



## **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

July 19, 2026

# **WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**

8th Sunday in Pentacost

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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**

## **GATHERING HYMN**

**"Gather Us In"**

**ELW #532**

## **CONFESSION**

Holy God, **we confess that we do not always love our neighbor. We confess that we have despised others, even to the point of hatred. We confess that we have been hurt by others. We confess that forgiveness and reconciliation at times are just impossible for us. We know that nothing is impossible in You. We come to You, seeking healing and wholeness for us. Help us, whenever possible, to live in peace with others, to seek reconciliation and healing and forgiveness. For Your Son came and lived among us, was betrayed and denied, abused and put to death. He rose again and came with the message of peace to those who had denied him and abandoned him. May we walk in his ways. Amen.**

## **BLESSING/ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

For nothing is impossible with God. There is no place you can go, no end of the earth you can run, where God cannot find you. There is nothing on earth or beyond death that can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

## **SONG 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 grace and love, **We rely on Your love extended to us in all ways and at all times, extravagantly and with generosity. We live day by day knowing that Your care and concern is poured out for us. We come to You to acknowledge and praise You for all Your goodness to us. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S TIME

### FIRST READING:

**Romans 8:18-25**

I, Paul, a servant of Christ, consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

L: The word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL READING:

**Matthew 8:23-27**

And when Jesus got into the boat, his disciples followed him. A windstorm suddenly arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves, but he was asleep. And they went and woke him up, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, you of little faith?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a dead calm. They were amazed, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?"

L: The Gospel of our Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

**Pastor Brent Erler**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

**"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**

**ELW #631**

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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



## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 Pilot,  
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

## NOISY OFFERING

## 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.

## THE SENDING

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



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### Serving Today

#### Pastor

Brent Erler

#### Musician

Solveig Englund

#### Sound and Video

Donny Bergquist

#### Acolyte

#### Communion Set-Up

Caitie Majewski

#### Communion Servers

Jessica Groeller

Caitie Majewski

Betty Peterson

#### Reader

Caitie Majewski

#### Ushers

Brita Hanchek

Matt Hanchek

#### Fellowship Host

Jenn Hatlestad

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

## 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

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

ELW #547

### SENDING

### POSTLUDE

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