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“Love God, Serve Neighbor”

Pastoral Welcome

Call to Worship & Thanksgiving at the Baptismal Font

L: God, you are the fountain of life:

C: refresh us.

L: Lord Jesus, you are the cleansing spring:

C: heal us.

L: Holy Spirit, you are the well from which we drink and never thirst again:

C: fill us.

L: Blessed are you, God, maker and ruler of all things.

Your voice thundered over the waters at creation.

You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys
to refresh and satisfy us and all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom.

In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you
brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection,
your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom.

The floods shall not overwhelm us,
and the deep shall not swallow us up,
for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise.

He sends us to make disciples,
baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit;
wash away sin in this cleansing water;
clothe the baptized with Christ;
and claim your daughters and sons,
no longer Jew or Greek,
no longer slave or free,
no longer male or female,
but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Opening Song

"Down to the River to Pray"

As I went down to the river to pray
Studyin' about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord show me the way

O sisters let's go down
Let's go down come on down
O sisters let's go down
Down to the river to pray

As I went down to the river to pray
Studyin' about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord show me the way

O brothers let's go down
Let's go down come on down
O brothers let's go down
Down to the river to pray

Shall we gather at the river
Where bright angel feet have trod
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God

O sinners let's go down
Let's go down come on down
O sinners let's go down
Down to the river to pray

As I went down to the river to pray
Studyin' about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord show me the way

Affirmation of Baptism

L: We begin by making the sign that was made on the day of our baptisms.
We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

L: As we see the light the Christ candle, we remember the words that were said when we were baptized:

C: **Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**

L: Brothers and sisters, in Baptism, God brings us into his family and calls us his own. By Baptism, God gives us the gifts of faith, love, life, forgiveness, and strength, and asks to respond in faithfulness to him and in service to others.

I ask those who are affirming their baptisms today, do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

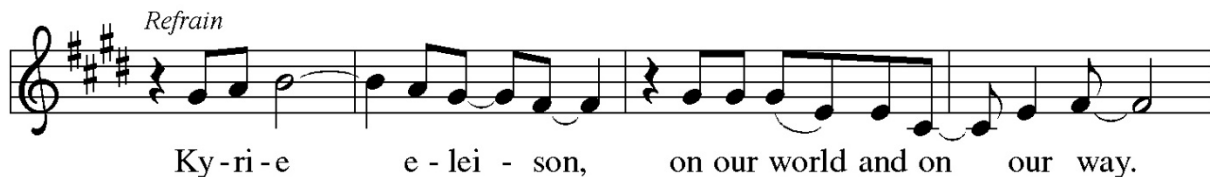
- to live among God's faithful people;
- to hear his Word and share in his supper;
- to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
- to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus,
- and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

C: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

L: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit, you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD



For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

That we may live out your impassioned response
to the hungry and the poor;
That we may live out . . . truth and justice and grace,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of Illumination

L: Let us pray. God, Creator of all, the light of your glory fills the heavens, the breath of your Spirit blows through the skies, and the stars above stand as a witness to your power. By your word all things were made. By your breath all things are sustained. By your hand, we have been molded as a potter works the clay, formed from earthly dust into an image that bears your very likeness. By the waters of your creation, we have been baptized. Like our brother Jesus, you have spoken our names – Beloved Ones – and claimed as your children. By your grace we live and move and have our being, worshipping you with all creation, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

The First Reading

Romans 6:1-5

The Gospel Acclamation



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 3:21-22

The Message

Song of the Day "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"



- 1 Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow.
- 2 We who bring them long for nurture; by your milk may we be fed.
- 3 Oh, how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!



Number them among your people; bless as Christ blessed long ago.
Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread.
To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise!



Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light.
God, renew us, guide our footsteps; free from sin and all its snares,
We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born.



Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.
One with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.
By your grace, our lives we offer. Re-create us; God, transform!

The 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.

Prayers of the Faithful

L: Let us pray. God, source of new life and new beginnings, from the waters of baptism, you have filled us with your Holy Spirit. Teach us to yield to the Spirit, who empowers us to live as Christ in the world. May our hands and feet be the hands and feet of Christ as we strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

L: May your streams of mercy,

C: Carry our prayers to your heart.

