

**TRINITY
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CHURCH**

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PRELUDE

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty stg. Ronald A. Nelson
Charly Sly, organ

WELCOME

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.
Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

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 SONGS

Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

Chorus
Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God
Come

Verse 1
One day ev'ry tongue
Will confess you are God
One day ev'ry knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose you now

Chorus

Verse 2
Willingly we choose
to surrender our lives
Willingly our knees will bow
With all our heart, soul, mind
and strength
We gladly choose you now

Ending
Come, come just as you are,
come, come

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Verse 1

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And its righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you
Allelu alleluia

Verse 2

We shall not live by bread alone
But by ev’ry word
That proceeds from the mouth of God
Allelu alleluia

Verse 3

Ask and it shall
be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find
Knock and the door
shall be opened unto you
Allelu Alleluia

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of hidden wonders, you delight in beginnings that seem impossibly small. A tiny seed becomes shelter for the birds. A handful of yeast transforms the whole loaf. An ordinary life becomes a witness to extraordinary grace. Open our eyes to the treasures we so often overlook. Teach us to value your kingdom above every lesser prize. Shape us into people whose quiet faith transforms the world with compassion, courage, generosity, and hope. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

KIDS’ PRAISE

*At this time children age 3 – grade 5 are now dismissed,
at the parent’s discretion, to the Chapel.*

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5-12

Because Solomon did not ask for long life, riches, or the defeat of his enemies, God gave him what he asked for: wisdom to govern the people well.

The reading is concluded:
Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:129-136

¹²⁹ Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
¹³⁰ **When your word is opened it gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.**
¹³¹ I open my mouth and pant
because I long for your commandments.
¹³² **Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as you always do to those who love your name.**
¹³³ Order my footsteps in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
¹³⁴ **Rescue me from those who oppress me,
and I will keep your commandments.**
¹³⁵ Let your face shine upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.
¹³⁶ **My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your teaching.**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-39

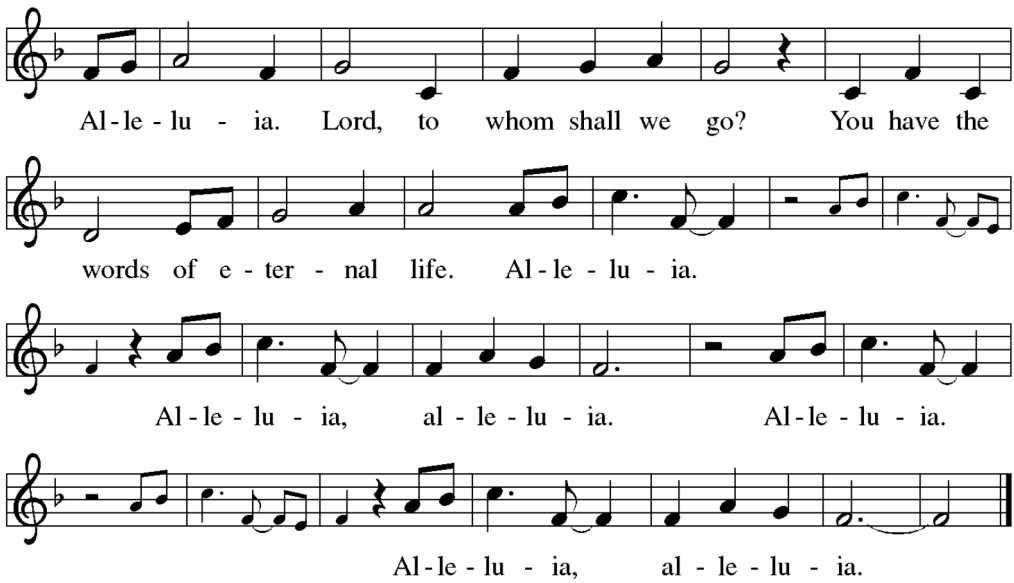
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These words celebrate the depth of God’s actions for us. Through Christ’s death for us and the activity of the Spirit praying for us, we are fused to God’s love poured out in Jesus Christ. Nothing, not even death itself, is able to separate us from such incredible divine love.

The reading is concluded:
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting 8



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 13th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:31-33, 44-52

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Throughout Matthew’s gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that “the kingdom of heaven is near!” Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people’s lives.

After the reading:
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Jeff Gramza

HYMN OF THE DAY

Praise the Father, Praise the Son

Verse 1
O sov'reign God O matchless King
The saints adore the angels sing
And fall before the throne of grace
To You belongs the highest praise

Verse 2
These sufferings this passing tide
Under Your wings I will abide
And ev'ry enemy shall flee
You are my hope and victory

Chorus 1
(Oh) praise the Father praise the Son
(And) praise the Spirit Three in One
Clothed in power and in grace
The name above all other names

Verse 3
To the valley for my soul
Thy great descent has made me whole
Your word my heart has welcomed home
Now peace like water ever flows

Chorus 1 2X

Bridge
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the power
Yours is the glory forever
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the power
Yours is the glory forever

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Chorus 2

Praise the Father praise the Son
And praise the Spirit Three in One
Clothed in power and in grace
The name above all other names
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APOSTLES’ 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 THE PEOPLE

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE

Offer a sign of peace with those around you

GATHERING OF GIFTS FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision

stg. David Lasky
Charly Sly, organ

OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, you have entrusted us with treasures beyond measure: your grace, your Spirit, your love that never lets us go. Receive these gifts and the offering of our lives. Use them to plant hope where despair has taken root, to bring healing where hearts are broken, to welcome those who have felt forgotten, and to reveal the priceless beauty of your kingdom. Multiply what we bring, until your love rises through this world like yeast through dough and grows like a mustard seed into shelter for all. In the name of Christ we pray. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD’S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion will be distributed by coming forward and receiving the bread and wine. The center cups (white) are non-alcoholic grape juice. Upon receiving, please put empty cups in baskets provided. If you prefer gluten free, please ask Pastor who is distributing. Please proceed up the center aisle returning to your seat via the side aisles.

LAMB OF GOD

1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION SONGS

<i>Precious Lord, Take My Hand</i>	ELW #773
<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	ELW #793

BENEDICTION

May God the Father, who plants the smallest seeds of faith, give you eyes to recognize the hidden treasures of the kingdom and courage to seek them with your whole heart.

May God the Son, whose kingdom is worth more than all the riches of this world, fill you with joy that cannot be bought, hope that cannot be stolen, and love that transforms every part of your life.

May God the Holy Spirit, working quietly like yeast within the dough, continue to shape you day by day until your life becomes a blessing, your faith becomes a shelter for others, and your witness reveals the beauty of Christ to the world.

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

SENDING HYMN

ELW #705

God of Grace and God of Glory



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

DISMISSAL

Go in peace.
Grow in grace.
Live as people of priceless hope.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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