

## WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Twenty-second 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

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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

**One:** We come today with questions.

**All: The presence of God is with us.**

**One:** We come today with doubts.

**All: The strength of Christ is with us.**

**One:** We come today hoping for transformation.

**All: The inspiration of the Spirit is with us.**

**One:** Imagine Together:

**All: Vitality!**

### GATHERING HYMN

“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

ELW #774

### CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another....

God of Spirit and Truth, **we admit that it is difficult to imagine vitality. It feels like there are so many barriers between us and revitalization. Vitality seems like one more elusive thing we just can't reach, and so we don't even try. Forgive our cynicism and despair. Remind us that our hopes and dreams are worthy of your blessing and new birth is always possible. Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

“You Are Holy”

ELW #525

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Living God, we know that all good gifts come from you. We believe in the strength of your Spirit to bring healing and renewal. We long for that vitality in our bodies, minds, and communities. Yet, it is so easy for us to feel discouraged when we are tired or overwhelmed. Rush into our worship today. Help us to see ourselves through your eyes, through water and Spirit. Encourage us as we *Imagine Together*. Amen.

All young and young at heart are invited forward during the Children's time.

## CHILDREN'S TIME

### GOSPEL READING

**John 3:1-10, 7:45-52, 19:38-39**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> 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.” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” <sup>4</sup> 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?” <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup> 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.” <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>45</sup> Then the temple police went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, “Why did you not arrest him?” <sup>46</sup> The police answered, “Never has anyone spoken like this!” <sup>47</sup> Then the Pharisees replied, “Surely you have not been deceived, too, have you? <sup>48</sup> Has any one of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? <sup>49</sup> But this crowd, which does not know the law, they are accursed.” <sup>50</sup> Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus before and who was one of them, asked, <sup>51</sup> “Our law does not judge people without first giving them a hearing to find out what they are doing, does it?” <sup>52</sup> They replied, “Surely you are not also from Galilee, are you? Search and you will see that no prophet is to arise from Galilee.”

## THE WORD

God speaks to us through  
scripture reading,  
preaching, and song.



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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.



<sup>38</sup> After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission, so he came and removed his body. <sup>39</sup> Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds.

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

## MESSAGE

Pastor Brent Erler

## HYMN OF THE DAY

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

## BAPTISM

Greyson Robert Hellier  
James Robert Porter

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## NOISY OFFERING

Tanzania Ministries

## 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.

## BLESSING

### THE SENDING

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



### Serving Today

Pastor

Brent Erler

Musician

Ann Mikiska

Sound and Video

Cheryl & Gerry Wills

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

### 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

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

ELW #583

### POSTLUDE

### Today We Celebrate the Baptisms of



#### **Greyson Robert Hellier**

Son of Ethan and Kelly Hellier

Sponsors are:

Andy and Maria Davenport

#### **James Robert Porter**

Son of Emily and Robbie Porter

Sponsors are:

Alison and Scott Kaubisch

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