

*Introduction to the day:* The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

## **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the diverse people of God.*

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### **OPENING SONG/PRELUDE**

*God of this City*

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*(sung by Wing & A Prayer only)*

### **WELCOME**

*The congregation is invited to stand as they are able and to face the baptismal font.*

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who greets us in this and every season,  
whose word never fails,  
whose promise is sure.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God  
and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned.**

**We have hurt our community.**

**We have squandered your blessings.**

**We have hoarded your bounty.**

**In the name of Jesus,**

**forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

Righteous God,

**we confess that we have sinned.**

**We have failed to be honest.**

**We have lacked the courage to speak.**

**We have spoken falsely.**

**In the name of Jesus,**

**forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.

God offers boundless grace when we fail.

Claim the gift of God's mercy:

you are freed and forgiven

in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

*Please remain standing and turn to face the altar as you are able.*

# GATHERING SONG *Kyrie Eleison*


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*Refrain*

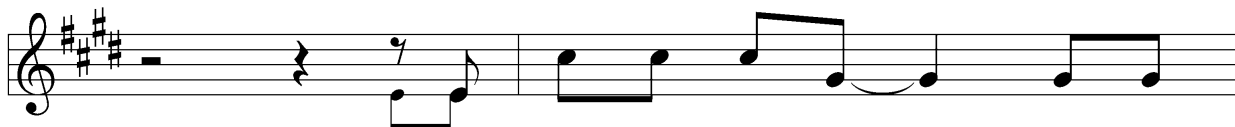


Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

*Last time*



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev - 'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im -
- 3 For peace in our hearts, for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you



health of the church, for the u - ni - ty of all;  
passioned re - sponse to the hun - gry and the poor;  
peace in our homes, for friends and fam - i - ly;  
cen - ter our lives in the wa - ter and the word;



for this ho - ly house, for all who wor - ship and praise,  
that we may live out . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
for life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,  
that you nour - ish our souls . . . with your bo - dy and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

*Refrain*

## 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.**

# KYRIE

## Kyrie

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Leader

In peace, let us pray  
to the Lord

CONGREGATION

1 Lord\_ have mer cy,  
2 Christ have mer - cy,  
3 Lord have mer - cy.

Leader

For the peace from above,  
and for our salvation, let us pray  
to the Lord

CONGREGATION

5 Lord\_ have mer- cy,  
6 Christ have mer- cy,  
7 Lord have mer - cy.

Leader

For peace in the world,  
for the health of God's church,  
and for all unity, let us pray  
to the Lord

# HYMN OF PRAISE

## This Is the Feast

Kent Alleluia Liturgy

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CONGREGATION

9 Lord\_ have mer- cy,  
10 Christ have mer - cy,  
11 Lord have mer - cy.

Leader

For this holy house,  
and we who offer praise, let us pray  
to the Lord

CONGREGATION

13 Lord\_ have mer cy,  
14 Christ have mer - cy,  
15 Lord have mer - cy.

Leader

Help, save, comfort and defend us,  
gracious Lord

CONGREGATION

17 Lord\_ have mer- cy,  
18 Christ have mer - cy,  
19 A - - - - men

This is the feast of vic-tor-y  
 Feast of vic-tory for our God.  
 This is the feast of vic-tor-y  
 Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia  
 Wor- thy is the  
 Lamb who was slain  
 His blood to set us free  
 Peo-ple of God to serve the Lord  
 Serve the Lord for e-ver.  
 Po- wer, rich- es,  
 wis- dom, strength  
 Hon-or, bless-ing, glo- ry

All be-long to God on high.  
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
 This is the feast of vic-tor-y  
 Feast of vic-tory for our God.

This is the feast of vic-tor-y  
 Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia  
 Sing with all God's  
 ho-ly peo-ple  
 Join the hy-mn of  
 all cre-a-tion  
 Bless-ing, hon-or,  
 glo-ry, mi-ght  
 Be to God and the  
 Lamb for-ev-er  
 A-men! A-men!

This is the feast of vic-tor-y  
 Feast of vic-tory for our God.  
 For the Lamb who once was slain  
 Has be-gun his reign forev-er.  
 A - - - - - men!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

(ELW p. 142)

Let us pray.

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

# WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

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**FIRST READING:** Jeremiah 28:5-9 (Bruce Garman & Nancy Seiler)

*Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).*

*A reading from Jeremiah.*

<sup>5</sup>The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup>But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM:** Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 (Bruce Garman & Nancy Seiler)

<sup>1</sup>Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;

from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

<sup>2</sup>**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;  
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

<sup>3</sup>"I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

<sup>4</sup>**I will establish your line forever,  
and preserve your throne for all generations.'**"

<sup>15</sup>Happy are the people who know the festal shout!

They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

<sup>16</sup>**They rejoice daily in your name;  
they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

<sup>17</sup>For you are the glory of their strength,  
and by your favor our might is exalted.

