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Come, Worship the Lord, Our God

August 1, 2021

10:00am

10th Sunday after Pentecost

We Celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism & Holy Communion

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

The bread of heaven, the food of life, awaits us here.

We are hungry and longing for God's abundance.

The promise of deep forgiveness surrounds us here.

We are lost and yearning to be found.

God waits to pour out the gifts of the Spirit,

That we might live the life of faith.

Come, let us worship God!

GATHERING PRAYER

Loving God, as you fed your people in the wilderness, use our gifts, time, and talents as the manna to meet the hungers of the world in which we live. For Jesus' sake, Amen.

HYMN: *#482 Baptized in Water*

CALL TO CONFESSION

God has given us a sign showing that love is stronger than death. The sign of the cross points to our exodus from bondage to sin. Let us repent, seek God's forgiveness, and enter into new life in Christ.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, you desire truth in our very beings.

We treat others unjustly, but do not admit our sin against you.

Put a new and right spirit within us.

We are outraged when someone else is unjust, but do not admit our own guilt.

Put a new and right spirit within us.

We demand punishment for others, but do not admit our own fear of punishment.

Put a new and right spirit within us.

O God, teach us again that you desire honest hearts.

Forgive us, O God; put a new and right spirit within us,

and open our lips to proclaim your praise. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The good news is that Christ calls us to new life and enables us to begin again and again and again and again. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Alice Ellen, daughter of Melissa & Scott Erikson

Presentation

Questions to the Parents, Godparents, Congregation, and the Children

Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and 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, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Thanksgiving over the Water
The Baptism
Presentation of Gifts**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Ephesians 4:1-16, John 6:24-35

SERMON:

The Rev. Leslie Latham

CALL TO THE OFFERING

God is our rock and our fortress. Let us celebrate our salvation by fearlessly giving a portion of what has already been given to us, either by placing it in the basket in the back of the church, or by mailing it in.

OFFERING #530 *One Bread, One Body*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Receive, O God, the fruits of our labor and with these gifts accept the offering of our lives. Unite us with Christ that we may share in his ministry and glorify you. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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.

... Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

Holy, holy, holy...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, you have put gladness in our hearts; you have satisfied our hunger with good things. In giving all, you have not withheld from us your own dear Son. How can we withhold anything from you, our Lord and our God? Renew us day by day with the gift of your Spirit, that we may give ourselves completely to your service and walk with joy in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN: #409 *God Is Here!*

CHARGE

BENEDICTION

Hymns

“Baptized in Water”

1. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
heirs of salvation, trusting the promise, faithfully now God's praise we sing.
2. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our King;
one with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praise we sing.
3. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King;
born of the Spirit, we are God's children, joyfully now God's praise we sing.

“God Is Here!”

1. God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts
2. Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.
3. Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.
4. Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive:
We, who cannot live without you, We adore You! We believe!