



### 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

## WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

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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

**L:** We gather in the name of the Creator,

**All: inviting us always to risk the unknown.**

**L:** We gather in the name of the Christ,

**All: fully human, fully divine, full of gift and mystery.**

**L:** We gather in the name of the Spirit,

**All: unveiling for us what feels long hidden. Amen.**

### OPENING HYMN

**“O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate”**

**ELW #722**

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of baptism,  
**For this water, crisp and cold, inviting us to shake off  
the cobwebs of all we had thought to be true.**

We give you thanks, O God, for gift of baptism,  
**For this water, warm and inviting, reminding us of  
your comfort and embrace.**

We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of baptism,  
**For lakes and rivers, oceans and creeks,**

**For waters that foam and rage, for those that drip and trickle,  
For waters that teem with life.**

We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of baptism,  
**For waters that hide dangers yet unknown,**

**For waters that remind us to be born anew,  
For all the waters across your wide creation.**

We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of baptism!  
**Alleluia! Amen.**

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.



## SONG OF PRAISE

**Lord, I Lift Your Name on High“”**

**ELW #857**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O God, you know our whole selves – small, and grown, and everything in between. Help us to remember that you are always calling us to be ever more our full selves, your good creation made alive in the world. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S TIME

### FIRST READING:

**I Corinthians 13:8-13**

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

**L: The Word of our Lord C: Thanks Be to God**

### GOSPEL READING

**Luke 2:41-52**

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents were unaware of this. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously looking for you." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them, and his mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years and in divine and human favor.

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

## MESSAGE

Pastor Brent Erler

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

ELW #807

## 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.



## PEACE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## NOISY OFFERING

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## 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.



## 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

### SENDING HYMN

“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”

ELW #535

### SENDING

### POSTLUDE

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### Serving Today

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possible.

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