

# WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Fifth 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

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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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship the Lord of love and grace.

**We find rest and belonging in God’s wide embrace.**

We come to worship the Lord of justice and truth.

**We are challenged by Jesus to take a good, hard look at ourselves.**

We recognize that the Lord of grace is the Lord of justice, the Lord of love is the Lord of truth.

**Transform us by your power, Jesus.**

This is your Father’s house.

**Cleanse it and cleanse us. Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN

“Lord, Be Glorified”

ELW #744

## 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

“Blessed and Holy”

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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.



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: God of the Future

**C: some of us here today long for the past. Some of us have great hopes for the future. All of us come with yearning in our hearts. Help us to hold space for one another, trusting that in you, there is room for all of it and all of us. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S TIME

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

<sup>16</sup> This is what the Lord says—  
he who made a way through the sea,  
a path through the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup> who drew out the chariots and horses,  
the army and reinforcements together,  
and they lay there, never to rise again,  
extinguished, snuffed out like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup> “Forget the former things;  
do not dwell on the past.  
<sup>19</sup> See, I am doing a new thing!  
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?  
I am making a way in the wilderness  
and streams in the wasteland.  
<sup>20</sup> The wild animals honor me,  
the jackals and the owls,  
because I provide water in the wilderness  
and streams in the wasteland,  
to give drink to my people, my chosen,  
<sup>21</sup> the people I formed for myself  
that they may proclaim my praise.

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

### GOSPEL READING

John 2:13-23

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. <sup>15</sup> So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup> To those who sold doves he said, “Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father’s house into a market!” <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

<sup>18</sup> The Jews then responded to him, “What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?”

<sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.”

<sup>20</sup> They replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” <sup>21</sup> But the temple he had spoken of was his body. <sup>22</sup> After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

<sup>23</sup> Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name.

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

## MESSAGE

Pastor Brent Erler

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“You Are Mine”

ELW #581

## BAPTISM

Joanna Dale Carlson

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## NOISY OFFERING

The Drawer

## OFFERING

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Lord, in Your Mercy

C: Hear our prayers

## HOLY COMMUNION

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

ELW #697

## 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

**THE SENDING**

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



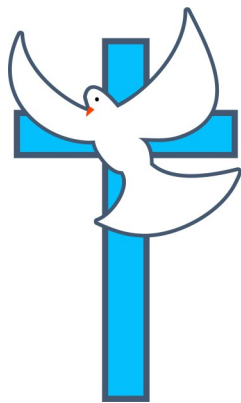
**CLOSING HYMN**

“I Love to Tell the Story”

ELW #661

**POSTLUDE**

**Today We Celebrate the Baptism of**



**Joanna Dale Carlson**

Daughter of Alexandra and Nathaniel Carlson

Sponsors are:

Annika Quam

Claire Peacha

Sam Kuss

**Serving Today**

Pastor

Brent Erler

Musicians

Kim & Steve Wolff

Nathan Blilie

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