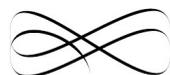


ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Preacher: Rev. Leanne Thompson
Liturgist: Rev. Scott Thompson
Accompanists: Beci Eliason
Projectionist: Deb Grunwald
Sound Tech: Terry Woitaszewski
Nursery Supervisor: Erica Boeyink
Valet Parking: Curt Jans
Ushers & Greeters: George and Colleen Christensen
Communion Servers: George and Colleen Christensen, Cheryl and Jeff Tebben, and Pat Clark
Lunch Servers: Mission Committee



Welcome to worship! We are glad you are here to worship God and spend time with your family of faith. As we worship together this morning, here are some things to know:

- **Children are welcome in worship!** We appreciate their curiosity, their wonder, and even their noise. We want children to know that they are welcome in God's house and in God's family. As a ministry to parents, **a nursery is provided for children birth-1st grade.** Children are invited to stay in worship through the Children's Blessing before going to the nursery. Activity pages and play bags are available for children during worship.
- **Copies of the sermon are available** in manuscript form at the back of the sanctuary each week. If you have difficulty hearing the sermon, you are welcome to pick up a copy of the manuscript to follow along during worship.

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Willmar, MN
May 7, 2017**



WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Please rise as you are able.
Please join in speaking **bolded** text.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREAT ENTRY

“We Come to Your Feast”

Communion Insert

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Holy Risen One,

we gather this day and we come as we are:

All: seeking understanding, seeking knowledge of you.

One: Accept all we bring before you today.

All: Accept our worship we pray.

HYMN #333 (PH)

“Seek Ye First”

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

One: God of Community, you bring us together week by week, one body, one people. No one is more special than the rest. Each of us is a treasured part of your church.

~Silence for Reflection~

Jesus, teacher, we come each week longing to learn more about you, wanting to be more like you. Each of us is here with something to learn and something to offer you in return.

~Silence for Reflection~

Engaging Spirit, you find us wherever we are, at home, at work, out shopping and today in worship. You have time for each of us, enough for each of us.

~Silence for Reflection~

Lord, like the Ethiopian Eunuch, we don't always understand. We, too, need to be honest about the parts we don't understand.

All: Help us get it right; help us understand. And forgive us for those times we fail spectacularly and end up letting you down.

One: Pick us up from those moments, teach us again what it means to live in you and with this community of believers.

All: Pick us up, dust us off, and set us back on the right track.

One: All this we pray in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

HYMN #339 (PH)

“Be Thou My Vision”

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 8:26-39

This is the word of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

“Who's in? Who's out?”

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRESENTING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY #592 (PH)**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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WE LEAVE TO SERVE

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***HYMN #429 (PH)**

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

POSTLUDE