

REAL GOD. REAL PEOPLE. REAL GRACE.



# The Baptism of Our Lord January 10, 2021

## Trinity Lutheran Church 8:15 & 10:30 am



# welcome to trinity

We're glad you are here! You've come to a place where you can experience a real God with real grace for your real life, a place where you can connect with our Savior and His people! If you're a guest with us today, we consider it a privilege to have you with us and hope you'll come again. Please share your name with us by signing the Connect Card in the Trinity Today in your bulletin. Please include your address, phone number, and email. If you have any questions about the service or need assistance with anything, please don't hesitate to ask one of our ushers for help!

**DEAR PARENTS:** Out of all the responsibilities parents have in raising their children, leading them to know and connect with Jesus is the most important. We know it can sometimes be a challenge, but we commend and thank you for what you do when you bring your kids to church. Your family—with all its noise, struggle, commotion, and joy—aren't just tolerated, but you're a vital part of the community gathered in worship. Normally, we have "busy" bags for younger children and a staffed nursery for children ages 4 and under. Right now, in order to prevent the spread of germs and maintain the health of your children, we are not offering the bags, and the nursery remains closed for the time being.

**WIRELESS HEARING ASSIST HEADSETS** are available in the back of the sanctuary so that you can hear better during worship. Feel free to ask an usher for one at any time.

**FREE PARKING:** Everyone is welcome to park on Sunday morning, free of charge, in the Central Parking Lot (directly across Washington Avenue from Trinity's Campus).



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## THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR (HOLY COMMUNION)

In Holy Communion (Lord's Supper), we believe and joyfully confess that, as Jesus Himself says, He gives us His true body and blood to eat and drink with the bread and wine! We call this the "Real Presence." Jesus gives this gift of Himself to us to forgive our sins, strengthen our faith and our union with Him, and strengthen our unity with one another as His Church (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17). Our Lord invites to His table baptized Christians who trust in Him alone for forgiveness and salvation, who trust His Words that He is present and offering forgiveness and grace in the Sacrament, who repent of all sin, who forgive others as He forgives us, and who are able to "examine" themselves (1 Corinthians 11:28) regarding these things.

As we share in Christ's body and blood together, the Bible says we also confess the Gospel and our unity in it (1 Corinthians 11:26). Because of this, we practice "Close Communion." This means that those who commune together do so with the intent of being united in the faith we confess and, in our life, together. Because we desire everyone who communes at Trinity to do so in the unity that our Lord intends and to receive the fullness of the gifts He offers (1 Corinthians 11:27-30), we lovingly ask any who have not yet been instructed in the faith of Scripture, who have doubts about the church's teachings, or who have united themselves in membership to a church that is not in fellowship with the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod to first speak with the pastor about communing.

If you are a Christian but are not receiving Communion, we invite and welcome you to the Lord's altar for a blessing. Please cross your arms to indicate you have come for a blessing.

At this time, we are offering individual cup only. If you are unable to come to the front easily, please let the pastor or one of the ushers know. The pastor will bring the Sacrament to you at your seat. We encourage parents to bring your non-communing children for a blessing.

**COVID-19 Precautions We Have In Place** - Please maintain social distance of at least 6 feet; please don't sit in pews that are roped off; wearing a mask is required for the 8:15 service and is encouraged for the 10:30 service; for both services, please wear a mask when entering and exiting the building; if you plan to sing, please wear a mask; if you are not wearing a mask for sung portions of the 10:30 service, please do not sing; take your worship bulletins with you when you leave; wash hands and/or use hand sanitizer regularly.

# The Baptism of our Lord

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

Please note that during portions of the service where there are responsive speaking parts, P=Pastor, A=Assistant, and **C=Congregation**.

LSB = Lutheran Service Book (burgundy hymnal)

#### As We Gather

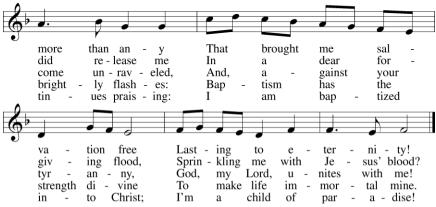
Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. Such a day is also a good time to remember our own Baptism. In Baptism, we are buried with Christ. We are united with Him in a death like His. In Baptism, we are also raised to new life as re-creations. As we are united to Christ in death, we will also be united with Him in resurrection when He returns and raises the dead.

# ♣ Preparation ♣

#### **Prelude**

Please stand





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## **Holy Baptism**

10:30 am

H LaParis Clashae Kelly-Johnson 

 Birthday: March 8, 2009

Parents: Makia Johnson-Justice and Donatello Kelly Sponsors: Emily Surgeon-Johnson and Michael Johnson

→ Nia Janelle Johnson → Birthday: January 19, 2017

Parents: Makia Johnson-Justice and Nicholas Emziah Sponsors: Emily Surgeon-Johnson and Michael Johnson

When candidates are unable to speak for themselves, the parents and sponsors answer the questions on their behalf.

