

PRE-Service Song: "Yes, We All Agree" Tommy Walker and His Virtual Choir from Around the World. (8:26) Videos/preservice videos/Yes, We All Agree

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN 404 "Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered"

Had no blemish of His own;  
In the waters of the Jordan  
His true worth and work were shown:  
Heaven opened and the Spirit  
There descended like a dove,  
As the Father's voice resounded,  
"Hear My Son, the One I love."

John confessed Him as the Savior  
"Look, the sinless Lamb of God!"  
Yet he dared not loose the sandals  
Of the One God's love had shod.  
Oh, how fair the feet of Jesus,  
Bringing news of peace to us,  
Christ, the herald of salvation,  
Preaching mercy from the cross:

This the baptism that our Savior  
Greatly longed to undergo;  
This the crimson cleansing needed  
So the world God's love might know;  
This the mission of Messiah  
As He stepped from Jordan's stream,  
He, the chosen and anointed  
Son of God, sent to redeem.

Jesus, once with sinners numbered,  
Full obedience was Your path;  
You, by death, have consecrated  
Water in this saving bath:  
Dying to the sin of Adam,  
Rising to a life of grace;  
We are counted with the righteous,  
Over us the cross You trace.

## INVOCATION

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C:** Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES *Genesis 1:1–2; Psalm 29:3–4*

**P:** In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.  
**C:** And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

**P:** And God said, “Let there be light.”  
**C:** The voice of the Lord is over the waters.

**P:** The voice of the Lord is powerful.  
**C:** The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

**P:** The voice of the Lord reveals Jesus as His Son.  
**C:** The voice of the Lord reveals we are His children too.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P:** In Holy Baptism, each of us was baptized into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. In Baptism, we were united with Christ. Yet, we have often lived as if we were entirely independent and autonomous. We have lived as if our identity were not in Jesus, but in our own selfish desires. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to turn back to Him and ask for His forgiveness.

### *Silence for reflection.*

**P:** Heavenly Father,  
**C:** we confess that we are by nature sinful and have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. On account of Jesus, forgive us, renew us, and unite us to Your name.

**P:** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you. In Baptism, you were united to Christ in both His death and resurrection. You were buried with Him, but also raised to walk in newness of life. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C:** Amen. We are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

## SHARING THE PEACE

**HYMN No. 394      "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" (vss 1-4)**

**Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise;  
Manifested by the star  
To the sages from afar,  
Branch of royal David's stem  
In Thy birth at Bethlehem:  
Anthems be to Thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.**

**Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
And at Cana wedding guest  
In Thy Godhead manifest;  
Manifest in power divine,  
Changing water into wine;  
Anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.**

**Manifest in making whole  
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
Manifest in valiant fight,  
Quelling all the devil's might;  
Manifest in gracious will,  
Ever bringing good from ill;  
Anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.**

**Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord,  
Present in Thy holy Word;  
Grace to imitate Thee now  
And be pure, as pure art Thou;  
That we might become like Thee  
At Thy great epiphany  
And may praise Thee, ever blest,  
God in man made manifest.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:    Let us pray.**

**Heavenly Father, at the Baptism of Jesus, You revealed Him as Your beloved Son. Unite us to Christ, that we may daily die to sin and arise to newness of life, so that we might share the truth of Your Gospel; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**C:    Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Genesis 1:1–5*

**(God creates the heavens and the earth.)**

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

**L:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE** *Romans 6:1–11*

**(We are baptized into Christ’s death and resurrection.)**

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**L:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**VERSE** *Psalms 117:1–2a;*

**L:** Alleluia! Praise the LORD, all nations!

Extol Him, all peoples!

**C:** For great is His steadfast love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Alleluia!

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Mark 1:4–11* (Jesus is baptized by John.)

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

**C:** Glory to You, O Lord.

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. 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 when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

**HYMN No. 590      "Baptized into Your Name Most Holy"**

Baptized into Your name most holy,  
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,  
Among Your saints, Your chosen host.  
Buried with Christ and dead to sin,  
Your Spirit now shall live within.

My loving Father, here You take me  
To be hence-forth Your child and heir;  
My faithful Savior, here You make me  
The fruit of all Your sorrows share;  
O Holy Ghost, comfort me  
When threat'ning clouds around I see.

My faithful God, You fail me never;;  
Your promise surely will endure.  
O cast me not away forever  
If words and deeds become impure.  
Have mercy when I come defiled;  
Forgive, lift up, restore Your child.

All that I am and love most dearly,  
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.  
Let me confess my faith sincerely;  
Help me Your faithful child to be!  
Let nothing that I am or own  
Serve any will but Yours alone.

SERMON      “A Day to Remember”      Mark 1:4-11      Pastor Matt

CONFESSION OF FAITH      THE APOSTLES’ CREED      *stand*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

All: 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.

BLESSING OF THE LORD      *Numbers 6:24–26*

P      The LORD bless you and keep you.  
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The LORD smile upon you and + give you peace.  
C:      Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN No. 603     “We Know That Christ Is Raised”**

**We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
Embraced by death, He broke its fearful hold;  
And our despair He turned to blazing joy.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**We share by water in His saving death.  
Reborn, we share with Him an Easter life  
As living members of a living Christ.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**The Father’s splendor clothes the Son with life.  
The Spirit’s power shakes the Church of God.  
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**SENDING**

**P: Now go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
C: Thanks be to God.**

**LEAVING MUSIC**