

## WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



### 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

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

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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

### GATHERING HYMN

“Canticle of the Turning”

ELW #723

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, we come to worship you in spirit and in truth today.

**May we hear from you as we give you praise.**

Some of us have come seeking your will for our lives.

**Give us a spirit of discernment to know how we can reach out to those who need our help.**

Time is of the essence.

**We do not wish to procrastinate but to be ever present in the lives of your people. We thank you for the ways in which you will use us this week in our community.**

**AMEN**

### SONG OF TRUST

“We Are an Offering” x2

ELW #692

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of possibilities and abundance, **we praise you for reminding us not to live in scarcity but to live in your presence. When we think, “we can’t,” transform us to look for how “we can.” Help us to focus on you and the blessings you’ve placed in our lives right now. Amen.**

### CHILDREN’S TIME

## THE WORD

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



## GOSPEL

**Matthew 14:13-21**

Now when Jesus heard of John the Baptist's death, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

## MESSAGE

**Pastor Brent Erler**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

**"Praise and Thanksgiving"**

**ELW #689**

## 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.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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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.



### THE SENDING

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



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NOISY OFFERING

360 Communities

### OFFERING

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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.

### DISTRIBUTION

### 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

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

ELW #674

### POSTLUDE



### **On Purpose Jul 14<sup>th</sup> - Aug 25<sup>th</sup>**

Have you ever asked this question: Why am I here? Trying to discover the purpose of our lives can lead to a lot of questions: Who am I? Do I have a “calling”? What am I supposed to do with my life? What does purposeful living look like? Often, the world is all too ready to give us answers to these questions – promising that finding the perfect job or achieving the next milestone will make us happy. But in this series, we will embrace these questions as an invitation to discover what it is that God wants to do with the story of our lives right now.

#### **Serving Today**

Pastor

Brent Erler

Musician

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Sound and Video

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