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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE May the Holy Spirit cause the light of the Gospel to burn brightly in your heart.

Thank you for joining us for worship. If you have any questions about our service or practice, please feel free to ask one of the ushers or a pastor.

- Family restrooms are available in the multi-purpose room off the narthex or on the right side of the large hallway leading to the school wing.
- A parent's room with audio feed and a window into the sanctuary is available.
- Listening devices and six large print hymnals are available, please ask an usher.
- Tune into KFIZ AM 1450 each Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend's sermon.
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- Visitors, we are pleased that you have joined us this morning. Please feel free to inquire about our congregation through the pastors, one of the ushers, or one of the members. If you are a visitor from out of town, please be sure to introduce yourself to one of the pastors after the service. We welcome all of you to come and worship with us again.

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP God the Father, Son, and Spirit, Ever-blessed Trinity, Humbly now our thanks we offer, All unworthy though we be. Freely you have showered blessings Countless as the ocean's sands, Blessings rich and overflowing On the labors of our hands. God of grace and love and blessing, Yours alone shall be the praise. Give us hearts to trust you truly, Hands to serve you all our days. Lord, bestow your future blessing Till we join the heav'nly host, There to praise and serve you ever, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SERVICE THEME We praise God for ten years of gathering around the Baptismal Font.

GATHERING RITE ON HOLY BAPTISM

God's people long to gather together for strength from God and for mutual encouragement. This alternate beginning for worship is intended for use not only when there is a baptism but may be used on any occasion to remind God's people of Baptism's continuing blessings.

The minister conducts the gathering rite at the font.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (spoken) Amen.

♪ **Baptized into your name most holy, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly, Among your saints, your chosen host,
Buried with Christ and dead to sin. Your Spirit now shall live within.**

M: I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

C: Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

M: Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us.

C: But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

♪ **My loving Father, there you took me To be henceforth your child and heir.
My faithful Savior, there you let me The fruit of all your sorrows share.
O Holy Spirit, comfort me When threat'ning clouds around I see.**

M: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

♪ **My faithful God, you fail me never; Your promise surely will endure.
Oh, cast me not away forever If words and deeds become impure.
Have mercy when I come defiled; Forgive, lift up, restore your child.**

M: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (spoken) Amen.

♪ **All that I am and love most dearly—Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely, And help me your own child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own Serve any will but yours alone.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, you have promised to be with your Church forever. We thank you for those who founded this family of believers and for the signs of your favor over these past ten years and throughout the history of our congregation. Increase our faith, knit us together in the bonds of love, and make our fellowship an example to all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: (spoken) Amen.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 8:26-39

The Ethiopian Eunuch rejoiced in the blessings of Holy Baptism.

²⁶Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” ²⁷So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians. This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the book of Isaiah the prophet. ²⁹The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.” ³⁰Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked. ³¹“How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²The eunuch was reading this passage of Scripture: “He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before the shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth.” ³³In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth.” ³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. Why shouldn’t I be baptized?” ³⁸And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 122 *on back of bulletin*

SECOND LESSON

Romans 6:1-14

Through Holy Baptism Christ’s death and resurrection becomes our own, making us his instruments of righteousness.

¹What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ²By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. ⁵If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. ⁶For we know that our old self was crucified with him

so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— ⁷because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. ⁸Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. ¹²Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. ¹³Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.

VERSE OF THE DAY



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the



mes - sage is heard through the Word of Christ. Al - le -



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

STAND

M: The Gospel according to Saint Matthew chapter 28:



Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus gives his Church her marching orders: The Great Commission.

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord:



Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Baptized in Water”

CW 297

SERMON

1 Peter 3:18-22

¹⁸ Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, ¹⁹ through whom also he went and preached to the spirits in prison ²⁰ who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹ and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

Baptism Saves You!

Pastor Zuberbier

1. Through Christ’s humiliation.
2. Through Christ’s exaltation.

SERMON HYMN

“All Christians Who Have Been Baptized”

After the sermon, the congregation stands and sings CWS 736: 1 & 4

**All Christians who have been baptized, Who know the God of heaven,
And in whose daily life is prized The name of Christ once given:
Consider now what God has done, The gifts he gives to ev’ryone
Baptized into Christ Jesus!**

**In Baptism we now put on Christ—Our shame is fully covered
With all that he once sacrificed And freely for us suffered.
For here the flood of his own blood Now makes us holy, right, and good
Before our heav’nly Father.**

BE SEATED

GATHERING OF OUR OFFERING

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, for fellowship with believers in our congregation and in our synod.

C: Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.

M: Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

C: Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.

M: Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

C: Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.

M: Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care, and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

C: Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.

