



Celebration Lutheran Church

November 12, 2017

8 am

This Fall our worship will center on two themes: "Together on the Journey" and "Choosing God." We will explore the story of the Israelites and their exodus from Egypt in worship and Sunday School.
We think that you will find the Celebration community reflects the radical hospitality of Christ. We hope that you will grow in Christ when you are with us.

GATHERING

THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG ***Oh, Happy Day, When We Shall Stand*** (ELW#441)

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY *We greet one another in the name of God. We gather and center our hearts through prayer.*

THE WORD

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE, PREACHING AND SONG.

FIRST READING Joshua 24:1-3a; 14-25

SECOND READING Psalm 78:1-7
Read Responsively

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,

things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

He established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children; **that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children,** so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *We stand to welcome the gospel.*
(p. 151)

GOSPEL READING Matthew 25:1-13
The gospel according to... **Glory to you, O Lord.**
After the reading:
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

OUR RESPONSE

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN ACTION, PRAYER, AND PEACE.

WORD SONG **Wake Awake** (ELW#436)

VETERANS' THANKSGIVING *We recognize those who have lived a life that Jesus taught: a life of service to others and the gift of their own lives for the sake of others.*

PRAYER UPDATES & PRAYERS *The lay assistant will offer prayer petitions. These will conclude with "Prince of Peace" to which we respond "We give you thanks."*

PEACE AND OFFERING The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.
You are invited to share a word and/or gesture of Christ's peace with your worshipping neighbor. "Peace be with you," "God's peace," and other words are appropriate. Hand shakes, hugs, and the kiss of peace is also appropriate.

As you pass the peace, please circle around the altar. Bring your tithes and offerings forward.

THE MEAL

GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *The Thanksgiving concludes with the Lord's Prayer.*

INVITATION TO THE TABLE *All who are seeking Jesus as their Savior and are in need of God's grace and forgiveness are welcome to the Table.*

DISTRIBUTION *We commune by intinction: receive the bread (or gluten free wafer) and when the cup comes to you, dip your bread into the cup.*

BLESSING *After all have communed, the pastor blesses and dismisses the assembly.*

CHOIR
PRAYER

SENDING

GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US IN MISSION TO THE WORLD.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Opportunities for deepening discipleship are shared.*

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG **Eternal Father, Strong to Save** (ELW#756)

Stow *We "stow" the gospel in our heart for the week.*
We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.
Psalm 78:4

DISMISSAL Go in Peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

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