

## GATHER

### Prelude

### Words of Welcome

### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose voice is upon the waters,  
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,  
whose goodness cascades over all creation.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**you search us and know us.**

**You are acquainted with all our ways.**

**We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—  
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.**

**We turn inward, failing to follow  
your outward way of love.**

**We distrust those who are not like us.**

**We exploit the earth and its resources  
and fail to consider generations to come.**

**Forgive us, gracious God,  
for all we have done and left undone.**

**Even before the words are on our tongues,  
you know them;  
receive them in your divine mercy.**

**Amen.**

How vast is God's grace!

Through the power and promise of † Christ Jesus,  
our sins are washed away

and we are claimed as God's own beloved.

Indeed, we are forgiven.

In the wake of God's forgiveness,  
we are called to be the beloved community  
living out Christ's justice  
and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

**Amen.**



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.

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### 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.**

1. Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for  
 2. Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for  
 3. Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, - man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

*Refrain*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
 Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!  
 Shine in your church gath-ered to - day.

## Prayer of the Day

## Children's Time

# WORD

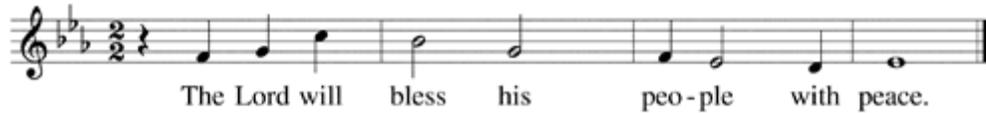
### First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5

*Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the formless void, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for us. God created and continues to create new life.*

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

## Psalm 29

Refrain



Verses

1. O give the Lord, you children of God, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name. Adore the Lord, resplendent and holy.
2. The Lord's voice resounding on the waters; the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendor.
3. The God of glory thunders. In his temple they all cry: "Glory!" the Lord sat enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits as king for ever.

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## Second Reading: Acts 19:1-7

*In Ephesus, Paul encounters people who had received John's baptism of repentance but had never heard of the Holy Spirit or of baptism in the name of Jesus. After Paul baptizes them, the Holy Spirit comes upon them and empowers them with gifts of the Spirit.*

<sup>1</sup>While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."

<sup>3</sup>Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism."

<sup>4</sup>Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." <sup>5</sup>On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—<sup>7</sup>altogether there were about twelve of them.

## Alleluia Verse



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## Holy Gospel: Mark 1:4-11 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

# Sermon

## Hymn of the Day

### *Come to the Water*



1. O let all who thirst, let them come to the  
2. And let all who seek, let them come to the  
3. And let all who toil, let them come to the  
4. And let all the poor, let them come to the



wa - ter. And let all who have noth - ing,  
wa - ter. And let all who have noth - ing,  
wa - ter. And let all who are wea - ry,  
wa - ter. Bring the ones who are lad - en,



let them come to the Lord: With - out mon - ey,  
let them come to the Lord: With - out mon - ey,  
let them come to the Lord: All who la - bor,  
bring them all to the Lord: Bring the chil - dren



with - out price. Why should you pay the price,  
with - out strife. Why should you spend your life,  
with - out rest. How can your soul find rest,  
with - out might. Eas - y the load and light:



ex - cept for the Lord?  
ex - cept for the Lord?  
ex - cept for the Lord?  
? come to the Lord.

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## Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in God,  
the creator of all things,  
the giver of life and breath.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
born Emmanuel, God with us,  
baptized and revealed the most beloved Son of God;  
he sought to heal humanity by taking our brokenness upon himself,  
suffering for us,  
dying for us  
and being raised from the dead for our sake  
and for the sake of all the world.**

**We believe that he will come again.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
continually poured out refreshing our lives,  
leading us into a new day,  
ever-birthing the church, the body of Christ in the world.  
This Spirit is our soul companion and counselor of truth  
reminding us  
of the gift of faith,  
the ever presence of God  
and the promise of eternal life.**

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### **The Prayers**

*Prayer requests:* Sid & Beryl Bennett; Jeannie Ledford and family; Elsa Brody; Suzanne Gorter; Maureen Dresp & Family (Allison; Linda & Fred); Family of Tanya Hendry; Monica (friend of Jeannie Ledford)  
*Prayers for our church family:* Walt & Helen Rehm; John & Ruth Rollefson; Richard & Cyndi Rollefson

### **The Peace**

#### **Thanksgiving for the Word**

Holy God,  
Light of the universe, Teacher of truth, Giver of goodness,  
we hear your Word in the Scriptures,  
proclaiming to us your wisdom  
and inviting us to follow your call.  
For speaking this Word, we thank you, O God.  
**We thank you, O God.**

Your Word came among us in Jesus, our brother,  
who preached your righteousness, healed the sick,  
and revived the brokenhearted.  
For giving us this Word, we worship you, O God.  
**We worship you, O God.**

By your Spirit bless all who receive this Word,  
that upheld by the mystery of the body of Christ,  
we may be light for the world,  
revealing the brilliance of your Son.  
For sustaining us with your Word, we praise you, O God.  
**We praise you, O God.**

Blessed are you, holy God, around us, with us, and in us,  
now and forever. Amen.  
**Amen.**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.

## SENDING

### Blessing

God the creator strengthen you;  
Jesus the beloved fill you;  
and the Holy Spirit the comforter † keep you in peace.  
**Amen.**

### Sending Song

#### *Wade in the Water*

Chorus: Wade in the water  
wade in the water children  
wade in the water  
God's a-gonna trouble the water.

Who's that yonder dressed in red?  
wade in the water  
Must be the children that Moses led  
God's a-gonna trouble the water. Chorus

Who's that yonder dressed in white?  
wade in the water  
Must be the children of the Israelite  
God's a-gonna trouble the water. Chorus

Who's that yonder dressed in blue?  
wade in the water  
must be the children that are coming through  
God's a-gonna trouble the water. Chorus

You don't believe I've been redeemed  
Wade in the water  
Just follow me down to Jordan's stream.  
God's a-gonna trouble the water. Chorus

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Thanks to:

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Richard Rollefson