

WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

First Sunday in Lent



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

CALL TO WORSHIP

We walk our path to you.

Sometimes we do not see...

The roads that we follow and the people we pass.

Sometimes we do not hear...

Your voice urging us to lift our gaze and see, open our ears and hear.

Sometimes we miss it all...

As we forget to follow you.

Lord God, help us to experience the journey as we walk beside you, for it is in those steps that we are closest to you. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“All Creatures, Worship God Most High”

ELW #835

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: God of our wandering,

C: God of our wilderness, we confess we have strayed from you. We put our hope in earthly powers. We expect to find happiness around each next corner and at each new milestone. When we are inevitably disappointed, we grumble at you. Forgive us, Lord. Remind us of the long story of salvation, of our place in it, and that you are its author. Attune us to your presence in each moment. And turn us from a narrow focus on ourselves, to a gracious focus on our fellow travelers. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

HYMN OF REPENTANCE

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

ELW #325

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Holy God,

C: we thank you for bringing us through times of hardship and struggle in our past. We ask and trust that you will meet us again today exactly where we are. May we open ourselves to the healing you have for us this day. We are listening for your word, ready to let it shape our lives in holy relationship with you. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING

Exodus 15:22-27

²² After the Hebrews left Egypt, Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water. ²³ When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter.

²⁴ So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, “What are we to drink?”

²⁵ Then Moses cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became fit to drink.

There the LORD issued a ruling and instruction for them and put them to the test. ²⁶ He said, “If you listen carefully to the LORD your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, who heals you.”

²⁷ Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees, and they camped there near the water.

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

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.



GOSPEL READING

Luke 4:1-13

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'
Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the
pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of
God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,
'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect
you,'and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will
not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God
to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he
departed from him until an opportune time.

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Brent Erler

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Blessed Assurance"

ELW #638

LUTHER PARK PRESENTATION

Leah Pletscher

SHARING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Luther Park Camp

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Lord, in Your Mercy

C: **Hear our prayers**

HOLY COMMUNION

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

ELW #765

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

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

“I Saw the Light”

*I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord, I saw the light*

CHORUS:

*I saw the light, I saw the light
No more darkness, no more night
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light*

*Just like a blind man, I wandered along
Worries and fears, I claimed for my own
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light* CHORUS

*I was a fool to wander and stray
But straight is the gate, and narrow's the way
Now I have traded the wrong for the right
Praise the Lord, I saw the light* CHORUS

POSTLUDE

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

Steve and Kim Wolff

Sound and Video

Nathan Blilie

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helped make worship
possible.

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