

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

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

SILENCE FOR GATHERING

OPENING HYMN

“We Are Called”

ELW #720

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: Faithful Teacher,

C: **As we become fully immersed into a new year, we ask your forgiveness for those things that we have done and have failed to do that bring harm to you, others, or ourselves. Cleanse us from our sin and transform us by your forgiveness. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“This Little Light of Mine”

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine...

Hide it under a bushel? No, I’m gonna let it shine...

All around the world, I’m gonna let it shine...

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O Lord,

C: **you called and they followed. May we also have the courage to lay down what occupies us and find our way along your path, with you always guiding us. 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.



CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING

Psalm 21:1, 4-9

In your strength the king rejoices, O Lord,
and in your help how greatly he exults!

He asked you for life; you gave it to him—
length of days forever and ever.

His glory is great through your help;
splendor and majesty you bestow on him.

You bestow on him blessings forever;
you make him glad with the joy of your presence.

For the king trusts in the Lord, and through the steadfast love
of the Most High he shall not be moved.

Your hand will find out all your enemies;
your right hand will find out those who hate you.

You will make them like a fiery furnace
when you appear.

The Lord will swallow them up in his wrath,
and fire will consume them.

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

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea,
across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles— the people who sat
in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in
the region and shadow of death light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

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.

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SHARING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOISY OFFERING

Feed My Starving Children

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 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.



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

“Let All Things Now Living”

ELW #881

SENDING

POSTLUDE

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