

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: *Lift High the Cross*

(Red Hymnal # 660)

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

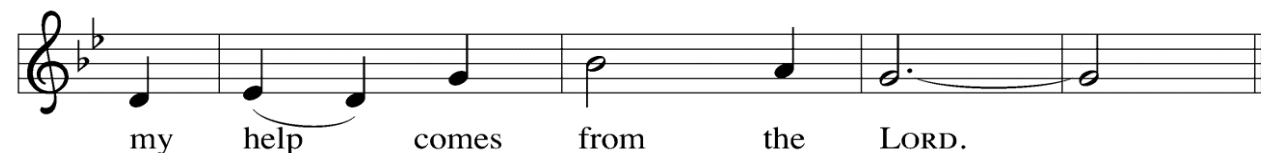
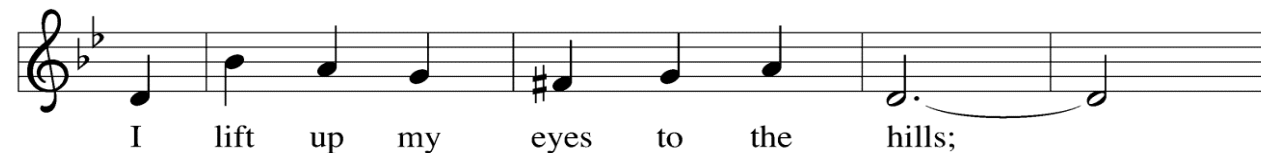
Let us pray. O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children.

Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON**FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a**

A reading from Genesis.

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

PSALM: Psalm 121**SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

A reading from Romans.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Red Hymnal p. 216)

Return to the Lord, your God, return to the Lord, your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

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

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

SERMON

Rev. Michael Peuse

HYMN OF THE DAY *God Loved the World*

(Red Hymnal # 323)

CREED

(Red Hymnal p. 105)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

INTERCESSORY RESPONSE *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

(Red Hymnal # 752)

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 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 power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS**BLESSING**

Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, ☩ bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG *For by Grace You Have Been Saved*

(Red Hymnal # 598)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.