

Introduction to the day: A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are Jesus' family. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.

GATHERING

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

OPENING SONG/PRELUDE

Because of Your Love

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WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

We bless you, almighty God, for the gift of water--
for the oceans that surround the earth,
for the rivers that nurture the land,
for all the sources of water that you provide for our community--
we bless you, O God, for the waters of earth:

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We honor you, merciful God, for showering us with water--
for the rain that nourishes the plants and trees,
for the floods that restore the fields,
for the dew that freshens dry places--
we honor you, O God, for the waters you send:

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We glorify you, gracious God, for the waters of baptism--
for the water of the Jordan that washed our Lord Jesus,
for the water that baptized the believers on Pentecost,
for the water that illumines us with your Word,
for the water that pours out the gifts of the Spirit,
for the water that bathes the church universal--
the Orthodox, Roman Catholics, Protestants,
Pentecostals, Evangelicals, independents--
we glorify you, O God, for the waters of baptism:

We glorify you, O God, for the waters of baptism.

We worship you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
almighty, merciful, and gracious.

Well of forgiveness, you revive us,

Cup of cold water, you refresh us,

Pool of rebirth, you renew us.

To you comes the worship of all your people, now and forever:

To you comes the worship of all your people, now and forever.

Amen.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Sons of God*

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F Dm B \flat C 7 F Dm B \flat C 7

Sons of God, hear His ho - ly Word! Gath - er 'round the ta - ble of the Lord!

4 F Dm B \flat C 7 F Dm B \flat C 7

Eat His bod - y, drink His blood, and we'll sing a song of love: Al - le -

8 F Dm B \flat C 7 F Dm B \flat C 7

Last time to Coda \oplus

-lu, al - le - lu, al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

12 F Dm B \flat C 7 F Dm B \flat C 7

1. Broth - ers, sis - ters we are one, and our life has just be - gun;
2. Shout to - geth - er to the Lord who has prom - ised our re - ward,
3. Je - sus gave a new com - mand that we love our fel - low man,
4. If we want to live with Him, we must al - so die with Him;
5. Make the world a u - ni - ty, make all men one fam - i - ly
6. With the Church we cel - e - brate, Je - sus' com - ing we a - wait,

16 F Dm B \flat C 7 F Dm B \flat C 7 B \flat C 7 B \flat C 7

1, 2, 3, 4, 5. 6. D.C. al Coda

In the Spir - it we are young; — We can live for - ev - er. ev - er.
 hap - pi - ness a hun - dred - fold, — and we'll live for - ev - er.
 till we reach the prom - ised land, — where we'll live for - ev - er.
 Die to self - ish - ness and sin, — and we'll rise for - ev - er.
 till we meet the Trin - i - ty and live with them for - ev - er.
 so we'll make a hol - i - day, — so we'll live for

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE *This Is the Feast*

Kent Alleluia Liturgy

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

Let us pray.

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Genesis 3:8-15 (Roger Linn)

A reading from Genesis.

⁸[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.⁹But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." ¹⁴The Lord God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 130 (Roger Linn)

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;

²**O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

³If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?

⁴**Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.**

⁵I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

⁶**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,
more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

⁷O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love;
with the Lord there is plenteous redemption.

⁸**For the Lord shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

KIDS' MESSAGE

(Lisa Herlocker)

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1 (Roger Linn)

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

¹³Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

^{5:1}For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Mark 3:20-35

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus went home;] ²⁰and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” ²³And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—³⁰for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him.

³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” ³³And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Baptized in Water* (WOV 693/ELW 456)



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust-ing his
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION (ELW p. 227)

Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font. The assembly is seated.

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors' Response: We present *Bennett Kevin Gish* for baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *Bennett* baptized into Christ?

Parents' Response: We do.

As you bring *Bennett* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with *him* among God's faithful people, bring *him* to the word of God and the holy supper, teach *him* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in *his* hands the holy scriptures, and nurture *him* in faith and prayer, so that *Bennett* may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help *Bennett* grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents' Response: We do.

Sponsors and family, do you promise to nurture *Bennett* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: We do.

People of God, do you promise to support *Bennett* and pray for *him* in *his* new life in Christ?

We do.

The assembly stands.

PROFESSION OF FAITH (ELW p. 229)

The presiding minister addresses the parents and sponsors. The assembly may join in the responses.

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,
the powers of this world that rebel against God,
and 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT (ELW p. 230)

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.

Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator of the waters of the earth. You are the fire of rebirth. You poured out your Spirit on your people Israel. You breathe life into our dry bones. Your Son Jesus promised to send the Spirit to us that the world may know your peace and truth. Pour out your Holy Spirit and breathe new life into those who are here baptized. By your Spirit adopt us all as your children, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

BAPTISM (ELW p. 230)

Bennett Kevin Gish, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

**Blessed be God, the source of all life,
the word of salvation,
the spirit of mercy.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain *Bennett* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Bennett, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

WELCOME (ELW p. 231)

A lighted candle may be given as a representative of the congregation says:

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

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.

Those who have gathered at the font may return to their places. The service continues with the prayers of intercession.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Roger Linn)

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

God of wholeness, we pray for believers all over the globe including the members of our sister parish in Kirehe, Rwanda. Unify us in service of the gospel, that we may work together as beloved siblings to share your love with all. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of the cosmos, we pray for creation; the gardens, waterways and creatures near to us and diverse forms of life that remain unseen. Teach us to treat the natural world with reverence, seeking restoration when human divisions have caused harm to your beloved creation. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of all people, we pray for harmony among the nations. Cast out from us unclean spirits of greed and fear, that we may work in solidarity with one another for the common good. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of abundance, we pray for those who are oppressed or in any need. Encourage those who have begun to lose heart. Strengthen and renew us with your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of righteousness, we pray for this holy house of worship. Set our gaze upon things eternal, that in thanksgiving for your mercy, we may extend grace to more and more people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of celebrations, we rejoice today that Baby Bennett has joined his brother Sawyer in the family of Christ. May your spirit guide their lives and may they lead lives of kindness. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of the ages, in your goodness you have sent us faithful witnesses for every time and place. We give you thanks for those saints who now rest in your eternal mercy. Today we especially remember, Marian Zielske, beloved wife of Pastor Ron. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The congregation may offer additional prayer concerns either aloud or in the chat box

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

Amen.

PEACE

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 in these unusual times.

If you are worshiping with us onsite, please place your offerings into the basket on the back table as you leave today.

OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

COMMUNION

If you are joining us online,
you welcome to take communion in your home or to be in a time of prayer.

If you are worshiping with us onsite,
please follow the directions of Pastor Mullen and the ushers.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.
Amen.

SENDING

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

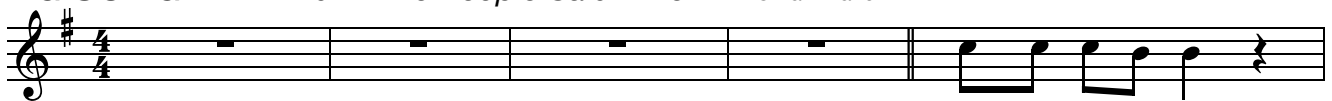
BLESSING

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

And All the People Said Amen

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1. You are not a - lone



if you are lone - ly. When you feel a - fraid, you're not the on - ly.

We are all the same, in need of mer - cy, — to be for - giv - en and be

12 D Am Em⁷ D

free. It's all you got to lean on, but thank God, it's all you need. _____

⌘ CHORUS

15 G D G C G

And all the peo - ple said, "A - men." Whoa. _____ And all the peo - ple said, "A -

18 D⁽⁴⁾ C G B Em

-men." Give thanks to the Lord, _ for His love _ nev - er ends. _

And all the peo - ple said, "A - men." 2. If you're rich or poor,

24 D Em C² G D Em

well, it don't mat - ter. Weak _ or strong, you know love is what we're af - ter.

27 C² G D Em Am Em⁷/G

We're all bro - ken, but we're all in this to - geth - er. _ God knows we stum - ble and fall, _

30 D Am Em⁷ D D.S. al Coda

— and He so loved the world, He sent His Son to save us all.

⊕ Coda

BRIDGE

33 C G C G C² G D⁽⁴⁾ G

men." Bless-ed are ___ the poor in spir - it who are torn a - part. Bless-ed are _

36 C² G D⁽⁴⁾ G C² G

___ the per - se - cut - ed and the pure in heart. Bless-ed are ___ the peo - ple hun - gry for an -

39 D⁽⁴⁾ Em A D

-oth - er start, _ for theirs is the king - dom, the king-dom of God. ____

And all the peo - ple said, "A - men." Whoa. ____ And all the peo - ple said, "A -

45 D⁽⁴⁾ C G B Em

-men." Give thanks to the Lord, _ for His love ___ nev - er ends. _

48 C D

1. C G C G

And all the peo - ple said, "A - men."

ENDING

50 Em C D C G C G

- men." And all the peo - ple said, "A - men."

DISMISSAL

You are the body of Christ. Go in peace.

Thanks be to God and we will!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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