

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 92:1-4*

P: It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
C: to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

P: to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
C: and your faithfulness by night,

P: to the music of the lute and the harp,
C: to the melody of the lyre.

P: For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
C: at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *1 John 1:8–9; Psalm 107:1–2; Ephesians 2:4–5, 8;
John 3:17*

P: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ. In light of God's mercy let us hear the Word of the Lord regarding our sinful condition. The beloved disciple John reminds us:
If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C: But if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: God's steadfast love endures forever!
Let the redeemed of the LORD say so.

C: Although we are on the way to the heavenly promised land, like the Israelites in the desert, we complain about many things. We are sinful and unclean at heart and often follow the desires of the body and the mind.

P: God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us,

C: made us alive together with Christ.

P: God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world,

C: but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

P: Rejoice! By grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

SHARING THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, while we were still dead in sin, You came as one of us to die for us and bring us to eternal life. Give us strength of faith to look up to You each day of our sojourn until we see You face-to-face in eternity; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BAPTISMAL HYMN No. 600 “All Who Believe and Are Baptized” (vs 1)

RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM Jazlyn Melvie Heiden
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BAPTISMAL HYMN No. 600 “All Who Believe and Are Baptized” (vs 2)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Numbers 21:4–9*
(Israelites who look up to the bronze serpent live.)

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.”

Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Ephesians 2:1–10* (We are saved by grace.)

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *John 3:16*

L: For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son,

C: that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 3:14–21* (All who look up to Jesus on the cross will be saved.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN No. 571 “God Loved the World So That He Gave”

SERMON “We Are His Workmanship” Ephesians 2:1-10 Pastor Vern

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

P: Remember us in Your kingdom, Lord, and teach us to pray:

**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 look upon you with favor and + give you peace.**

C: Amen.

HYMN No. 837 “Lift High the Cross”

SENDING *Ephesians 2:10*

**P: You are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared
 beforehand, that we should walk in them. Therefore, go in peace as you serve the Lord.**

C: Thanks be to God!