



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

WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” ELW #815

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

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

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Merciful Lord,

C: You show us how to live as your servants, yet we act as though your teaching applies to everyone else but us. We pass judgment on others, devalue ourselves and disrespect your creation. Show us the way back to the path which leads to life, and help us repair the damage we have caused to our relationships, ourselves and this earth, for Jesus’ sake. Amen.

P: Thank God we are forgiven, and all things are being made new through Christ. Your grace is enough to cover us and make us whole again, to live and serve another day. Let us rejoice that our God is full of mercy! 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, Oh, Oh-we are Living out the gospel.
Living out the gospel- oh

Through faith, through love, and compassion.
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy One, **Your mercy is beyond our understanding.
Teach us how to be gracious as you yourself show grace
to all, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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.

CHILDREN'S TIME

READING

Romans 14:1-12

¹ Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions.

² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables.

³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them.

⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds.

⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷ We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves.

⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.

¹¹ For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

¹² So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: *Thanks be to God*

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:21-35

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³ "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.'

³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.

³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

L: The Gospel of the Lord **C:** *Thanks be to God*

SERMON

Pastor Brent Erler

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Just As I Am, without One Plea" ELW #592

BIBLE BLESSING

PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Lord, in Your Mercy

C: **Hear our prayer**

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

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.**

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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

Assistant

Dana Sahlin

Musician

Laura Porter Jones

Morgan Jones

Sound and Video

Gerry Wills

*Thanks to all those who helped make worship possible.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE (sung)

O God, you have called us to ventures where we cannot see the end, by paths never 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 "Blessed Be Your Name"

*1. Blessed be Your name, in the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow. Blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name, when I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness. Blessed be Your name*

CHORUS:

*Every blessing You pour out, I'll Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord Still I will say
Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Your glorious name*

*2. Blessed be Your name, when the sun's shining down on me
When the world's 'all as it should be'. Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name, on the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering. Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name*

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SENDING

POSTLUDE

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