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PRELUDE

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.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For failing to recognize your coming reign,

and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,

and for disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For disregarding voices from the margin,

and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:
Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.
Through faith, the free gift of God,
you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.
In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead
dwells in you,
pours God's love into your hearts,
and gives you life and peace.
Amen.

KYRIE

The musical score is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three staves of music. The first staff is for the Cantor and All/Todos, with lyrics: "Lord, have mer - cy. Se - ñor, ten pie - dad." The second staff is for the Cantor and All/Todos, with lyrics: "Christ, have mer - cy. Cris-to, ten pie - dad." The third staff is for the Cantor and All/Todos, with lyrics: "Lord have mer - cy. ñor, ten pie - dad." The score includes various musical notations such as treble clefs, notes, rests, and slurs.

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CANTICAL OF PRAISE

Glo - ry to God in the
Glo - ria a Dios en el

high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple of good
cie - lo, y en la tie - rra paz a los hom - bres que a - ma el Se -

will. We praise you, we bless you, we a -
ñor. ¿ Por tu in - men - sa glo - ria te a - la -

dore you, we glo - ri - fy you, we give you
ba - mos, te ben - de - ci - mos, te a - do - ra - mos,

thanks, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,
¿ te glo - ri - fi - ca - mos, ¿ te da - mos gra - cias, Se -

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, O God, al - might - y
ñor Dios, Rey ce - les - tial, Dios Pa - dre to - do - po - de -

Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son,
ro - so. Se - ñor, Hi - jo ú - ni - co, Je - su - cris - to, Se -

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,
ñor Dios, Cor - de - ro de Dios, Hi - jo del Pa - dre; tú que

you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on
qui - tas el pe - ca - do del mun - do, ten pie - dad de no -

us; you take a-way the sins of the world, re-
so-tros; tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do, a-
ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed at the
tien-de nues-tra sí-pli-ca; tú que es-tás sen-ta-do a
right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on
la de-re-cha del Pa-dre, ten pie-dad de no-
us. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,
so-tros. Por-que só-lo tú e-res San-to,
you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High,
só-lo tú Se-ñor, só-lo tú Al-tí-si-mo,
Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the
Je-su-cris-to, con el Es-pí-ri-tu San-to en la
glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.
glo-ria de Dios Pa-dre. A - mén.

APOSTOLIC 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

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

THE FIRST READING FROM GENESIS 2:15-17, 3:1-7

¹⁵The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

^{3:1} Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' " ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

You Are My Hiding Place

Alleluia Singers

THE SECOND READING FROM ROMANS 5:12-19

¹² Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned ¹³for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶ And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷ If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹ For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, king of end - less
A - la - ban - za a ti, oh Cris - to, rey de e - ter - na

glo - ry, king of end - less glo - ry.
glo - ria, rey de e - ter - na glo - ria.

GOSPEL

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

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 4th Chapter

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. ² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴ But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'

⁷ Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹ and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

BAPTISM OF ALEXANDER KELLAN KOEHN

Pastor Orin W. Cummings

ABOUT BAPTISM

We acknowledge that we are born children of a fallen humanity. By water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Our gracious God frees us from sin and death and we live with Christ and in the communion of saints. We grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Let us pray:

Grant to us, O God, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ, your Son, may also live in the power of Christ's resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

In Romans 6: 3-11

Paul says that through baptism we die to sin and rise to new life in Christ.

In 1 Peter 2: 9-10

Peter, the great leader of the early Christian church, writes about being part of God's family, and the important task we share as God's people.

In Mark 10: 13-16

Jesus welcomes all people into the realm of God.

NAMING OF CHILD

Kelly and Chris Koehn

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Kelly and Chris, by presenting your child, *Alexander*, for baptism you are taking the responsibility to raise *him* in the community of faith, to place the Holy Scriptures and stories of faith in *his* hands, and to show *him* the lifestyle of people who love and serve God. Will you be the best example of faith that you can be?

Yes, by the help of God!

As his sponsors, **Chelsea and Tim Burnett**, do you promise to nurture *Alexander* in Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and help *him* live in *his* baptismal covenant and in communion with the church?

Yes, by the help of God!

Kelly and Chris, Chelsea and Tim, and all present:

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.**

BAPTISM

Alexander, I baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. *Alexander* you are sealed with the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen**

Let us pray:

Sustain *Alexander* 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**

BAPTISMAL CANDLE

Alexander, let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our God in heaven. **Amen**

PRAYER FOR PARENTS

O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon *Kelly and Chris*. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them in *Alexander*. Make them teachers and examples of faithful life in community to *Alexander and Eleanor*. Strengthen them with a living faith so that they may share eternally with *Alexander* the salvation you have given *him* through our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Through Baptism God has made *Alexander* our *brother* and member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear God's creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

***Alexander*, we welcome you into the family of God. We promise to pray for you and show our love for you, as members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly God, and workers in the realm of God.**

Let us WELCOME Alexander as we sing:

**The whole world is in God's hands,
The whole wide world is in God's hands.
The whole world is in God's hands,
The whole world's in God's hands.**

***Alexander* Koehn is in God's hands,
All boys and girls are in God's hands,
Everybody here is in God's hands,
The whole world's in God's hands.**

SERMON

Vicar Abbey Knappman

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 325

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me



1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Vickie: We are excited to welcome **Shannon and Cheryl Kruse, and Delaney Metzger** who have expressed a desire to join Messiah. They come to our congregation from Lutheran and other traditions.

