



## WELCOME FAMILIES!

We are glad that you are worshiping 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

Third Sunday of Lent  
Longing for Relationship

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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

## SILENCE FOR GATHERING

## OPENING HYMN

**“They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love” Peter Scholtes**

*We are one in the Spirit We are one in the Lord  
We are one in the Spirit We are one in the Lord  
And we pray that all unity May one day be restored*

### Chorus

*And they’ll know we are Christians By our love by our love  
Yes they’ll know we are Christians By our love*

*We will walk with each other We will walk hand in hand  
We will walk with each other We will walk hand in hand  
And together we’ll spread the news That God is in our land*

*We will work with each other We will work side by side  
We will work with each other We will work side by side  
And we’ll guard each man’s dignity And save each man’s pride*

*All praise to the Father From whom all things come  
And all praise to Christ Jesus His only Son  
And all praise to the Spirit Who makes us one*

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## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: 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.  
So Let us confess our sins to God and one another.

**We confess to you, most loving God,  
the sins that both bind and scatter us.  
We have knowingly believed dishonest words.  
We have questioned your gracious power again and again.  
We have given into temptation.  
We have acted out of fear, placing blame on others yet  
holding ourselves apart.  
In our disbelief and confusion we have hurt our neighbors  
and ourselves. Gather us back to you.  
Forgive us, free us, and make us whole  
for the sake of your son Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SONG OF CONFESSION "Return to God" Marty Haugen

Re - turn to God with all your heart, the  
source of grace and mer - cy; come  
seek the ten - der faith - ful - ness of  
God. God.

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of spirit and truth,  
**We thirst to know and to be known, no longer fragmented but whole. Stay with us and reveal our shared longings, that we might rejoice together. For you are the one we seek, the one we ask others to come and see.**  
**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**GOSPEL READING:**

**John 4:5-42**

So Jesus came to a Samaritan city. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting alone by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

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.



Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming. When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything about myself! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" The people of the city then went to find Jesus.

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything about myself." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked Jesus to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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

**SERMON**

**Pastor Brent Erler**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"**

**ELW #608**

**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.



### Serving Today

Pastor

Brent Eler

Musician

Kim and Steve Wolff

Sound and Video

Donny Bergquist

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

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## NOISY OFFERING

Luther Park Camp

## 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**

## CLOSING HYMN

"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

ELW #774

## SENDING/POSTLUDE

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