

## WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Third Sunday after Epiphany



### 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

### SILENCE FOR GATHERING

### GATHERING HYMN

#### “Grace Alone”

by Wesley Scott Brown

1. *Ev'ry promise we can make Ev'ry prayer and step of faith  
Ev'ry diff'rence we will make Is only by His grace  
Ev'ry mountain we will climb Ev'ry ray of hope we shine  
Ev'ry blessing left behind Is only by His grace*

#### CHORUS:

*Grace alone which God supplies Strength unknown He will provide  
Christ in us our Cornerstone We will go forth in grace alone*

2. *Ev'ry soul we long to reach Ev'ry heart we hope to teach  
Ev'rywhere we share His peace Is only by His grace  
Ev'ry loving word we say Ev'ry tear we wipe away  
Ev'ry sorrow turned to praise Is only by His grace*

#### CHORUS x2

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### CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

P: For the well-being of all God's children, we confess our sins  
before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Faithful Teacher,

**C: As we walk in this season of light, we ask your forgiveness for those things that we have done and have failed to do that bring harm to you, to others, or to ourselves. Cleanse us from our sin and transform us by your forgiveness.**

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

## HYMN OF PRAISE

**"One Bread, One Body"**

ELW #496

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Lord God,

**C: You have fulfilled your word in the person of Jesus, your Son. Gather us into your adopted family that his proclamation might be ours as well. In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S TIME

### FIRST READING

**Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel.

Accordingly, Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month.

He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand, and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people, and when he opened it, all the people stood up.

Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law.

Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD, and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

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**

**Luke 4:14-21**

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. <sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day,

as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup>“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, <sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” <sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

**L: The Gospel of our Lord C: Thanks Be to God**

## **MESSAGE**

**Pastor Brent Erler**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“Here I Am, Lord”**

**ELW #574**

## **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**

**Feed My Starving Children**

## **OFFERING**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**L: Lord, in Your Mercy**

**C: Hear our prayers**

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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.



## Serving Today

Pastor

Brent Erler

Musicians

Ann Mikiska

The Hendrickson Family

Sound and Video

Jeremy Mann

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

## 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

### 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**

### CLOSING HYMN

“We Are Called”

ELW #720

### POSTLUDE

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