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GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

Ministry Minute | Reconciling in Christ Team

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

People of God, do you promise to support Natalie and pray for her in her new life in Christ? **We do.**

Weston

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father? I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? 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.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise. We give you thanks, O God ... in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

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Rev. Mark Kvale, Rev. Becky Goche Ministers: All Baptized Members

8:30 – Abby Frost, Ethan Davey, Christina Fenton, Evelyn McCoy, Mike Schnitzius, Maddie Sweeney, Karen Guptill, Lisa

10:45 – Evan Markos, Sam Mueller, Sheila Perkins, Luke

Water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says: Natalie Lenore, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized. We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Gathering Song ELW #732 Borning Cry (end of bulletin)

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**.

Prayer of the Day

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

Young People's Message | Pastor Becky Goche

Lesson | 1 Samuel 3:1-10

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

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

¹LORD, you have searched me out; O LORD, you have known me.

²You know my sitting down and my rising up;

you discern my thoughts from afar.

³You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,

but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

⁵You encompass me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

¹³For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴I will thank you because I am marvelously made;

your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

¹⁵My body was not hidden from you,

while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book;

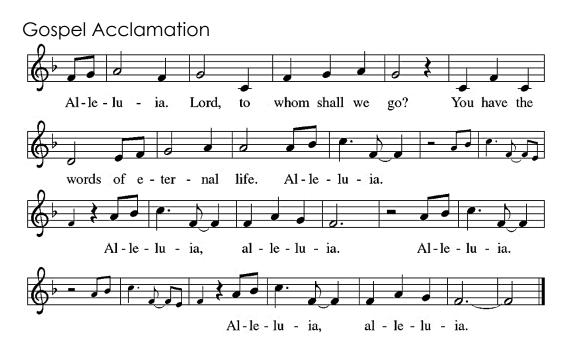
my days were fashioned before they came to be.

¹⁷How deep I find your thoughts, O God!

How great is the sum of them!

¹⁸If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

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Gospel | John 1:43-51

The holy gospel according to John... Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The Gospel of our Lord. Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon | Pastor Becky Goche

Hymn of the Day ELW #574 Here I Am, Lord (end of bulletin)

Prayers of Intercession

God of grace, receive our prayer.

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Peace

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

MEAL

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Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

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.

It is indeed right, our duty ... in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

Words of Institution

During the Words of Institution, we invite you to raise the bread and the cup respectively as the pastor does. In this way, we are church together. 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.



Invitation & Distribution of Communion

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

This is the body of Christ, given for you. This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

Communion Hymns (last pages of bulletin)

ELW #583 Take My Life, That I May Be | ELW #579 Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Prayer After Communion

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

Announcements

Benediction/Blessing

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, + bless you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Sending Song ELW #676 Speak to Us That We May Speak (last pages of bulletin)

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are God's beloved. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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WELCOME TO THIS SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION. Lutherans believe that Christ, the Incarnate Word of God, is truly present in the Lord's Supper and that in this meal of the baptized children of God our Lord gives forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. All who seek the mercy and grace of God in this Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus are welcome to the Lord's Table.

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HENGRY offerings in January will be given to Kids' Clothes Closet at Trinity Lutheran Church on the north side. The Pre-K and Kindergarten class chose Trinity because they'd like to help them purchase warm and waterproof boots, gloves, and mittens.



NATALIE LENORE SEIFFERT, daughter of David and Kara, will be received into the Christian Church in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism today. Natalie's sponsors are Grant and Michelle Larson. Welcome to the ELC church family, Natalie!



THE WHITE ROSE on the altar is in memory of Bea Facteau, who passed away on Monday, January 8, 2024. May God bless her memory among us all.

Borning Cry



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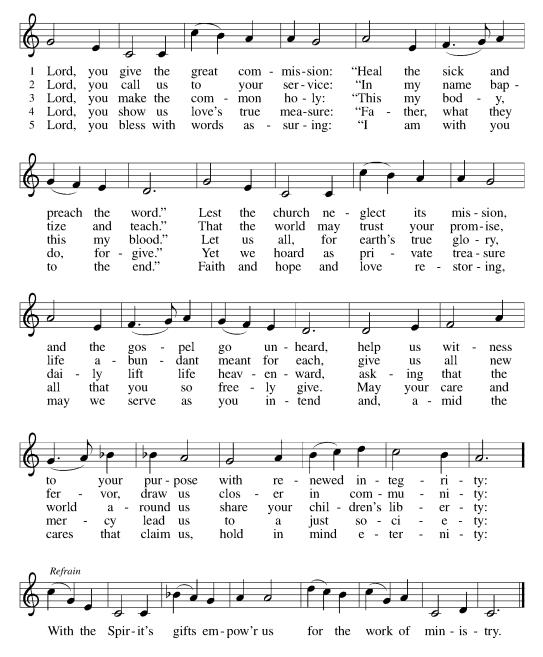


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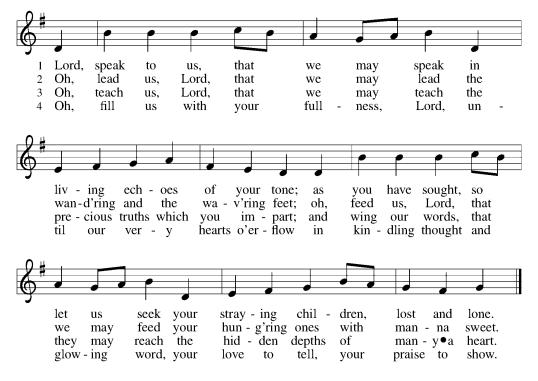
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Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak



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