



October 11, 2026

WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

20th Sunday in Pentecost

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

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN

"Gather Us In"

ELW #532

Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away—
here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

CONFESSION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.**

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

**Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

FORGIVENESS

SONG OF PRAISE

"Here I am to Worship"

Verse 1

Light of the world
You stepped down into
darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're
my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Bridge

And I'll never know how much
it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much
it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY (East African Prayer)

God we pray, **that the country may have peace. That the people and the flock and the herds may prosper and be free from illness. That the fields may bear much fruit and the land may continue to be fertile. Praise the Lord, peace be with us. AMEN**

CHILDREN'S TIME

SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS SING

"Humble Thyself"

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, "See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

L: The word of our Lord.

C: Thanks Be to God

GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 22:1-10

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' 1Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

L: The Gospel of our Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Brent Erler

THE WORD

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



HYMN OF THE DAY

"Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises"

ELW #535

Refrain

Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.
Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness. *Repeat*

1 Christ the Lord to us said:
I am wine, I am bread,
I am wine, I am bread,
give to all who thirst and hunger.
Repeat stanza, then sing refrain

2 Now he sends us all out,
strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith, free of doubt.
Tell to all the joyful gospel.
Repeat stanza, then sing refrain

MASAI CREED

We believe in the one High God, who out of love created the beautiful world and everything good in it. He created Man and wanted Man to be happy in the world. God loves the world and every nation and tribe on the Earth. We have known this High God in darkness, and now we know Him in the light. God promised in the book of His word, the Bible, that He would save the world and all the nations and tribes.

We believe that God made good His promise by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, a man in the flesh, a Jew by tribe, born poor in a little village, who left His home and was always on safari doing good, curing people by the power of God, teaching about God and man, showing the meaning of religion is love. He was rejected by his people, tortured and nailed hands and feet to a cross, and died. He lay buried in the grave, but the hyenas did not touch him, and on the third day, He rose from the grave. He ascended to the skies. He is the Lord.

We believe that all our sins are forgiven through Him. All who have faith in Him must be sorry for their sins, be baptized in the Holy Spirit of God, live the rules of love and share the bread together in love, to announce the Good News to others until Jesus comes again. We are waiting for Him. He is alive. He lives. This we believe. Amen.

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SHARING OF THE PEACE

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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

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 Erler

Musician

Solveig Englund

Sound and Video

Cheryl Wills

Gerry Wills

Acolyte

Tanner Klimpke

Communion Set-Up

Amy Klimpke

Communion Servers

Amy Klimpke

Haakon Hendrickson

Terran Hendrickson

Reader

Audrey Hanchek

Ushers

Donny Bergquist

Nicole Klimpke

Fynlie Majewski

Fellowship Host

Jenn Hatlestad

*Thanks to all those who
helped make worship
possible.

CLOSING HYMN

"We Are Marching"

ELW #866

We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib:

We are dancing . . .

We are praying . . .

We are singing . . .

SENDING

POSTLUDE

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October Mission of the Month Tanzania Ministries

Bega Kwa Bega is the phrase we use to describe our companion synod relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. In English, the phrase means 'shoulder to shoulder' and describes the way in which we accompany one another in a spirit of mutuality, inclusivity, and vulnerability. Through the work of this partnership and the leading of God's Holy Spirit, we envision deeper faith and fuller life, accompanying one another as participants in God's ongoing mission in both America and Tanzania.

Our partnership supports the Illula congregation, secondary school students, medical school scholarship, Dignity for Daughters, and Iringa Hope micro financing.

Weekly Education Opportunities have started for the 2026 - 2027 Year!

Listening Sessions

*Instead of Adult Education for the next 8 weeks Join Pastor Brent in the Conference room as we imagine our future. Share your thoughts and help us shape how you want Family of Christ to move forward.

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study continues to meet on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 AM. You can come in person or via an on-line link. Contact Pastor Brent for more information.

FOC Kids & Youth

Sunday School is every Sunday at 10:35 unless noted.

Confirmation & Youth Group meets every Wednesday beginning at 6 PM

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study continues on the first Monday of the month at 10 AM. Next session is 11/2. Study will be on Hagar, Ruth, and Mary Magdalene. Contact Linda Bartz with any questions.

Together Night: Food, Fellowship, & Community

Wednesday, October 21, 6:00 - 7:30 pm: A warm evening of food, friendship, and faith. Bring a dish to share and stay for relaxed community time as we reconnect, laugh, and support one another. Everyone is welcome - come be part of the joy of growing together. All members are invited. Bring a friend, neighbor or co-worker! If you are able, sign up to bring an item to the potluck! Thank you!

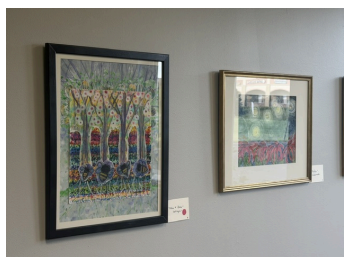
COMMUNITY NIGHTS



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Listening Sessions continue

Join us Sundays after worship from 10:45-11:30 for some listening sessions as we vision for the future. We ask that you join us for one of these sessions and share feedback as to how we can better serve God and one another in our Christian journey. No prep necessary, but we'd like everyone's thoughts.



Art Show in the Fellowship Area

Local Artist Kitty Soderberg has put several pieces of her art in her Fellowship Area. Come and see her art in October and November. All pieces have been donated to our Tanzania Student Scholarships and can be purchased for a suggested donation of \$100. Contact Kitty if you are interested in purchasing.

Tanzania Quilt Raffle

The pictured quilt will be raffled off today during Announcements. You have one more chance to buy tickets before worship. Tickets are \$5 for one or \$20 for five.

You do not have to be present to win.

All proceeds will be donated to Dignity for Daughters.



FOC Kids

Sunday School starts at 10:35 in the MPR, grab a treat from the Fellowship area and head down to start with some music!

Next Singing Time: Sunday, November 8th

Plan Ahead: There will be no Sunday School on October 18th - Enjoy the long MEA Weekend.



FOC Youth

Youth Programming will take the week off for students to enjoy the long MEA Weekend. And then a reminder that the 21st will look a little different with the Community/Together Night in place of normal programming.

Next Youth Sunday: November 8th, are you signed up to volunteer?
Confirmation Sunday is October 25th.



Dates to Remember

Tuesday, October 13: Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, October 14: No Youth Programming

Sunday, October 18: Worship - No Sunday School or Adult Education

Wednesday, October 21: Community - Together Night

Sunday, October 25: Confirmation & Reformation Sunday

