



## 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.**

**GATHERING SONG**      *Blessing and Honor*      (Red Hymnal # 854)

## 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 of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, 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: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

## PSALM: Psalm 95:1-7a

<sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

<sup>2</sup>Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.

<sup>3</sup>For you, LORD, are a great God,  
and a great ruler above all gods.

<sup>4</sup>In your hand are the caverns of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are also yours.

<sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, for you made it,  
and your hands have molded the dry land.

<sup>6</sup>Come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

<sup>7a</sup>For the LORD is our God,  
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

## SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Celtic):**      *Celtic Alleluia*      (Red Hymnal # 174)

**Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

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

**SERMON**      **Rev. Michael Peuse**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      *The Head That Once Was Crowned*      (Red Hymnal # 432)

## CREED

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

**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.**

**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 INTERCESSION**      Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

## PEACE

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

## OFFERING

**CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING**      (Red Hymnal p. 219)

**THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**      For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**      (Red Hymnal p. 221)

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

Mothering God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**      *O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us*      (Red Hymnal # 431)

## DISMISSAL

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