

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

GATHERING SONG

My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness

(Red Hymnal # 251)

GREETING

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

KYRIE

(Red Hymnal p. 213)

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

(Red Hymnal p. 213)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, **that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON & LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: ADVENT 4

FIRST READING: Micah 5:2-5a

A reading from Micah.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Luke 1:46b-55

^{46b}My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, ⁴⁷my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸**for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant.**

From this day all generations will call me blessed:

⁴⁹you, the Almighty, have done great things for me and holy is your name.

⁵⁰**You have mercy on those who fear you, from generation to generation.**

⁵¹You have shown strength with your arm and scattered the proud in their conceit,

⁵²**casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.**

⁵³You have filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴**You have come to the aid of your servant Israel,
to remember the promise of mercy,**

⁵⁵the promise made to our forebears, to Abraham and his children forever.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5-10

A reading from Hebrews.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (NORTH NEW HOPE)

(Red Hymnal p. 216)

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (FAITH): Celtic Alleluia

(Red Hymnal # 174)

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Michael Peuse

HYMN OF THE DAY *Canticle of the Turning*

(Red Hymnal # 723)

CREED

(Red Hymnal p. 105)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

INTERCESSORY RESPONSE

Wait for the Lord

(Red Hymnal # 262)

OFFERING

CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING

(Red Hymnal p. 219)

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

May God direct your ways in peace, make you abound in love for one another and for all, and strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

(Red Hymnal # 257)

DISMISSAL

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