

P: Pastor **V:** Vicar **C:** Congregation **VC:** Voice of Congregation **W:** Worship Asst.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

V: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.
To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG "My Life Flows On In Endless Song" ELW #763
sung by Gretchen Bush

1. My life flows on in endless song;
above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.

Refrain

No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

2. Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*
3. What though my joys and comforts die?
The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth. *Refrain*
4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

LIGHT YOUR CANDLE

GREETING

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

V: And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE PSALM 100 *Read by Judy Wylde*

W: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his;^[a]
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

W: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 *Read by Peter Brein*

W: ¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6}Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour.

⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

W: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 *Read by Jane Cuccia*

W: ¹Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered;
let those who hate God flee.

²As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away;
as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them also be merry and joyful.

⁴Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds;
I AM is that name, rejoice before God!

⁵In your holy habitation, O God,
you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

⁶you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom;
but the rebels shall live in desert places.

⁷O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,

⁸the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

⁹You sent a bountiful rain, O God;
you restored your inheritance when it languished.

¹⁰Your people found their home in it;
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

³²Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the Lord.

³³You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;
you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.

³⁴Ascribe power to God,
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

³⁵How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel,
giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!
W: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Read by Dennis Latson*

W: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 17:1-11 *Read by Carol Dunn*

W: The holy gospel according to St. John the seventeenth chapter.

V: Glory to you, O Lord.

W: ¹After Jesus had spoken these words to his disciples, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

The gospel of the Lord.

P: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

APOSTLES CREED *VC---Voice of the congregation read by Judy Ormsby*
V:---Vicar Teresa

**VC: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**VC: 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.**

V: From the Small Catechism

What is this? or What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father in eternity, and also a true human being, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned human being. He has purchased and freed me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death. He has done all this in order that I may belong to him, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

**VC: 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 PEOPLE *written by Carol Dunn*

W: Read by Dave Meeks VC: Read by Linda Johnson

W: Loving God, Look upon all those suffering from or because of the corona virus and have mercy on them. Deliver them from trouble and give them patience and strength to endure their hardships. We pray for those who care for those who are ill, for those who jobs have disappeared, and for those who continue to serve us in our isolation. We ask that you deal with us all according to your mercy.

VC: Hear us, Lord

W: Risen Christ, you said that all who are yours are also the Father's, and all who are the Father's are also yours. Keep us secure in the knowledge that we are indeed yours, safe in your loving hands. We all belong to God, and we all are one; help us live that unity in you.

VC: Hear us, Lord

W: Risen Christ, at the time of your ascension, when you were lifted up into the cloud, you promised us the Holy Spirit would come and be with us. Open our hearts that we might receive the Holy Spirit as our Comforter and our Advocate.

VC: Hear us, Lord

W: Holy Spirit, in the midst of our fear and our isolation, help us to be still and listen for your voice. Remind us that Jesus invited us to come to him if we are weary and burdened, and he will

give us rest. As these words settle in our souls, teach us to stand firm in the knowledge that in all things you work for the good of those who love you.

VC: Hear us, Lord

W: God, as the children in the community come to the end of their very strange school year, keep their hearts and minds alert, aware of your presence, of your goodness, and of your love. See them safely through the summer months. Bless our congregation's high school graduates, Raymond Hinckley and Luke Stewart that they may continue moving toward a happy and productive future.

VC: Hear us, Lord

W: Lord, Guide our leaders to make decisions with wisdom and love. Help us ignore the voices of any who speak from anger, fear, ignorance or selfish goals, no matter who they are, and listen instead to those who offer knowledge and truth.

VC: Hear us, Lord

W: God we ask you to bring ease to those on our prayer list especially Herb Schaepering, Mary Cramer, Marcie Moore, Carl and Linda Johnson, Emmy and Mike Volenberg, Dennis Kelly, Susan Tauzen, the family of Ian, Moria, and Jeff King, Torya James, Steve Wren, the Latson family, Mark Brickman, Eve Brein, Miguel Acta, the family of France Prevatt Tisdale, the family of Warren McLamb, William Fino, Jacob Jones and to those whom we name now silently or aloud. **(Prayer leaders will pause and you are invited to unmute your mic and offer prayers .)**

VC: Hear us, Lord

As the day comes to a close, give us your peace, clothe us with your compassion, and guard us from the perils of the night. In your protective care we pray to you, Three person God. (Unmute)

Let all the people say:

C: Amen.

OFFERTORY REFLECTION- *Played by Dr. Will*

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray. P: Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

P: Let us give thanks for the word. P: O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us

to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *All will be unmuted so that we can say the Lord's Prayer together.*

**C: 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.**

SENDING

P: God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

SENDING HYMN "O How He Loves You And Me" *Sung by Miguel Acta*

O how He loves you and me,
O how He loves you and me,
He gave His life, what more could He give,
O how He loves you,
O how He loves me,
O how He loves you and me.

Jesus to Cal'vry did go,
His love for sinners to show,
What He did there,
Brought hope from despair,
O how He loves you,
O how He loves me,
O how He loves you and me.

O how He loves you and me,
O how He loves you and me,
He gave His life, what more could He give,
O how He loves you,
O how He loves me,
O how He loves you and me.

DISMISSAL

P: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

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