



### 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

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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

### OPENING HYMN

**"Take My Life, That I May Be"**

**ELW #583**

### AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

P. Do you believe in God the Father?

**C. I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

P. Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C. 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**

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.



## SONG OF PRAISE "Lord, Be Glorified"

ELW #744

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Blessing God, **You have saved us with love and forgiveness. Yet you didn't simply save us from something, but we are saved to do something. Give us courage to be stewards of the gifts and experiences you have entrusted us with. And help us love others as you have loved us. AMEN**

### CHILDREN'S TIME

#### FIRST READING:

**Psalm 113**

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time on and forevermore.

From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised.

The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.

He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the LORD!

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

#### GOSPEL READING

**Luke 16:1-13**

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.'

Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.'

So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.'

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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.



He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.

And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes. "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own?"

No servant can serve two masters, for a servant will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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

### MESSAGE

**Pastor Brent Erler**

### HYMN OF THE DAY

**"We Are Called"**

**ELW #720**

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NOISY OFFERING

**360 Communities**

### OFFERING

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

### THE SENDING

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



## 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

“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”

ELW #535

### SENDING

### POSTLUDE

## LIVING OUR BAPTISM ... *Five gifts of discipleship*

Gracious God,  
Send your Holy Spirit. Awaken in me the gifts of discipleship:

- + to live among God's faithful people;
- + to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper;
- + to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed;
- + to serve all people, following the example of Jesus;
- + to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Amen.

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