

Date: 10/31/26 Season: ALL SAINTS/BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES (WHITE)

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

Rachel Bergin

GATHERING

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

CALL TO WORSHIP/INVOCATION

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

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Beloved of God, called to be saints:
We give you thanks, holy and gracious God,
for you created the waters of the earth
wide oceans, rushing streams, clear lakes, and mighty rivers.

**You led your people through the sea
and called them to live in covenant with you.
Your Son was baptized in the river Jordan to begin his mission among us.
You pour out your Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth.
Through this water remind us of the gift of baptism.
Renew us in your promise so that we may serve this world in all its need;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

Almighty God,
who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit
strengthen us in all goodness
and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep us in eternal life through ✙ Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

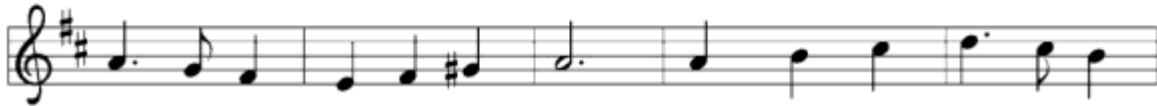
GATHERING HYMN

ELW 733

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960

Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870–1957

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REMEMBERING THE SAINTS BEFORE GOD

We praise and bless you, O holy Trinity. You have taught your church that it is an ageless communion of saints. We thank you for gathering those who faithfully waited in hope for the redemption you promised, and now for adding us who celebrate the love of Christ for the redemption of the world. Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you. Help us remember them as an encouragement to saintly living, exciting us to love, in anticipation of an eternal reunion. With them we praise and bless you, O holy Trinity.

Amen.

WE LIGHT A CANDLE IN REMEMBRANCE OF EACH PERSON MENTIONED

David Adams, Jane Allwardt, Hallie Boyer, Jim Brown, Jack Claville, Steve Cowden, Francis Crawford, Eveline Cruse, Linden Cummings, Morgan Cummings, Kevin Darr, Joe Davis, Sherry Dogwiler, Donna Land, Wilma Dublin, Annis Dunham, Lou Echols, Karen Eggers, Chris Hanke, CJ Hankins, Ray Hollingshad, Norma Isenberg, Larry Johnson, Jackie Kellie, Robert (Rex) King, Elwood Knight, Harold Lokensgard, Louise Rowden, Cheryl Lungberg, Barb Martin, Helen Matina, Leonard McDownd, Lynda Minnick, Steve Moore, Mary Nau, Deloris Needham, Leigh Palmer, Nancy Pate, Richard Petering, Dave Pope, Colleen Prosser, Beth Ramsey, David Ramsey, Dr. Kerry Randolph, Cliff Rule, Carl Spaethe, Juanita Steinbaugh, Myril Stewart, Gary Walker, Addison Ann Wehrle, Bob White, Bruce Whiting.

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

Loving God, teach us to give not out of obligation, but out of gratitude; not out of fear, but out of faith; and not for recognition, but out of genuine love for you and for our neighbors. Open our hearts to the needs of our Church and our community. May our offerings of time, talent, and treasure become living expressions of our love, instruments of your peace, and seeds of hope for generations to come, you through 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 2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-9

¹ We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia, ² for during a severe ordeal of affliction their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³ For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means and even beyond their means, ⁴ begging us earnestly for the favor of partnering in this ministry to the saints, ⁵ and not as we expected. Instead, they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, ⁶ so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you. ⁷ Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸ I do not say this as a command, but I am, by mentioning the eagerness of others, testing the genuineness of your love. ⁹ For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING FROM 1 JOHN 3:16-18

¹⁶ We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸ Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.
The Holy Gospel according to John the 3rd Chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus says,] "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

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

SERMON

"In Love We Give"

Pastor Orin W Cummings

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 502

The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877
Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United, with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, all of creation, and open our hearts to God.

A brief silence.

