

*Welcome to*  
**Luther Memorial Church**  
*of the Erie Lutheran Parish*

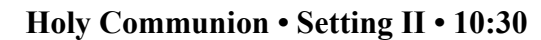


13 JANUARY 2019  
The Baptism of Our Lord

*The Baptism of Our Lord cannot help but recall our own and all baptismal blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as daughters and sons, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we “pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire.” On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of the beloved Son of God in bread and wine.*

THE REV. WILLIAM COLEMAN, *Pastor*

Academy Administrator



►

- P** In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, as nurtured in the water of a womb.  
He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit.  
He called those who follow him into lives of faithfulness,  
and belief in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins and life everlasting.

**C** **We proclaim Christ’s work to all the nations and his glory among all people.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

- P** Pour out your Holy Spirit, and bless the gift of water and those who receive it.  
Wash away our sin and clothe us in righteousness throughout our lives,  
that, dying and being raised with Christ, we may share in his final victory.

**C** **All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever.**

**P** We offer you thanks, O God, for the message of forgiveness  
which you have given us through the waters of baptism.

**C** **Amen.**

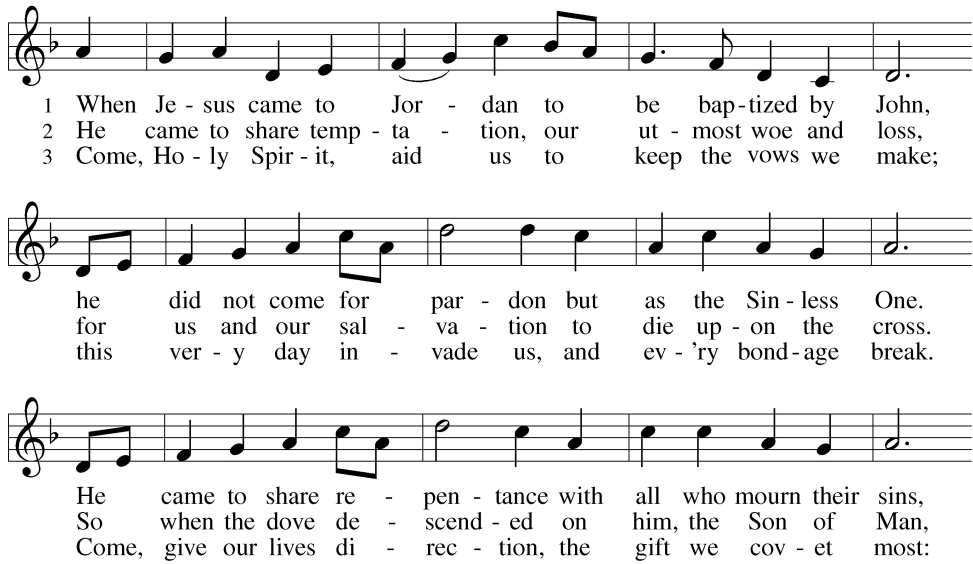
*Please turn and reverence the cross of Christ.  
As the cross passes you, turn and face the cross as it is carried to the chancel.*

*This hymn text comes from the pen of a widely honored and accomplished English Methodist clergyman.  
The melody is used for two English folksongs, and was first used as a hymn tune in the early 20th century.*

ENTRANCE HYMN

WOV 647

When Jesus Came to Jordan



1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap-tized by John,  
2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,  
3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;

he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.  
for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.  
this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - 'ry bond - age break.

He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,  
So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,  
Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:



to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.  
the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.  
to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000  
Music: KING’S LYNN, English folk tune

GREETING 2 Corinthians 13:14

- P** We gather in the name of the Father, + and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

KYRIE Luke 17:13



**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** **Lord, have mer - cy.**

**A** For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mer - cy.**

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mer - cy.**

**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord. **B** Lord, have mer - cy.  
**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **B** A - men

### HYMN OF PRAISE *Luke 2:14*

**A** Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.  
**B** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:  
We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.  
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:  
You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

### PRAYER OF THE DAY *Ruth 2:4*

**P** The Lord be with you. **B** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**B** Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

### CHILDREN'S SERMON AND DISMISSAL FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

**WORD** – “God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song.”

*Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring them home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.*

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

<sup>1</sup>But now thus says the LORD,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.