In the name of the Father and of the ★ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19b

### C Amen.

P Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you."

Matthew 28:18b-19; Mark 16:16a; 1 Peter 3:21

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole

world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

The pastor addresses each baptismal candidate:

**P** How are you named?

The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of each candidate while saying:

- **P** LaParis Clashae Kelly-Johnson and Nia Janelle Johnson, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your 

  → forehead and upon your

  → heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.
- P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold *LaParis* and *Nia* according to Your boundless mercy and bless them with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in them, which has been inherited from Adam and which they themselves have committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that they be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, they would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

The pastor addresses the sponsors.

From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing

instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

- P Is it your intention to serve *LaParis* and *Nia* as sponsors in the Christian faith?
- **R** *Yes, with the help of God.*
- P God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.
- C Amen.
- P Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

The pastor places his hands on the head of the candidates, and the congregation joins in praying:

## **Lord's Prayer**

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even + forevermore.

#### C Amen.

Please be seated

The pastor addresses the candidates and asks the following questions:

- **P** LaParis and Nia, do you renounce the devil?
- R Yes, I renounce him.
- **P** Do you renounce all his works?
- R Yes. I renounce them.
- **P** Do you renounce all his ways?
- R Yes, I renounce them.
- **P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?
- **R** *Yes, I believe.*
- Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?
- R Yes, I believe.
- **P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?
- R Yes, I believe.
- **P** *LaParis* and *Nia*, do you desire to be baptized?
- R Yes, I do.

The pastor pours water three times on the head of each child while saying:

- LaParis Clashae Kelly-Johnson and Nia Janelle Johnson, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized while saying:

- P The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life 

  → everlasting.
- C Amen.

The pastor may light baptismal candles from the paschal candle and give them to the newly baptized while saying:

Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

The newly baptized may be welcomed by the congregation with the following:

- In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our sisters in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.
- **C** Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.

Please stand

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted *LaParis* and *Nia* the new birth in Holy Baptism and made each of them a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as they have now become Your child, You would keep them in their baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure each may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- C Amen.
- Peace + be with you.
- C Amen.

All return to their places.

#### Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]* **8:15 am** 

Invocation comes from the Latin "to call upon." The words "In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit" are spoken at the beginning of the service and remind us of our baptism.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

- **P** In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
- **C** And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.
- P And God said, "Let there be light."
- The voice of the Lord is over the waters.
- **P** The voice of the Lord is powerful.
- The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
- **P** The voice of the Lord reveals Jesus as His Son.
- The voice of the Lord reveals we are His children too.

#### **Confession and Absolution**

In Holy Baptism, each of us was baptized into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. In Baptism, we were united with Christ. Yet, we have often lived as if we were entirely independent and autonomous. We have lived as if our identity were not in Jesus, but in our own selfish desires. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to turn back to Him and ask for His forgiveness.

A period of silence is observed for reflection on God's Word and for selfexamination.

- **P** Heavenly Father,
- we confess that we are by nature sinful and have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. On account of Jesus, forgive us, renew us, and unite us to Your name.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you. In Baptism, you were united to Christ in both His death and resurrection. You were buried with Him, but also raised to walk in newness of life. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen. We are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

## **♣** Service of the Word **♣**

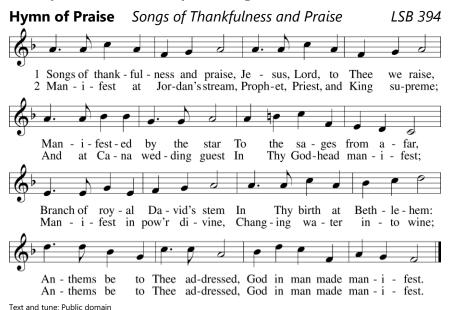
#### Introit

Psalm 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a **8:15 am** 

Introit is Latin for "enter." The Introit is always verses from a psalm which are spoken or sung near the beginning of service.

- **P** Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
- my chosen, in whom my soul delights.
- **P** I will tell of the decree:
- The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

- P Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
- and the ends of the earth your possession.
- P You shall break them with a rod of iron
- and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."
- P Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
- **©** be warned, O rulers of the earth.
- **P** Serve the LORD with fear,
- and rejoice with trembling,
- **P** for his wrath is quickly kindled.
- C Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.
- P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
- as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- **P** Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
- my chosen, in whom my soul delights.



## **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

The Collect is a brief prayer that is connected to a theme in the Scripture readings for the day.