L: We pray for all who are physically thirsty, who don't have enough water to drink, or feed their animals, whose fields are parched, whose crops have withered; those who must walk long distances for water and for those whose only source of water is unclean; and for those whose towns and homes have been impacted by both drought and floods. For those in Kentucky and Nevada whose lives have been impacted by the recent flooding.

L: May your streams of mercy,

C: Carry our prayers to your heart.

L: We pray for those families and friends you have placed upon our hearts.

We especially pray for:

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| ▪ Melissa Butler | ▪ Leo Peeler |
| ▪ Tim Caldwell | ▪ Reagan Poli |
| ▪ Helen & Jim Cheyney | ▪ Chip Priser |
| ▪ Terence Connelly | ▪ Joyce Quigley |
| ▪ Charliese Eichler | ▪ Chris Rasmussen |
| ▪ Gary Homesley | ▪ Joyce Reed |
| ▪ Donnell Horton | ▪ Denny Refsnider |
| ▪ Joe Johnson | ▪ Michael Searing |
| ▪ John Kivett | ▪ Reponda Smith |
| ▪ Waylon Kuklantz | ▪ Kelly Taylor |
| ▪ Kevin Middleton | ▪ David Townsend |
| ▪ Andrew Milholland | ▪ Laura Tucker |

- Josie Upton
- Samantha Upton
- Herbert Watson
- Renate Wilson
- Chuck Wolfe
- Florence Wolfel
- Ralph Yarberry
- Sara Yarberry

L: We now pray aloud or in the silence of our hearts for those we wish to name.

(Time for the community to pray.)

L: We remember and celebrate the lives of those who have died, especially:

- Elaine Mazyck (pronounced Mah-zeek), friend of Pam Rhynes, died August 6
- Barbara Dugan, cousin of Jim Hintz, died August 13

L: By your Holy Spirit, comfort their families, and all who grieve, give peace to those who mourn, strengthen all through the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ.

L: In thanksgiving at the birth of Jim and Mercedes Hintz's great-granddaughter, Arwen Violet, who was born on August 4.

L: May your streams of mercy,

C: Carry our prayers to your heart.

L: Lord Jesus Christ, we offer these prayers to you, those spoken and those still unknown to us. Give us peace to trust you with the timing and the answers you provide. We ask all these things in your name.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE MEAL

Offering

(Please sign and pass the pew pads)

Offertory Song ELW #807 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb-en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Table Prayer

L: The table of bread and wine is now made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Jesus became fully human. So come to the table, all who have much faith and all who would like to have more; all who have been here often and all who have not been in a long time; all who have tried to follow Jesus, and all who have fallen short. Come. It is Christ who invites us all to meet him here.

C: Amen.

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil, for the kingdom, the pow'r and the glory are yours, now and forever.

The Blessing

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE

Benediction

L: May you never feel alone in the struggle for justice and peace.
May you know the support of family, friends, and people who feel as passionately about the world as you do.

May you feel a part of the great cloud of witnesses, who through the ages, did God's work and prayed for the coming of the Kingdom.

May you never feel alone. And if you do, may you carry in your heart the words of Jesus, who told his friends: "I am with you always."

C: Amen.

Sending Song

"The River is Here"

Down the mountain the river flows
And it brings refreshing wherever it goes
Through the valleys and over the fields
The river is rushing and the river is here

The river of God sets our feet a-dancing
The river of God fills our hearts with cheer
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter
And we rejoice for the river is here

The river of God is teeming with life
And all who touch it can be revived
And those who linger on this river's shore
Will come back thirsting for more of the Lord

The river of God sets our feet a-dancing
The river of God fills our hearts with cheer
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter
And we rejoice for the river is here

Up to the mountain we love to go
To find the presence of the Lord
Along the banks of the river we run
We dance with laughter giving praise to the Son

The river of God sets our feet a-dancing
The river of God fills our hearts with cheer
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter
And we rejoice for the river is here
And we rejoice for the river is here

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**