

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

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

WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Twenty-sixth 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

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN "Sing to the Lord of Harvest"

ELW #694

CONFESSION

FORGIVENESS

SONG OF PRAISE "Take My Life, That I May Be"

ELW #583

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING

Hebrews 4:12-16

¹² Indeed, the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

¹³ And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴ Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.

¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.

¹⁶ Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

THE WORD

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



GOSPEL READING

¹⁷ As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

 18 Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.

¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud. Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰ He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!

²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?"

²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

 $^{\rm 28}$ Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you."

²⁹ Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for my sake and for the sake of the good news

³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age--houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions--and in the age to come eternal life.

³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Brent Erler

HYMN OF THE DAY "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

ELW #631

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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOISY OFFERING

Messiah Community Food Shelf

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Lord, in Your Mercy C: Have mercy on us, Lord

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

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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.



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

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

ELW #679

POSTLUDE

<u>Serving Today</u>

Pastor Brent Erler <u>Musician</u> Solveig Englund <u>Sound and Video</u> Nathan Blilie

*Thanks to all those who helped make worship possible.

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