<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.

<sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

<sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.

<sup>5</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;

<sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, “Give them up,”  
and to the south, “Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth—

<sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made.”

 The word of the Lord.  **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 29**

**Refrain:** *(Sung once by the choir, then repeated by the congregation and sung where indicated by R.)*



The voice of the Lord is up-on the wa-ters.

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup>He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. **R**



<sup>7</sup>The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

<sup>8</sup>The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe  
and strips the forests bare.

<sup>9</sup>And in the temple of the Lord  
all are crying, “Glory!”

<sup>10</sup>The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.

<sup>11</sup>The Lord shall give strength to his people;  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. **R**

*Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently  
baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip.  
Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.*

**SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17**

<sup>14</sup>Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter  
and John to them. <sup>15</sup>The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup>(for  
as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord  
Jesus). <sup>17</sup>Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

 The word of the Lord.  **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*


**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**


**Refrain:** *The "Alleluias" are sung by all before and after the choral verse.*



Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

*A voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”  
(Matt. 3:17)*

 The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that  
he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God  
was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God’s beloved Son.*

**GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John,  
whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one  
who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize ►

you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”  
<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

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

*Please be seated.*

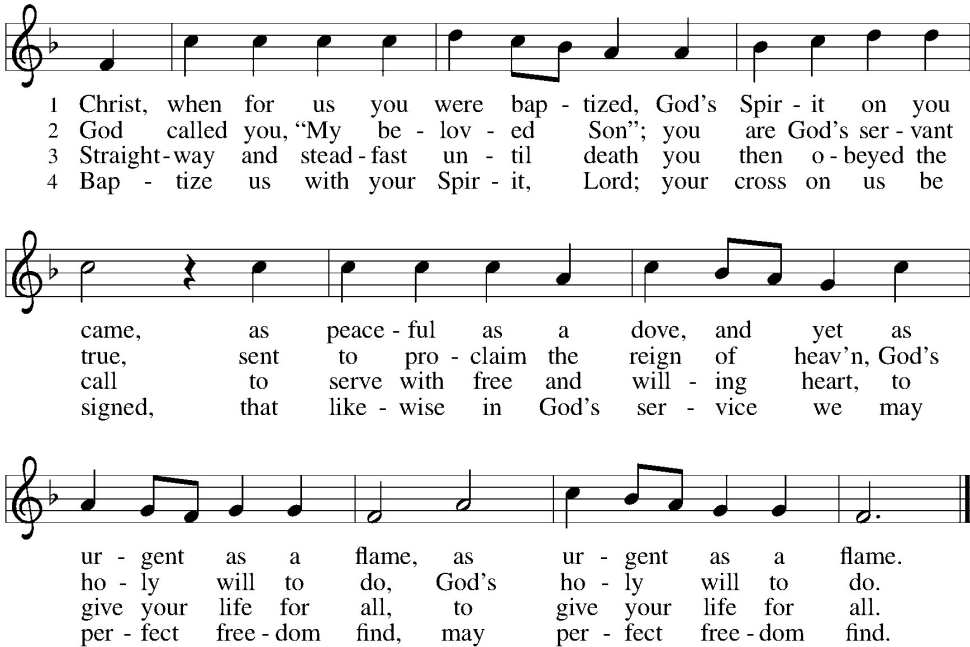
SERMON Pastor Coleman

*Please stand as you are able.*

*The author of this hymn was an Episcopal priest who gained great recognition as a hymn writer.  
The melody, which dates from the mid-16<sup>th</sup> century, was favored by J. S. Bach,  
who used it in two cantatas and several organ works.*

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 304

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you  
2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant  
3 Straight-way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the  
4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be

came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as  
true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's  
call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to  
signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may

ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.  
ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.  
give your life for all, to give your life for all.  
per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984, alt.  
Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561  
Text © 1985 The Church Pension Fund, admin. Church Publishing, Inc. All rights reserved.

