



**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.

**WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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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**

**SILENCE FOR GATHERING**

**OPENING 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**

P: Lord God,

**C: Often the message of love your son brings is hard for us to hear. Make us bold not only to listen to his words of power, but to also proclaim them where they need to be received, in grace and in love. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

## FIRST READING

**I Corinthians 13:1-13**

If I speak in the tongue of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup> It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

<sup>8</sup> Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup> but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. <sup>12</sup> For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

<sup>13</sup> And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

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

## THE WORD

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



## GOSPEL READING

**Luke 4:23-30**

<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to the people of his home town, “Surely you will quote this proverb to me: ‘Physician, heal yourself!’ And you will tell me, ‘Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.’”

<sup>24</sup> “Truly I tell you,” he continued, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown. <sup>25</sup> I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. <sup>26</sup> Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to an outsider, a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. <sup>27</sup> And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian.”

<sup>28</sup> All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. <sup>29</sup> They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the top of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup> But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

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

**MESSAGE**

**Pastor Brent Erler**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“Spirit of Gentleness”**

**ELW #396**

**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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**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NOISY OFFERING**

**Luther Disaster Relief**

**OFFERING**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**L: Lord, in 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.**

**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.



## 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

### CLOSING HYMN

“You Servants of God”

ELW #825

### POSTLUDE



Ordinary Time is more than marking the weeks until Lent and Easter. It is a way of walking with Jesus and growing into our faith as we are making and being made into disciples. This Ordinary Time, you are invited to look at where you are – as individuals and as a community. We begin with what is familiar, what we see every day, and what we do week by week—the familiar, and maybe the over-familiar. We need to look at what we've seen so much that we don't see it anymore. But we need to look; we need to see because this is where we are.

### Serving Today

Pastor

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Musician

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