November 8, 2026

# WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

The Joy of Living in Community

***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

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

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**GATHERING HYMN**

**"Gather Us In"** **ELW #532**

**CONFESSION**

Holy One, We long to be faithful stewards of your abundant grace. **To serve each other in love and humility. To serve your world with wisdom and energy.**

Forgive us when we stumble over pride, when our words and actions are not guided by love. **Turn our hearts when we act in folly. Restore our energy when it is gone.**

Sometimes, many times, O God, our efforts fail. **But your abundant grace is strong and eternal, forgive us through your son, Jesus the Christ. AMEN**

**FORGIVENESS**

**SONG OF PRAISE**

**"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"** **ELW #674**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Prayer God of family and Community, **you have given us the commandment to love one another as you have loved us. Help us to experience and share that love here at Family of Christ so that all may know your Grace. AMEN**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

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



**SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS SING** **"Down In My Heart"**

**FIRST READING:** **Exodus 35:4-10, 36:2-7**

Moses said to all the congregation of the Israelites, "This is the thing that the Lord has commanded: Take from among you an offering to the Lord; let whoever is of a generous heart bring the Lord's offering: gold, silver, and bronze; blue, purple, and crimson yarns and fine linen; goats' hair, tanned rams' skins, and fine leather; acacia wood, oil for the light, spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense, and onyx stones and gems to be set in the ephod and the breastpiece.

"All who are skillful among you shall come and make all that the Lord has commanded:

Moses then called Bezalel and Oholiab and every skilled person to whom the Lord had given skill, everyone whose heart was stirred to come to do the work, and they received from Moses all the offerings that the Israelites had brought for the work of constructing the sanctuary. They still kept bringing him freewill offerings every morning, so that all the skilled workers who were doing every sort of task on the sanctuary came, each from the task being performed, and said to Moses, "The people are bringing much more than enough for doing the work that the Lord has commanded us to do." So Moses gave command, and word was proclaimed throughout the camp: "No man or woman is to make anything else as an offering for the sanctuary." So the people were restrained from bringing, for what they had already brought was more than enough to do all the work.

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

**SECOND READING:** **Acts 4:32-37**

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. There was a Levite from Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"). He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

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

**GOSPEL READING:** **John 13:34-35**

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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



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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



**SERMON** **Pastor Brent Erler**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**
**"They'll Know We are Christians By Our Love"** ***lyrics in insert***

**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 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**

**NOISY OFFERING** **Messiah Community Food Shelf**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERING HYMN**
**"For the Beauty of the Earth"** **ELW #879**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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

**HOLY COMMUNION**

## 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
Archer Hendrickson
Communion Set-Up
Caitie Majewski
Communion Servers
Caitie Majewski
Brodie Majewski
Haakon Hendrickson
Reader
Terran Hendrickson
Ushers
Donny Bergquist
Fynlie Majewski
Fellowship Host
Laura Solfest

*Thanks to all those who helped make worship possible.

## 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

**"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"** **ELW #543**

## SENDING

## POSTLUDE

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