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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness, and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever. **Amen.**

*GATHERING SONG

“Rise, O Sun of Righteousness”

ELW #657

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

(ELW p. 138, setting 3)

***THIS IS THE FEAST**

(ELW pp. 140-141, setting 3)

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” ²²The crowd joined in attacking them and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging; they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone’s chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.”

²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” ³¹They answered, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”

³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (Read Responsively)

PSALM 97

(Psalms begin on p. 339 ELW)

¹The LORD reigns; let the | earth rejoice; let the multitude of the | isles be glad.

²**Clouds and darkness sur- | round the LORD, righteousness and justice are the foundations | of God's throne.**

³Fire goes be- | fore the LORD, burning up enemies on | every side.

⁴**Lightnings light | up the world; the earth | sees and trembles.**

⁵The mountains | melt like wax before the Lord of | all the earth.

⁶**The heavens declare your righteous- | ness, O LORD, and all the peoples | see your glory.**

⁷Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight | in false gods! Bow down before the LORD, | all you gods.

⁸**Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Ju- | dah rejoice, because of your judg- | ments, O LORD.**

⁹For you are the LORD, most high over | all the earth; you are exalted far a- | bove all gods.

¹⁰**You who love the | LORD, hate evil! God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand | of the wicked.**

¹¹Light dawns | for the righteous, and joy for the hon- | est of heart.

¹²**Rejoice in the | LORD, you righteous, and give thanks to God's | holy name.**

SECOND READING

REVELATION 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

¹²“See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁶“It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.” ¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let everyone who hears say, “Come.” And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(ELW p. 142, setting 3)

The holy gospel according to John 17:20-26

Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL READING**

JOHN 17:20-26

[Jesus prayed:] ²⁰“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”*

ELW #843

***THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

(ELW p. 105)

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: Holy God, make your people one as you and your Son are one. Extend the gifts we have been given by your Spirit to all people, especially those experiencing division or questioning your love. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A: Make worthy the work of scientists who look to the stars and planets, as well as scientists who look to atoms and molecules. Bring innovation and well-being to humanity through their discoveries. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A: Keep in our minds those who have died in war, both military and civilians. May we honor them by seeking peaceful solutions to the conflicts that arise among nations and peoples. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A: Grant freedom to all who are overwhelmed by chronic illness, depression, or constant worry. Open them to receive health and salvation in Christ Jesus through the Spirit's gift of faith. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A: Stir imagination and understanding throughout the church in the work of poets, theologians, and hymnwriters. Lead us into new visions and fresh expressions of your presence. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A: Unite us with the saints who have died and been raised in Jesus. Train us to wait with eager longing for Christ to come again, even as we sense his presence with us now. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*** PEACE**

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

(ELW p. 145, right side)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

COMMUNION

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. Amen.

***BLESSING**

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

***SENDING SONG**

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

ELW #855

***DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

Participants

Presiding and Preaching	Pastor Ken Tegtmeier
Assisting Minister	Karen Wenger
Coordinator of Music and Technology/Organist/Handbells	Rick Strine
Chancel Choir and Band Director	Milt Scott
Audio/Visual	Mike Reynolds & family / Dan Lynch
Technical Manager	Jeremy Hahn
Greeters	John & Lin Malachowski / Larry Haab / Kris Sites
Check-In	Susan Martin / Carol Tyler
Money Counters	Jim & Judy Oettel / Gary & Carolyn Likins

Prayer Requests

Matt Andrews and Family, Brian Bauer, Linda Bauer, Dennis Cox (Patricia Cox's brother-in-law,) Paul Kopetz, Carolyn Renton, Dorsey Roberts, Susan Braden Scott (Julie Baldwin's cousin)

*If you'd like to add someone to the Prayer Request list,
please contact the office or Pastor Rita.*