



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

Third 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

L: Come. Wrestle with God, who receives us and welcomes us just as we are.

All: Come, let us worship!

L: Come. Look around with questions, look around with wonder, turning your head in every direction you can find.

All: Come, let us worship!

L: Come. God calls us into renewed relationships with one another.

All: Come, let us worship!

L: Come. God invites us into new beginnings.

All: Come, let us worship!

OPENING HYMN

“Come, Now is the Time to Worship”

Come, now is the time to worship

Come, now is the time To give your heart

Come, just as you are to worship

Come, just as you are Before your God, Come

One day every Tongue will confess

You are God One day every knee will bow

Still the greatest treasure

Remains for those Who gladly choose You now REPEAT

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Come, Come, Come Just as you are, Come, Come

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



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Gathered into one by God's Spirit, we are bold to confess our sins, our shortcomings, our failures, right here in the open, in the presence of God and of one another.

(silence for reflection)

God of grace,

We confess that we have failed you, failed ourselves, failed one another. We assume the worst about those around us rather than giving anyone the benefit of the doubt. We do the same to ourselves, and sometimes, even, we do the same to you.

We are stubborn and determined to hold a grudge. We fail to exercise our imaginations, fail to recognize your works waiting to be born, if only we would step up to help, or sometimes, if only we would move out of the way. Forgive us, O God, and show us another way forward.

Hear the good news of the risen Christ: God is making all things new! Your sins are forgiven.

God's invitation is to another way of living.

Thanks be to God!

SONG OF PRAISE

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

ELW #815

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, we look backward all the time, for every reason under the sun. We make assumptions, too – about Lot's wife, about other people, about ourselves. Grant us a new curiosity, a measure of gray in our black-and-white thinking, a crack in everything we thought to be true. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING:

Genesis 19: 15-17, 24-26

When morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, "Get up, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, or else you will be consumed in the punishment of the city." But he lingered, so the men seized him and his wife and his two daughters by the hand, the Lord being merciful to him, and they brought him out and left him outside the city. When they had brought them outside, they said, "Flee for your life; do not look back or stop anywhere in the plain; flee to the hills, or else you will be consumed."

Then the Lord rained on Sodom and Gomorrah sulfur and fire from the Lord out of heaven, and he overthrew those cities and all the plain and all the inhabitants of the cities and what grew on the ground. But Lot's wife, behind him, looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.

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 17:20-33

Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered, "The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed, nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There it is!' For, in fact, the kingdom of God is among you."

Then he said to the disciples, "The days are coming when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. They will say to you, 'Look there!' or 'Look here!' Do not go; do not set off in pursuit. For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day. But first he must endure much suffering and be rejected by this generation. Just as it was in the days of Lot, they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, but on the day that Lot left Sodom it rained fire and sulfur from heaven and destroyed all of them; it will be like that on the day that the Son of Man is revealed. On that day, anyone on the housetop who has belongings in the house must not come down to take them away, and likewise anyone in the field must not turn back. Remember Lot's wife. Those who try to make their life secure will lose it, but those who lose their life will keep it.

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Brent Erler

HYMN OF THE DAY

"We Are Called"

ELW #720

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.**

PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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

Musician

Kim and Steve Wolff

Sound and Video

Nathan Blilie

*Thanks to all those who
helped make worship
possible.

NOISY OFFERING

Camp Noah

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Lord in Your Mercy

C: Hear our prayer

HOLY COMMUNION

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

ELW #612

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

SENDING HYMN

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

ELW #547

SENDING/POSTLUDE

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