

WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany



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

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

OPENING HYMN

“Here I Am to Worship”

Tim Hughes

*Light of the world You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You.*

CHORUS:

*Here I am to worship Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy Altogether wonderful to me*

*King of all days Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor*

CHORUS

BRIDGE:

*I'll never know how much it cost To see my sin up on that cross
I'll never know how much it cost To see my sin up on that cross*

CHORUS

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CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

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

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

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

ELW #836

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Loving God,

C: You do not wish that injustice would prevail, but that love would reign supreme. Strengthen our hearts in the midst of suffering, that we might be your living examples of compassion in the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING

Genesis 45:3-11,15

³Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. ⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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 6:27-38

²⁷“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³²“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Brent Erler

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

ELW #858

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

Lutheran Disaster Response

OFFERING

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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.



Serving Today

Pastor

Brent Erler

Musicians

Ann Mikiska

The Hendrickson Family
Sound and Video

Jeremy Mann

*Thanks to all those who helped make worship possible.

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.**

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

"Take My Life, That I May Be"

ELW #583

POSTLUDE

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