M: Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

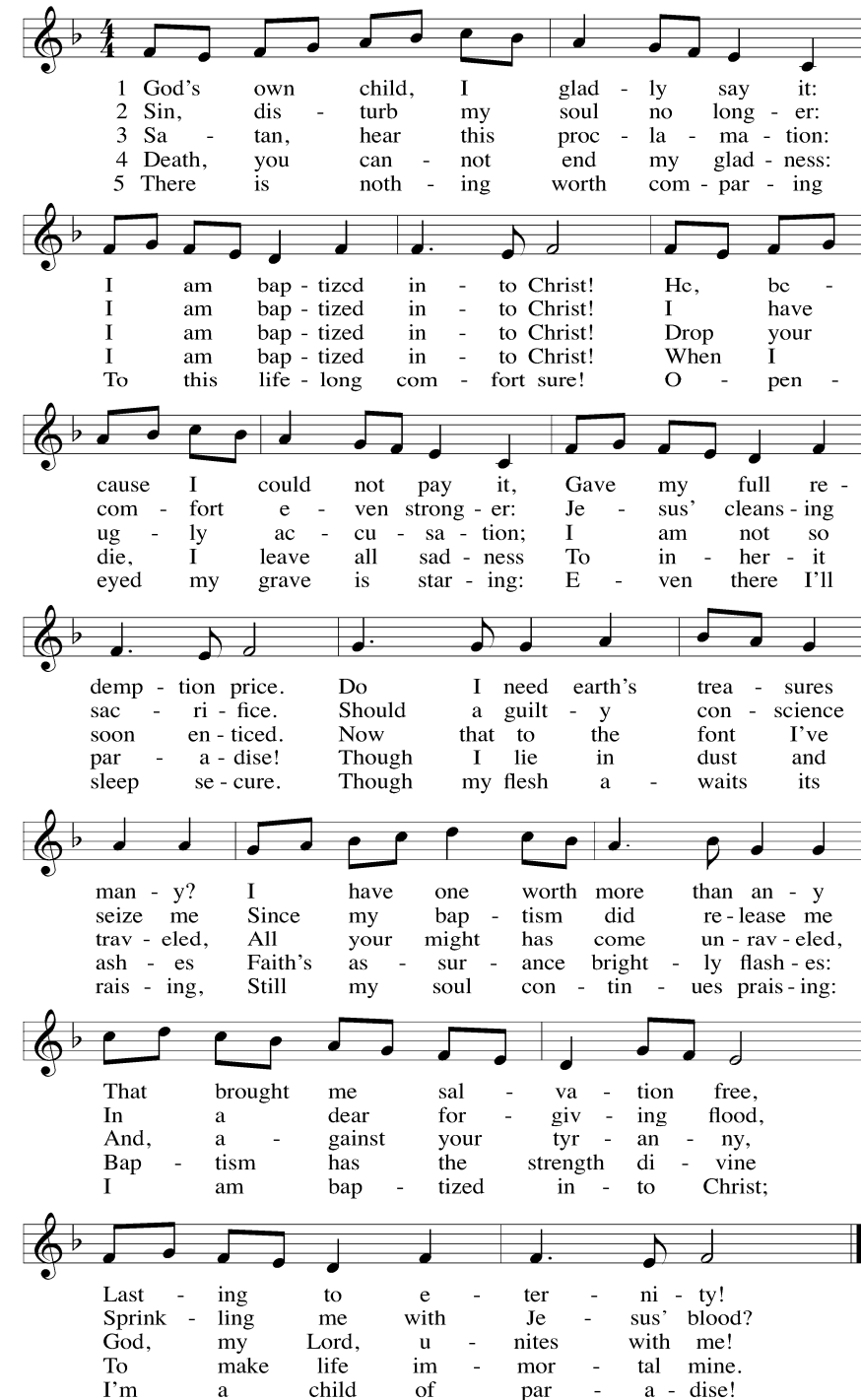
C: Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. Amen.

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.

BE SEATED

HYMN 737

“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”



1 God's own child, I gladly say it:
2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er:
3 Sa - tan, hear this pro - la - ma - tion:
4 Death, you can - not end my glad - ness:
5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing

I am bap - tized in - to Christ! He, be -
I am bap - tized in - to Christ! I have
I am bap - tized in - to Christ! Drop your
I am bap - tized in - to Christ! When I
To this life - long com - fort sure! O - pen -

cause I could not pay it, Gave my full re -
com - fort e - ven strong - er: Je - sus' cleans - ing
ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion; I am not so
die, I leave all sad - ness To in - her - it
eyed my grave is star - ing: E - ven there I'll

demp - tion price. Do I need earth's trea - sures
sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y con - science
soon en - ticed. Now that to the font I've
par - a - dise! Though I lie in dust and
sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a - waits its

man - y? I have one worth more than an - y
seize me Since my bap - tism did re - lease me
trav - eled, All your might has come un - rav - eled,
ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance bright - ly flash - es:
rais - ing, Still my soul con - tin - ues prais - ing:

That brought me sal - va - tion free,
In a dear for - giv - ing flood,
And, a - gainst your tyr - an - ny,
Bap - tism has the strength di - vine
I am bap - tized in - to Christ;

Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
Sprink - ling me with Je - sus' blood?
God, my Lord, u - nites with me!
To make life im - mor - tal mine.
I'm a child of par - a - dise!

STAND

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

THE BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"All Who Believe and Are Baptized"
CW 299



ORGANIST
Pam Zuberbier

GREETERS
7:45 ~ Deb Jaeger, Barb Krug
10:30 ~ Judine Schicker

Members: Please remember to check your mailbox

Psalm 122



I re - joiced with those who said to me,



"Let us go to the house of the Lord."



I rejoiced with those who said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
Our feet are standing in your gates,
O Jerusalem.

Refrain

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
"May those who love you be secure.
May there be peace within your walls
and security within your citadels."

Refrain

For the sake of my brothers and friends,
I will say, "Peace be within you."
For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your prosperity.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain