



### 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

Reign of Christ Sunday

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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

**“Blessed Assurance”**

**ELW #638**

### CONFESSION

**L:** For the sake of justice and kindness, we confess our sins  
before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

**L:** Merciful God,

**C:** Too often we come before you with our pious  
actions and our empty words. We fail to live with  
kindness, justice, and humility. We turn on our  
neighbors and build up for ourselves. Forgive all that  
we have done and have failed to do and transform us  
into people you are proud to call your own.

### FORGIVENESS

### HYMN OF PRAISE

**“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”**

**ELW #857**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Generous God, You give us life abundant, far beyond our  
imagining. May we never neglect to offer thanksgiving  
for all we have received, especially in the gift of your  
son Jesus Christ. Amen.

### CHILDREN'S TIME

## THE WORD

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



## FIRST READING

**Psalm 46**

God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,  
though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.  
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.  
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.  
The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice; the earth melts.  
The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.  
Come, behold the works of the Lord;  
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.  
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.  
“Be still, and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations;  
I am exalted in the earth.”  
The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

*L: The Word of the Lord    C: Thanks be to God*

## GOSPEL READING

**Luke 23:33-43**

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

*L: The Gospel of the Lord    C: Thanks be to God*

## SERMON

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.

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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.



## SHARING OF THE PEACE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NOISY OFFERING

Messiah Lutheran Food Shelf

### 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

### CLOSING HYMN

“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

ELW #774

### SENDING

### POSTLUDE

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### Serving Today

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