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OUR WORSHIP TODAY, The Baptism of Jesus and of Paul Munsell,
GATHERING AND MEDITATION TIME

Pre-Service Music, Welcome, and Announcements

ENTRANCE HYMN: 504 Trust and Obey

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison):

Lord, today we celebrate the addition of two new member to your eternal church of all believers, our Lord Jesus and our brother, Paul. Alleluia.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which God has called us. Alleluia and Amen.

THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM FOR Paul Munsell

Minister to the Congregation:

P: Dearly beloved, baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is through this grace that we become partakers of his righteousness and heirs of life eternal. Those receiving the Sacrament of Baptism are blessed, that through Baptism we come into the fellowship of Christ's holy Church.

The Apostles in the Dedache have told us of the importance of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism with the word and water. Let approach this Baptismal rite with an open and contrite heart. Paul would you and your family please come to the fount of salvation?

P: Paul, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your forehead and upon your heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ crucified.

P: Let us pray: *(Martin Luther's Baptismal Flood Prayer, 1521)*

Almighty and eternal God, according to your strict judgment you condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to your great mercy you preserved believing Noah and his family eight souls in all.

You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of your Holy Baptism.

Through Baptism in the Jordan of your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, you sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

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We pray that you would behold Paul Munsell according to your boundless mercy and bless him with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in him, which has been inherited from Adam, and which he has committed since he was born in sin, would be drowned and die in these waters of salvation.

Grant that he be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving your name at all time with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in your promise, he would be declared worthy of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: A

P: Let us pray the prayer our Father has taught us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

Paul Munsell's Witness of His Christian Faith

P: Paul, do you renounce the devil?

R: *Yes, I renounce him.*

P: Do you renounce all his works?

R: *Yes I renounce them.*

P: Do you renounce all his ways?

R: *Yes, I renounce them.*

P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

R: *Yes, I believe.*

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge both the quick and the dead?

R: *Yes, I believe*

P: Do you 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?

R: *Yes I believe.*

P: Paul do you believe that Jesus Christ died for your Salvation on the Cross?

R: *Yes, I believe*

Pr. Tony: Paul, do you desire to be baptized?

R: *Yes I do.*

Pr. Tony: Paul, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

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C: Amen

Pr. Tony: Let us pray:

Pr. Tony: The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins; strengthen you with His grace to life + everlasting.

C: Amen

Pr. Steve: Paul, receive this white garment to show that you have been clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

(Pastor lights the Baptismal candle from the altar.)

Pr. Steve: Paul, receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ into your heart, who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which shall have no end.

Pr. Tony: In Holy Baptism, God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our one holy and Christian and Apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brother in Christ, that together we might hear His word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.

(Applause is appropriate at this time.)

Pr. Tony: Peace + be with you all.

C: And also with you. Amen

We now continue with our readings for the day.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: ISAIAH 43:1-7

Israel's Only Savior

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you.

I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you.

I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold;

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bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

PSALM: Psalm 29 (ESV)

*(Recited whole verse by whole verse – Congregation in **Bold**)*

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, “Glory!”

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

EPISTLE LESSON: (ESV)

Romans 6:1-11

Dead to Sin, Alive to God

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of

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sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.

For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Please rise for the Alleluia.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-22 (ESV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3rd Chapter.

Glory to you Oh Lord.

As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people.

But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you oh Christ!

SERMON "Why Baptism?" Pastor Steve Dygert + STS

SERMON HYMN: 379 Children of Our Heavenly Father

THE OFFERING: Offertory –

As the offering is brought forward, we will sing the Doxology.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise him, all creatures here below, Praise him above, Ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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REAFFIRMATION OF OUR BAPTISM:

Baptism is so important in the spiritual life of Christians. But most of us were Baptized when we were infants and we do not remember this milestone in our lives. Many of us make the sign of the cross upon our hearts, breasts, and minds in remembrance of our Baptism. As we approach the altar place your fingers in the Holy Water and make the sign of the cross over your breast. Pastor Tony and I will be on both sides of the congregation and we will again say over you, "You are Baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen"

CONFESSIOAL PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, we approach your altar with with love for You and our concern for the price you paid for us on the cross. We realize the difficulties that we face, and we confess the poor job we have done with our response to your sacrifice. For that, dear Lord, we make our confession to you this day.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by the things we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: As a result of the love of God, the work of Jesus on His cross, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, and by the authority of Jesus Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Go and sin no more. In the name of Jesus we pray.
Alleluia and Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

PRAYERS OF PRAISE: Let us Pray: *(Prayer Response)* Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE, WORDS OF INSTITUTION, THE DISTRIBUTION, THE COMMUNION BLESSING:

SENDING HYMN: 13 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

THE AARONIC BENEDICTION & Let There Be Peace On Earth

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow

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**The peace that was meant to be
With God as our father
Brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony**

**To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.**

THE DISMISSAL

P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C. Thanks be to God

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WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN! Thank you for joining us as we worship of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We are happy you are here! As a kindness to one another, **please place your cell phones on muted** for the time we are together in worship. If you are a visitor, let us know you are here!

IN OUR PRAYERS: Please use a prayer request card if you have a specific prayer request this morning. It is our joy and our privilege to share in these petitions to Almighty God. If you have them ready before the service, hand them to Pastor when you have them completed, otherwise give them to the ushers at the time the offering is collected.

JESUS LOVES YOU MINISTRIES: We have our sandwich ministry again the last Tuesday of this month. Start planning for it!

We Serve Today:

Reader: Priscilla Alonzo

Greeter: Nancy Nordell

Communion: Noreen Burchard, Geri McGary, Jeanne Keyser *Offering: Ron Tessmer, Frank Pierce*

We Serve Next Sunday, January 20th :

Reader: Sheryl Sinico

Greeter: Nancy Nordell

Communion: Noreen Burchard, Geri McGary, Jeanne Keyser *Offering: Ron Tessmer, Frank Pierce*

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