

# WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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*Inviting All to Live the Gospel through Faith, Love, and Compassion*

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## 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

## 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

Logos

## CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN      “All Are Welcome”      ELW #641

## CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

L: We confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

L: God of new life,

**C: You have created and redeemed all things through the gift of your son. Yet we often live as though it makes no difference for us. We choose to remain stuck in old patterns, cling to the familiar and safe, and refuse opportunities to step out in courage and faith. Forgive our cowardice, stubbornness, and willful disobedience. Amen.**

L: The Lord is alive, and his presence brings a new day, a new chance to make new choices, and renewal between people, creation, and creator. Rejoice that you have been forgiven and called sisters and brothers of our savior and Lord! Amen.

## SONG

### “We Are A Family”

We are a family, a grace-filled family of God  
You are invited, all are invited to come, Welcome  
Oh-we are Living out the gospel.  
Living out the gospel- oh

Through faith, through love, and compassion.  
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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

Merciful God, **You have given us your law which is to build our lives and communities on the Love you show us in Jesus. Help us to love, forgive, and bless all those around us as you love, forgive, and bless us. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S TIME

### VBS SONG

**"Ready, Set, Move!"**

### READING

**Epistle: Romans 13:8-14**

In his letter to the Roman church Paul wrote; owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup> The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup> Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. <sup>11</sup> Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup> the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup> let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**L:** The Word of the Lord

**C:** *Thanks be to God*

### GOSPEL READING

**Matthew 18:15-20**

Jesus said "if another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup> But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup> If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup> Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup> Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

**L:** The Gospel of the Lord

**C:** *Thanks be to God*

**SERMON**

**Pastor Brent Erler**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” ELW #779**

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**

**PEACE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NOISY OFFERING**

**Lutheran Social Services**

**OFFERING**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**L: Lord, in Your Mercy**

**C: Hear our prayer**

**MEAL**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**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.**

**COMMUNION**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**BLESSING**

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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.

Children are welcome to come forward and receive communion or a blessing

## THE SENDING



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

### Serving Today

Pastor  
Brent Eler  
Assistant  
Dana Sahlin  
Musician  
Logos  
Sound and Video  
Jeremy Mann

\*Thanks to all those who helped make worship possible.

## PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

O God, you have called us to ventures where we cannot see the end, by paths not yet taken, through perils unknown.  
Give us Good Courage not knowing where we go,  
To know that your hand is leading us wherever we might go.  
Amen

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## CLOSING HYMN

### “Goodness of God”

I love You, Lord  
For Your mercy never fails me  
All my days, I've been held in Your hands  
From the moment that I wake up  
Until I lay my head  
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

CHORUS: And all my life You have been faithful  
And all my life You have been so, so good  
With every breath that I am able  
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice  
You have led me through the fire  
In the darkest night  
You are close like no other  
I've known You as a Father  
I've known You as a Friend  
And I have lived in the goodness of God

CHORUS:

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## SENDING

## POSTLUDE

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