*Please be seated.*

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

- ☐ Brothers and sisters in Christ, on this day of the Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ we remember and renew the vows once spoken at our baptisms -- that time when we were washed of our sins and received the Holy Spirit which dwells within us. Let us boldly profess our faith before God, renouncing those things which harm us, and embrace a Spirit-filled life of faith.
- ☐ I ask that you profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and proclaim the faith of the Church.
- ☐ Do you renounce Satan and all the forces which resist God?
- ☒ **I renounce them.**
- ☐ Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
- ☒ **I renounce them.**
- ☐ Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you away from God?
- ☒ **I renounce them.**
- ☐ 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, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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. Amen.**
- ☐ You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the promise that God has made with you in holy baptism: that you live faithfully among God's people, that you hear the Word of God and share in the Lord's supper, that you proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, that you serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and that you strive for justice and peace in all the earth?
- ☒ **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**



**P** People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

**C** We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

**THE PRAYERS** 1 Timothy 2:1

**A** Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence.*

**A** For the church and the ministry of the baptized, that your Holy Spirit will teach all people to forgive sins, ending violence and ushering in peace throughout the world, let us pray.

**C** Have mercy, O God.

**A** For those in harm’s way on this day, for those who are lonely and hurting, for those who are suffering, for those helping those in danger and for those who are travelling, let us pray.

**C** Have mercy, O God.

**A** For the leaders of national and local governments, especially our President, Congress and Supreme Court, that you will bless them with wisdom, understanding and humility, let us pray.

**C** Have mercy, O God.

**A** For the sick and suffering, the imprisoned and hungry, the lonely and grieving, especially those names on our prayer list and those names we offer to you now.... that Christ our great physician will soothe and console all in need, let us pray.

**C** Have mercy, O God.

**A** For our local community, for Luther Memorial Church, and for those among us who have been baptized this past year. For Giovanna, Asher, Felix, Fiona, Katie, Elliott, Wyatt, and Aubrey, that they will always know they are beautiful children of God, let us pray.

**C** Have mercy, O God.

**A** O God our savior, we rejoice in the example of the saints who have gone before us, especially Joan Ragen, until we join them around your throne. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** Have mercy, O God.

**P** Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you. Romans 16:16

*Please be seated.*

**MEAL – “God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.”**

**THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED** Psalm 116:12

An Individual Silent Prayer as We Prepare to Make our Offering:

*“Jesus said, truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on.”*

*Luke 21: 3-4*

**ANTHEM – "The Baptism of Jesus"**

**Austin C. Lovelace**

*When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,  
He did not come for pardon, but as the sinless one.  
He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,  
To speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.*

*He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss,  
For us and our salvation to die upon the cross.  
So when the Dove descended on him, the Son of Man,  
The hidden years had ended, the age of grace began.*

*Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make;  
This very day invade us, and every bondage break.  
Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most;  
To share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**OFFERTORY**



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all his ben-e-fits to me?



I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will call on the



name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-va-tion and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the



pres-ence of all his peo-ple, in the courts of the Lord's house,




in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.


OFFERTORY PRAYER

**A** God of all creation,  
all you have made is good,  
and your love endures forever.  
You bring forth bread from the earth  
and fruit from the vine.  
Nourish us with these gifts,  
that we might be for the world  
signs of your gracious presence  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**G** Amen.


GREAT THANKSGIVING *Matthew 21:9*




**P** The Lord be with you. **G** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts. **G** We lift them to the Lord.




