

WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



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

GATHERING HYMN

“Canticle of the Turning”

ELW #723

CALL TO WORSHIP

Who are you and why are you here today?

We have come to encounter Jesus the Christ.

Do you feel his presence among you?

**Yes, and we give God thanks for Jesus who is always
with us in spirit.**

May your eyes be opened, your spirits led, and your hearts
warmed today as you seek his face.

**All: May our burdens be lifted and our souls healed for
service. Amen.**

SONG OF TRUST

“Lord of All Hopefulness” vv1-4 ELW #765

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Oh God of direction and guidance, **we give thanks for your continual presence in our lives, especially in those times we are not sure which decision to make. Work within and around us so we experience clarity and peace as we seek to understand your purpose in our lives. In your everlasting love of us, we offer this prayer. 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

GOSPEL

John 3:1-9

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." ³ Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"

L: The Good News of our Lord C: Thanks Be to God

MESSAGE

Pastor Brent Erler

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Blessed Assurance"

ELW #638

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.

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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



THE SENDING

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



SHARING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOISY OFFERING

Trinity Care Center

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Lord, in Your Mercy C: Hear Our Prayer

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.

DISTRIBUTION

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

SENDING HYMN

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

ELW #697

POSTLUDE



On Purpose Jul 14th - Aug 18th

Have you ever asked this question: Why am I here? Trying to discover the purpose of our lives can lead to a lot of questions: Who am I? Do I have a “calling”? What am I supposed to do with my life? What does purposeful living look like? Often, the world is all too ready to give us answers to these questions – promising that finding the perfect job or achieving the next milestone will make us happy. But in this series, we will embrace these questions as an invitation to discover what it is that God wants to do with the story of our lives right now.

Serving Today

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