

FELLOWSHIP

PRELUDE

Nevaeh Bouska, Violin Solo

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

EWALU PRESENTATION

Harry & Elle Blobaum

You are invited to rise.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

C **Amen.**

P Look, here is water!

C **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

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C **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Look, here is water!

C **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

SONG OF PRAISE

"God So Loved"

GREETING AND PRAYER

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

C And also with you.

P Together we pray.

C O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.. Amen.

Please be seated.

TEACHING

FIRST READING:

Acts 10:44-48

L A reading from Acts.

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 John 5:1-6

L A reading from 1 John.

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL**John 15:9-17**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C Glory to you O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDRENS MESSAGE**Harry & Elle Blobaum****SERMON****Pr. Frank Johnson****MUSIC****“You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)”**

PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

At the conclusion of each petition, the assembly responds to "Hear our prayer" with the sung response.

Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,
give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

H Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

H Lord, you are the source of life. Your will be done today throughout all of creation. Help and guide us to be responsible stewards of the resources of this earth. Hear our prayer O god.

C (sung response)

H Lord, you are the source of all wholeness. Bring justice to those who are oppressed and those who suffer insult or harm from others. Grant them the peace only you can provide (*pause*). Bring healing to those suffering from physical and mental illness (*pause*). Bring peace and comfort to those who care for their needs (*pause*). We especially pray for Randy Horst, Don Neil, and Kathy Nelson and those we uplift in the silence of our hearts (*pause*). Enfold them in your loving arms. Hear our prayer O God.

C (sung response)

H Lord, we turn to you for peace. We honor the saints who lived in service to others. Grant peace for those who mourn, especially the family of Don Heyer, the family of Janet Savage, the family of Sara Spurbeck, and the family of Bill Thalacker. Inspire us by their example until you gather us into your kingdom. Hear our prayer O God.

C (sung response)

H Lord, you are the source of all salvation. We give thanks for the promise of your steadfast love, and for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. Remain with us here in this place, as we learn what it means to be loved and to share that love for others in Word and in deed. Hear our prayer O God.

C (sung response)

H O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING SONG / APOSTLES' CREED

"This I Believe (The Creed)"

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

OFFERING PRAYER

P Together we pray.

C **Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

C **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.**

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

We trust that Jesus Christ is truly present in the meal of Holy Communion. All baptized Christians who share that trust are welcome to Christ's meal.

DURING COMMUNION

"His Name is Jesus"

You are invited to rise.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray. Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always.

C **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

"Holy Spirit Come"

DISMISSAL

H Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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