<sup>18</sup>**Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD;  
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

**SECOND READING:** Romans 6:12-23 (Bruce Garman & Nancy Seiler)

*Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.*

*A reading from Romans.*

<sup>12</sup>Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup>No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as

those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup>What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, <sup>18</sup>and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

<sup>20</sup>When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **KIDS' MESSAGE**

(Lisa Herlocker)

*The congregation is invited to stand as they are able to welcome the Gospel.*

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42** (Pr. Carolyn Brodt)

*When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>40</sup>“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup>and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## **SERMON** (Pr. Carolyn Brodt)

*The congregation is invited to stand as they are able*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Great is the Lord* ©Michael W. Smith

**VERSE**

♩ = 60 C Dm G2/B C2 F2/A G2



Great is the Lord, He is ho - ly and just, by His pow - er we trust in His

4 F C/E Dm C2 C Dm G2/B C2 F2/A G2



love. \_\_\_\_\_ Great is the Lord, He is faith - ful and true by His mer - cy He proves He is

**CHORUS**

8 F C/E Dm C2 Bb/C F/C Bb/C F C/E Dm7 C2 Bb/C F/C Bb/C F/C



love. \_\_\_\_\_ Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of glo - ry. Great is the Lord, and  
Great are You, Lord, and wor - thy of glo - ry. Great are You, Lord, and

12 G/C C Bb/C F/C Bb/C D G E Am Dm F6 **1**



wor - thy of praise. Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice: Great \_\_\_\_\_  
wor - thy of praise. Great are You, Lord, I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice:

(1) (2) **ENDING**  
Gsus G Csus C Csus C Csus C Csus Dm F6 Gsus G Am G/A Am



is the Lord! \_\_\_\_\_ Great \_\_\_\_\_ are You, Lord! \_\_\_\_\_



Great \_\_\_\_\_ are You, Lord! \_\_\_\_\_ Great are You, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_



Great are You, Lord! \_\_\_\_\_ Great are You, Lord! \_\_\_\_\_

## CREED

Let us join with Christians throughout the world this Pentecost Season and confess our shared faith using the words of the 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.**

*Please be seated*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Bruce Garman & Nancy Seiler)

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

We pray for the church. For wisdom to heed the voices of prophets in our midst who cast a vision of God's promised future. For courage to welcome people whom society rejects. For resolve to serve all in need. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for creation. For all rivers, lakes, oceans, and streams. For lands experiencing scorching heat, drought, or wildfires. For conservation organizations and environmental activists. For scientists working on clean energy solutions. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for this nation and all nations. For presidents, governors, and legislators. For judges, juries, district attorneys, and public defenders. For military personnel. For those who are incarcerated.

Guide us in ways of freedom that promote the common good. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in need. For exiles, immigrants, refugees, and those seeking asylum. For victims of harassment, torture, or abuse. For those who are ill. For any near death and for all who grieve.

God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for children. For their safety at home and in childcare settings. For their flourishing at summer programs and camps. For the many people who care for them including parents and grandparents; childcare workers and teachers; coaches, counselors, and mentors; pediatricians and psychologists. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all the saints and prophets who have received the free gift of God, which is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. May their lives of humble service inspire us in faith. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*Prayer requests provided by congregation members to be added here by reader.*

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**



## FAREWELL AND GODSPEED

*Robert, Rebecca, Trip and Raegan*, as you leave Bethel Lutheran Church, we wish to bid you farewell.

*A reading from Exodus:* The Lord said, "I am going to send an angel in front of you, to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have prepared." (*Exodus 23:20*)

In holy baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you *members* of his church. When you came to Bethel, we rejoiced to welcome you into the mission we share as the people of God. In this community you have come to know and to share in God's loving purpose for you and for all creation. God has blessed you in this community, and God has blessed us through you.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, we thank you for *Robert, Rebecca, Trip and Raegan* and for the time we have shared with *them*. As *they* have been a blessing to us, so now send *them* forth to be a blessing to others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

## PEACE (ELW p. 143)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## OFFERING

We acknowledge that all we have is a gift from God and in gratefulness we return to God a portion of the time, finances, and gifts that God has given us. Thank you so much for your continued support.

*The congregation is invited to stand for the song as offerings are brought to altar.*

## OFFERING SONG

*Let the Vineyards be Fruitful* (ELW 184)

Let the vine - yards be  
fruit - ful O Lord;  
Fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing.  
Ga - ther a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, That  
we may be fed with the  
bread of life. Ga - ther the  
hopes and dreams of all;

U - nite them with the prayers we  
off - er. Grace our ta - ble  
with your pre - sence O Lord  
And give us a taste of the  
feast to come.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation, the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**Amen**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us using the language of our hearts. **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**

All people are called to Christ's table.  
Come, eat what is good.

*All are welcome to join in our communion celebration.  
Please have a seat and follow the directions of Pastor Carolyn and the usher.*

## **COMMUNION** (ELW p. 146)

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We thank you, generous God,  
for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table.  
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,  
through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

The congregation is invited to stand as they are able

# SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

## BLESSING

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed ✠ bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

Amen.

## SENDING SONG

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

(ELW 523)

Refrain / Estribillo



Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la  
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -  
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



re - te tie - ne un pues - to y u - na mi - sión.  
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.



1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -  
1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -  
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the  
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all



pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a - le - gre la  
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm  
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be  
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -

Refrain / Estribillo



cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.  
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.  
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.  
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

Please be seated.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*After **brief announcements** related to the ministry of Bethel  
are shared from the podium **microphone**,  
the congregation is invited to stand and face the font.*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.  
**Thanks be to God and we will.**

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