



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

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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

“Brightest and Best of the Stars”

ELW #303

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: With humility we confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: God of light,

C: You are always enough for us, yet we never stop seeking satisfaction beyond your blessings and happiness in things which harm, distract or diminish us. Forgive our avoidance of what you ask us to do, our preoccupation with trivia and our temptation to despair of ever making a difference. Transform us with your Spirit’s power.

L: We ask, and God answers. Our sins are forgiven, and we have another chance to live as servants and beloved children of our merciful creator. Let us rejoice in the one who redeems us!

C: 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“How Good, Lord, to Be Here”

ELW #315

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, The Love of God and Community of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you

L: Let Us Pray. God of transformation,

C: Our savior spoke and acted with your authority, though many could not hear the words he spoke. Give us courage to follow his lead, proclaiming justice and mercy to all, for his sake. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

GOSPEL READING:

Mark 1:29-39

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹ He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³² That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴ And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵ In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷ When they found him, they said to him, “Everyone is searching for you.” ³⁸ He answered, “Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.” ³⁹ And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

L: The Gospel of the Lord

C: *Thanks be to God*

SERMON

Pastor Brent Erler

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

ELW #798

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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.

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.

PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOISY OFFERING

Feed My Starving Children

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



Serving Today

Pastor

Brent Erler

Assistant

Dana Sahlin

Musician

Solveig Englund

Sound and Video

Jeremy Mann

*Thanks to all those who
helped make worship
possible.

BLESSING

PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE (said)

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

“Send Me, Jesus”

ELW #549

SENDING

POSTLUDE

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