



## 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**      *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*      (Red Hymnal # 807)

## 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. God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy.

**By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Joshua 5:9-12

A reading from Joshua.

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

## PSALM: Psalm 32



Be glad, you righ-teous, and re-joice in the LORD.

## SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**      (Red Hymnal p. 216)

## GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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

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

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## SERMON

**Pastor Michael Peuse**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*

(Red Hymnal # 608)

## CREED

(Red Hymnal p. 104)

## INSTALLATION OF THE COUNCIL

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**      *Intercessory Response: O Lord, Hear My Prayer*      (Red Hymnal # 751)

## OFFERING

## CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING

(Red Hymnal # 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

God, who fills the creation with abundance, Christ, who spreads his arms in forgiveness, Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us, ☩ bless you and bring you to life everlasting. **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

*Our Father, We Have Wandered*

(Red Hymnal # 606)

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor. .  
**Thanks be to God.**

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