**P** The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

- And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated

## **Old Testament Reading**

Genesis 1:1-5

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle Romans 6:1–11

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with Him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. <sup>10</sup>For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Please stand

## **Holy Gospel**

Mark 1:4-11

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 6Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. 7 And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. 8I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." <sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And when He came up out of the water, immediately He saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on Him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

## Children's Message

10:30 am

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Hymn of the Day All Christians Who Have Been Baptized LSB 596



ho - ly, right, and good Be - fore our heav'n-ly

sin - ful selves em-ployed Ac - cord-ing to our na - ture.

O Christian, firmly hold this gift
 And give God thanks forever!
 It gives the power to uplift
 In all that you endeavor.
 When nothing else revives your soul,
 Your Baptism stands and makes you whole
 And then in death completes you.

So use it well! You are made new—
 In Christ a new creation!
 As faithful Christians, live and do
 Within your own vocation,
 Until that day when you possess
 His glorious robe of righteousness
 Bestowed on you forever!

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#### Sermon

Rev. Michael Croom

Please stand

#### Nicene Creed

This is one of the Christian Church's ancient statements of faith, dating all the way back to the 4th Century A.D. The faith we confess in the Creed connects us to one another and Christians past and present.

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated

## **Installation of Officers and Board Chairpersons**

Please stand

## **Prayer of the Church**

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

- Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
  - Dear heavenly Father, in the Jordan River, You revealed Jesus to be Your beloved Son. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,
- **C** reveal Your grace to us.
- P Lord, strengthen all those who have been baptized, especially those who have been baptized recently, with Your heavenly protection. Lead them to find their true identity in You as Your beloved sons and daughters. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,
- **C** reveal Your grace to us.
- P Lord, comfort all those who are suffering in grief, [especially . . .]. Console them with the sure and certain hope that just as we have been united with Christ in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,
- **C** reveal Your grace to us.
- Lord, give courage to all those who live in conflict with their family members, especially regarding differences of faith. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,
- **C** reveal Your grace to us.
- P Lord, bless all pastors, church planters, missionaries, and servants in Your Church who proclaim Your Word and administer Your Sacraments. Embolden them to seek and to save the lost and bring

those who have strayed back into Your family. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

- **C** reveal Your grace to us.
- Lord, place Your healing hand upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [especially . . .]. Have mercy upon them, and lead them on the path to health according to Your will. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,
- **C** reveal Your grace to us.
- Lord, we commend all these things to You in the name of Your beloved Son, Jesus. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,
- **C** reveal Your grace to us.

## **Tithes and Offerings**

At this time, we are not passing the offering plate to receive tithes and offerings. There is an offering plate on each side at the front of the sanctuary. You may bring your offering before or after service or at the time of Communion.

## **★** Service of the Sacrament **★**

If you are visiting with us today, please take a moment to read the statement regarding the Sacrament of the Altar (Holy Communion) on page two of this bulletin.

## **Preface and Proper Preface**

The Preface and Proper Preface are the opening words to the Communion portion of the service. They express greeting in the Lord and great thanksgiving and praise to God.

**P** The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

- C And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.

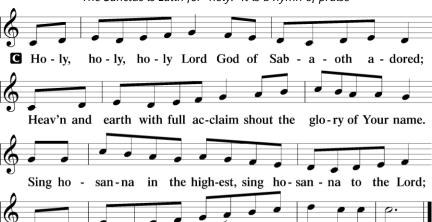
[Colossians 3:1]

- **W**e lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[Psalm 136]

- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who was baptized in the Jordan River and furthermore gave to us the gift of Baptism that we might be His children. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

The Sanctus is Latin for "holy." It is a hymn of praise



The Words of Our Lord

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Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

the name of the Lord!

#### Lord's Prayer

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Matthew 6:9-13

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8:15 am

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.

**Pax Domini** ~ The Peace of the Lord

John 20:19

Pax Domini is Latin for "the peace of the Lord."

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

Please be seated

#### **Communion Distribution**

Please stand

#### **Dismissal**

- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- $\mathbf{C}$ Amen.

## **Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

P Let us pray.

> We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have revealed to us Your beloved Son, Jesus. We implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through His body and blood and empower us to live as Your children; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

 $\mathbf{C}$ Amen

**Benediction** Numbers 6:24-26

The Benediction is a blessing from the Lord, spoken by the pastor at the end of the service.

- P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- $\mathbf{C}$ Amen.

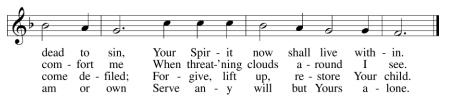


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#### The Dismissal

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### **Postlude**

## **+** Go in Peace, Serve the Lord **+**

The altar flowers today are provided by Eileen and Tom Sander to the glory of God.



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