**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.




**G** It is right to give him thanks and praise.


**P** 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, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us and revealed your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:




**G** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

**P** We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ your beloved Son,  
whom you sent in this end of the ages so you would save and redeem us and proclaim your will.  
He is your Word, inseparable from you.  
Through him you created all things, and in him you have great joy.  
He is your Word, sent from heaven into a virgin's womb.  
He took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son,  
born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.  
It is he, our Lord Jesus, who fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people;  
he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust in you.  
It is he, who was handed over into a death he freely accepted,  
breaking the bonds of the evil one, and crushing hell underfoot,  
giving light for the righteous and establishing his promise,  
so by taking bread and giving thanks, you said:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
In the same way you took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This is my blood given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we lift this bread and cup before you,  
giving you thanks that you have made us worthy in standing before you  
to serve you as your priestly people.  
And we ask you:  
Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your Church;  
gather into one all who share this bread and wine;  
fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,  
that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father,  
With the Holy Spirit, in your Holy Church, both now and forever.  
**G** 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. Matthew 6:9

AGNUS DEI

☛ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;

grant us peace, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

☐ We who are many are one body,  
for we all partake of the one bread.  
Come. Be filled with light and life.  
☛ Amen.

The congregation is seated.

Today's service is a celebration of Holy Communion. We believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the gifts of bread and wine, bringing forgiveness of sins and new life to all who receive this sacrament. All baptized Christians who come at our Lord's invitation are welcome at His table of grace.

Please come forward by the center aisle. The distribution of the elements is by the method of intinction (dipping). Receive the bread and dip it into the chalice (cup). Wine is in the metal chalice. Grape juice, for those who prefer it, is in the earthenware chalice. Return to your place by the side aisle.

COMMUNION John 1:29

The text of this hymn, included in the United Methodist Hymnal (1989), elaborates on the promises of baptism as the transforming rite of initiation into the Christian family. The melody is the work of a self-taught and highly successful singing school teacher, who prepared the manuscript for Southern Harmony and also published The Sacred Harp, an often-printed collection of Old Baptist tunes.

HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

WOV 697

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

1 Wash, O God, our sons and daugh-ters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.  
2 We who bring them long for nur-ture; by your milk may we be fed.  
3 Oh, how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-im-ag-ined, all your ways!

Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a-go.  
Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of bless-ing, liv-ing bread.  
To your name be glo-ry, hon-or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!

Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.  
God, re-new us, guide our foot-steps; free from sin and all its snares,  
We your peo-ple stand be-fore you, wa-ter-washed and Spir-it-born.

Fill, a-noint them; send your Spir-it, ho-ly dove and heart's de-light.  
one with Christ in liv-ing, dy-ing, by your Spir-it, chil-dren, heirs.  
By your grace, our lives we of-fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans-form!

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947  
Music: BEACH SPRING, The Sacred Harp, Philadelphia, 1844

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

-  The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
-  **Amen.**

Text and tune for this hymn are the work of a Minnesota composer who served the Lutheran church for over 20 years as a youth director, and continues to create resources that include works for children, preschoolers and youth.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

ELW 453

Baptized and Set Free



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.  
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.  
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,  
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.  
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.  
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.  
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.

Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door  
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:  
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:  
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be

to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.  
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.  
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.  
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!



Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956  
Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathy Skogen-Soldner  
Text and music © 1999 Augsburg Fortress.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER



-  We thank you, O God,  
that you have fed us at your banqueting table  
with bread and wine beyond compare,  
the very life of Christ for us.  
Send your Spirit with us now,  
that we may set the captive free,  
use your gifts to build one another up,  
and in everything reflect your glory  
revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
-  **Amen.**

SENDING – “God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.”

BLESSING Numbers 6:24-26

-  The God of glory dwell in you richly,  
name you beloved,  
and shine brightly on your path;  
and the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.
-  **Amen.**

DISMISSAL Luke 7:50

-  Go in peace. We are baptized!
-  **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE – "Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"

Wilhelm Rudnick

Copyright © 2015 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS026819.  
New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright © 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.