word of the Lord C: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falselymy account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

L: The Gospel of the Lord C: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

Pastor Brent Erler

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Blest Are They”

ELW #728

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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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Lord in Your Mercy C: **Hear our prayer**

HOLY COMMUNION

“You Are My All in All” **Dennis Jernigan**

You are my strength When I am weak

You are the treasure That I seek

You are my all in all

Seeking You as a precious jew'I

Lord to give up I'd be a fool

You are my all in all

CHORUS: *Jesus Lamb of God Worthy is Your name*

Jesus Lamb of God Worthy is Your name

Taking my sin My cross my shame

Rising again I bless Your name

You are my all in all

When I fall down You pick me up

When I am dry You fill my cup

You are my all in all

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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.



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

CLOSING HYMN

“We Are Called”

ELW #720

SENDING

POSTLUDE

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