

#### 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

Baptism of Our Lord

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

# SILENCE FOR GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN

"Gather Us In"

ELW #532

## **CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

P: For the well-being of all God's children, we confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Faithful Teacher,

C: As we walk in this season of light, we ask your forgiveness for those things that we have done and have failed to do that bring harm to you, to others, or to ourselves. Cleanse us from our sin and transform us by your forgiveness.

HYMN OF PRAISE "You Are Holy"

ELW #525

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Heavenly God, You called your son beloved when he was baptized by John. May we also know that we are your beloved, and live lives serving you and loving others and bringing your kingdom. For the sake of Jesus, Christ our Savior. Amen. All young and young at heart are invited forward during the Children's time.

# CHILDREN'S TIME

## FIRST READING

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

<sup>3</sup> The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup> The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

 $^5$  The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

<sup>6</sup>He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

<sup>7</sup> The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

<sup>8</sup> The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

<sup>9</sup> The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'

<sup>10</sup> The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

<sup>11</sup> May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

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

# **GOSPEL READING**

## Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his" granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire. <sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." L: The Gospel of our Lord **C: Thanks Be to God** 

# THE WORD

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



## MESSAGE

# HYMN OF THE DAY

"Borning Cry"

ELW #732

# **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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOISY OFFERING

Feed My Starving Children

# OFFERING

# PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Lord, in Your Mercy

Your Mercy C: Hear our prayers

# 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.

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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.



# BLESSING

## THE SENDING

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



## 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 "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

ELW # 671

## POSTLUDE

## Serving Today

Pastor Brent Erler <u>Musician</u> Solveig Englund <u>Sound and Video</u> Nathan Blilie \*Thanks to all those who helped make worship possible.

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