Fill your church with mercy and humility as we proclaim the gospel in our worship and witness in the world. Renew and inspire all who preach and teach among us. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Restore all lands suffering from ecological degradation. Move us to protect soils and waterways in Southwestern Missouri. Point us toward innovative ways of living in harmony and joy with creation. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Unite the nations in their actions toward justice and peace. Raise up leaders who listen deeply for the needs of their communities, and surround the election process with wisdom, discernment, and respect for the rule of law. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bring comfort and care to all who are in need, especially all who mourn this day. Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness, or struggling with chronic illness especially Jane Schwab, Maggie Wilcox, Lucy Stillwell, Nicole Brooks, Peggy Trinidad, Matthew Peterson, Virgie Wood, Jay Teaford, Michael Cope, Carol Bickel, Lynn Burk, Judith Iverson, Darin Mack, Sandy Fisher, Wanda Wilson, Bob Ockree, Jennie Rohy, Ginny Erickson, Allison Gregory, Susan Klockow, Larry Sorenson, David Grochowsky, Andrew Langr, Mark Krueger, Cathy Carleton, and Beverly Carlson. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Nurture programs and communities that support elders and those who are homebound. Bless caregivers, nurses, chaplains, social workers, and hospice staff. Guide this congregation's ministry with seniors and their families. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors, especially Jane Allwardt, William "Larry" Johnson, and Dr. Kerry Randolph. Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
Amen.

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

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

ELW 465

As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN

ELW 658

O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts



1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of
2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to
3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our
4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our

life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -
feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -
chang-ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you
mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -

parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.
head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.
turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.
way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808–1887, alt.
Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

TABLE BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost,
bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out,
awake to your presence,
now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

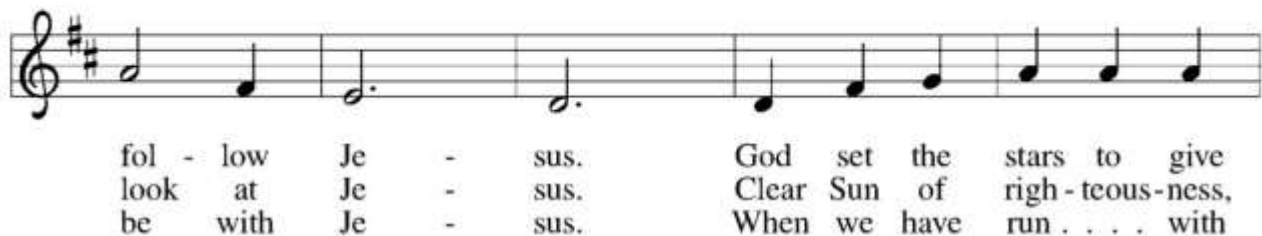
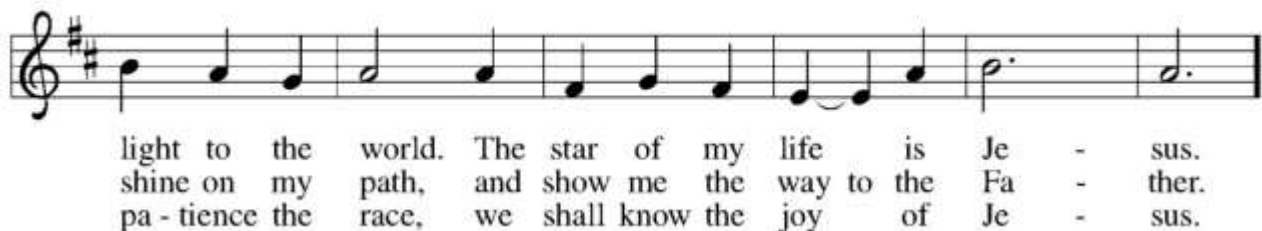
The holy Trinity,
Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 815

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light





Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934
Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson
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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. Encourage one another.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

OFFERING

(Please place gifts in the plates as you leave)

POSTLUDE