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## PRELUDE

## Rejoice

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GATHERING

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

In celebration of our baptism, we worship  
In the name of God: Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word.  
By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus  
Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and forever.  
Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG #1

## A King Is Born

*(Please be seated as we prepare our hearts for confession)*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Reconciling God,  
we yearn for your presence to transform  
our grief, pain, and despair.  
We confess that we have not always prepared  
room in our hearts for your love;  
we have not always recognized  
your presence among us;  
we have not always embraced your message of peace.  
We cry out, weary with the burden of violence,  
oppression, and fear.  
We confess our failure to make room  
for those seeking refuge;  
our participation in violent systems  
that harm your innocent ones;  
our reluctance to embody your good news.  
Be born in us today  
and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation.  
Amen.

God's grace upon grace flows over you.  
✝ Christ's presence redeems the whole creation.  
Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!  
Amen.

GATHERING SONG #2

Come & Behold Him

## **WORD**

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

### **GOSPEL**

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

**The Holy Gospel according to John the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter**  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.]

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

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**SERMON**

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**SONG OF THE DAY**

**We Have A Savior**

## APOSTLES' CREED

**With the whole church, let us affirm our faith with 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.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

**The Peace of the Lord be with you always.  
And also with you.  
Please share a sign of God's peace with one another.**

*(Please be seated and join us in prayer)*

## PRAYER SONG

**Lord, Listen To Your Children**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**Empowered by the news of Christ's birth, let us pray boldly for the church, creation, and all who are in need.**

*A brief silence.*

**O God, you reveal yourself wherever two or three are gathered in your name. Be with us now, not only in the infant Jesus and resurrected Christ, but in the beloved people of this assembly. Hear us, O God.**

**Your mercy is great.**

**You reveal yourself in the waters of the womb; in brooks, ponds, and oceans; and in the waters of baptism. Grant us wisdom to tenderly care for the earth as a garden watered by your grace. Hear us, O God.**

**Your mercy is great.**

**You reveal yourself in blessed diversity. Help us to look for you in people near and far, in bodies of all kinds, and in kindred young and old. Let us seek you in many places, especially in the faces of all those caught in the grip of war in the Middle East, Asia, Africa, Eastern Europe and the Americas. Hear us, O God.**

**Your mercy is great.**

**You reveal yourself in new life. Support those beginning a new job, a new relationship, or a new living situation, especially those displaced because of tragedy or loss. Be with all others who need your life-giving touch this day especially Karen Grochowsky, Michael Gunion, Delaney Metzger, Janet Pennel, Jackie Kellie, Steve Moore, Dave Pope, Pastor Mike, Marilyn, Sam Coryell, Sally McCarville, Bruce Whiting, Jim Shoelpple, Gabe Derr, Jacob Russell-Rivera, Juanita Steinbaugh, Andrew Langr, Ray Hollingstad, Mark Krueger, Bob White, Tommy Brewer, and Beverly Carlson. Hear us, O God.**

**Your mercy is great.**

**You reveal yourself in holy communion. Sustain all who provide food and fellowship in this congregation and in the wider community. Make our tables signs of your welcoming presence among us. Hear us, O God.**

**Your mercy is great.**

**You promise to turn mourning into joy and to comfort those who weep. We remember those who have died, especially CJ Hankins. Hold them in your glory. Hear us, O God.**

**Your mercy is great.**

With the joy of Christ's birth in our hearts, we commend our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER SONG

## Lord Listen To Your Children

## **MEAL**

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

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:**

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.**

**Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

God is now in flesh appearing.  
Come to the feast of joy!

### **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

#### **COMMUNION SONG**

**Agnus Dei**

### **TABLE BLESSING**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Incarnate God, you are among us at this table.  
May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts  
the mystery of your presence.  
Move us to discover the wonders of your love  
in the everyday moments of our lives,  
through Christ born in us.  
Amen.

## SENDING

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

## BLESSING

The triune God,  
The glorious and mysterious One,  
The Holy Incarnate One,  
And the abiding Comforter,  
✝ bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.  
Amen.

## SENDING SONG

Sing To The King

## MISSION STATEMENT

**Guided by the Gospel, we:**  
Welcome all to worship;  
Make disciples;  
Hunger for ministry;  
Nurture youth;  
Gather resources for growing ministries;  
Offer healing and care to all in need.

## DISMISSAL

**Glory to God in the highest!**  
And peace to God's people on earth!  
**Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.**  
Thanks be to God.

## OFFERING

*(Please place gifts in the plate as you leave)*