Pastor: In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and
to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Pastor: *Shannon, Cheryl and Delaney*

Do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism
among God's people at Messiah?

Yes, by the help of God.

Pastor: People of God (Messiah),

Do you promise to support and pray for *Shannon, Cheryl and Delaney* new
members of Messiah, in their life in Christ?

Yes, by the help of God.

Vicar: Let us welcome *Shannon, Cheryl and Delaney* into this community of faith.

We rejoice with you in the baptismal life.

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

Vickie Let us pray

O God, we give you thanks for ***Shannon, Cheryl and Delaney***
whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ
and whom we now welcome into this household of faith.

Keep us close together in your Spirit,
in studying your Word, the breaking of bread, in prayers,
and in service to others in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs, and open our hearts to the will of God.

A brief silence.

God of all grace, grant faith to your church. Give to all the baptized the will to resist temptation and to worship and serve you alone. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all creation, tend this earth. When human greed and disobedience threaten this planet and the life it contains, lead us by your Spirit into ways of reverence, awe, and gentleness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all nations, preserve us from trouble. Surround all living in places of violence with your steadfast love and give resilience to all who work for peace, especially in the Middle East, Asia, Africa, Eastern Europe and the Americas. Grant courage to those who challenge, especially around issues of hate, idolatry, greed, racism, xenophobia, and systemic oppression. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all healing, mend our wounds. Bring wholeness to all who are sick, especially Virgie Wood, Jeff Ruel, Lou Echols, Larry Mahoney, David Adams, Nancy Terry, Linden Cummings, Roy Lloyd, Sherry Dogwiler, Michael Carr, Larry Sorenson, Sally McCarville, Bruce Whiting, Alexa Sabatka, Gabe Derr, Juanita Steinbaugh, Andrew Langr, Mark Krueger, Bob White, and Beverly Carlson. Give peace to all who groan in grief, and send companions to all who are lonely or isolated. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all people, provide for our community. For any among us who hunger for bread, bring nourishment. For any among us who hunger for truth, speak your life-giving word. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all life, bring us to you. We thank you for your free and abounding grace, and for those who, by that same grace, now rest eternally in you, especially Jim Brown, Leigh Palmer, and Jackie Kellie. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.
Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you,

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts,

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever living God. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
San - to, San - to, San - to es el Se - ñor, Dios de U - ni - ver - so.

Heav - en and earth, heav - en and earth are full of your
Lle - nos es - tán el cie - lo y la tie - rra de tu

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ben -
glo - ria. Ho - san - na en el cie - lo.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
di - to el que vie - ne en nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
san - na en el cie - lo. Ho - san - na en el cie - lo.

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.
men.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table.
Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Cantor: *Assembly / Asamblea:*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the
Cor - de - ro de Dios, que qui-tas el pe - ca - do del

To repeat *Cantor:*

world, have mer - cy on us.
mun - do, ten pie - dad de no - so - tros. Cor -

Last time *Cantor:*

us.
so - tros. Cor -

Assembly / Asamblea:

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,
de - ro de Dios, que qui-tas el pe - ca - do del mun - do,

grant us peace, grant us peace.
da - nos la paz, da - nos la paz.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

ELW 613

Thy Holy Wings



1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,
2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast
3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.



and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.
Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.



Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,
Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,



and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.
for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.
and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903, sts. 1, 3; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 2; tr. composite
Music: BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR, Swedish folk tune
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DISTRIBUTION HYMN

ELW 599

Lord Jesus, Think on Me



1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, by anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when the flood is past,



from self - ish pas - sions set me free and make me pure with - in.
let me your lov - ing ser - vant be and taste your prom - ised rest.
through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty point out your cho - sen way.
I may the_e - ter - nal bright - ness see and share your joy at last.

Text: Synesius of Cyrene, 375–430; tr. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808–1896, alt.
Music: SOUTHWELL, W. Daman, *The Psalmes of Dauid*, 1579, alt.

TABLE BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of our salvation,
we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.
Through the body and blood of your Son,
may we become Christ's body in the world,
bearing witness to your love for all creation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:
God, who calls all things into existence,
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,
✠ bless you now and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 624

Jesus, Still Lead On



1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al - though the
2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less
3 When we seek re - lief from a long - felt grief, when temp - ta - tions
4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n - ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;
come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.
safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.
Music: SEELENBRÄUTIGAM, Adam Drese, 1620–1701

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

Go in peace. Believe the good news.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

OFFERING

(Please place gifts in the plates as you leave)

POSTLUDE