November 15, 2026

WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

The Joy of Doing God's Work Together

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

"Christ Be Our Light" **ELW #715**

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

Inclusive God, **you invite all to your table. Help us to see all people around us and across the world as neighbor and your beloved children. Guide us to build community where all are embraced with your love and grace. Amen.**

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





CHILDREN'S TIME

GOSPEL READING: **Luke 10:25-37**

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

SERMON **Pastor Brent Erler**

HYMN OF THE DAY
"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" **ELW #708**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOISY OFFERING **Messiah Community Food Shelf**

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

HOLY COMMUNION

To support the ministry of FOC please use the QR Code below or donate to the offering plate.

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 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

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
Mary Wescott
Sound and Video
Nathan Blilie
Acolyte
Maddie Lulloff
Communion Set-Up
Gerry Wills
Communion Servers
Jessica Groeller
Sandy Soukup
Gerry Wills
Reader
Sandy Soukup
Ushers
Janeen Immerfall
Emily Wills
Fellowship Host
Angie Korsa

*Thanks to all those who helped make worship possible.

November Mission of the Month
Messiah Community Food Shelf

As a community food shelf, we are committed to providing, healthy, nourishing food to our customers to promote strong, thriving, wholesome families.

Together, Messiah Community Food Shelf and 360 Communities provide support to our local community to promote long-term self-sufficiency. Our food shelf offers a wide variety of healthy food options like fresh produce and whole grains as items that are low in fat, sodium, and sugar. These offerings help meet clients' nutritional needs and contribute to better community health overall.

We currently serve around 4,000 people a year, approximately 88,000 pounds of food.

Donations and volunteers are always welcome! There are so many ways to serve at the food shelf. If you're interested in volunteering, please reach out to us.

Strength & Stillness: Men's Retreat 2027
January 8th - 10th, 2027

"...And regardless of what else you put on, wear love.
It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it."
– Colossians 3:12-14

Escape busy life for a weekend of tranquility, community, worship and growth. It will be a weekend full of fellowship, rest, crafts, meals, free time, guided activities, and a service project for camp!

Contact Pastor Brent if you have any questions.
Register at Lutherpark.com

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