

#### **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

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

#### **PRELUDE**

#### WELCOME

#### **GATHERING HYMN**

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

**ELW #705** 

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: We begin our worship In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart: we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit, you are forgiven.

C: AMEN.

#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

"We All Are One in Mission"

**ELW #576** 

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving Grace, Being rooted in you allows us to show others the boundless riches of your love and experience it for ourselves. Just like a thriving forest or meadow full of plants, help us to grow deeper in our faith together, producing good fruit as we serve and love. AMEN

# All young and young at heart are invited forward CHILDREN'S TIME

# FIRST READING:

# **Ephesians 3:14-21**

Paul wrote to the Ephesians, for this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to Jesus who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

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

# THE WORD

during the Children's

time.

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



#### GOSPEL READING

John 15:1-5

Jesus said "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." "

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

#### MISSION TRIP SHARING

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

ELW #631

#### 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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PEACE

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#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Lord in Your Mercy

C: Hear our prayer

#### MEAL | HOLY COMMUNION

Amen.

#### 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.

# 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.



#### **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 SENDING

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



#### SENDING HYMN

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

ELW #671

#### **SENDING**

**POSTLUDE** 

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