

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Yesterday: We celebrated the Baptisms of Calvin Garcia, son of Luis & Emily (Colvin) Garcia and Liv Colvin, daughter of Jordan & Katie Colvin.



INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 136:23–26; antiphon: v. 1*

**L: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
for His steadfast love endures forever.
C: It is He who remembered us in our low estate,
for His steadfast love endures forever;**

**L: and rescued us from our foes, for His steadfast love endures forever;
C: He who gives food to all flesh, for His steadfast love endures forever.**

**L: Give thanks to the God of heaven, for His steadfast love endures forever.
C: 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.**

**L: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
C: for His steadfast love endures forever.**

CONFESSION

Psalm 41:4; Leviticus 18:4; Colossians 1:10, 12–14; Luke 10:27

**L: As for me, I said, “O LORD, be gracious to me;
C: heal me, for I have sinned against You!”**

In silent prayer, we come before our merciful Lord for His healing forgiveness.

L: Holy God, You have commanded us: “You shall follow My rules and keep My statutes and walk in them. I am the LORD your God.”

C: We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.

L: “Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.”

C: We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

L: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”

C: We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF GRACE

L: As brothers and sisters in Christ, let us give thanks to the Father, “who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” Let us rejoice in the Lord for what God the Father declares is accomplished according to His will. Forgiveness and Heaven are His gift to us; in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE “The Borning Cry” W&M by John Ylvisaker,

**I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.**

**I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell.**

**When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.**

**If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk 'till rising sun**

**In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.**

**When the evening gently closes in,
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise**

**I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in Your deep compassion You deliver us from the domain of darkness and bring us into Your eternal kingdom.

C: Teach us to love You above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves;

L: for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM for Sylvia Vied is being postponed due to an outbreak of Covid in her Sponsors family.

The OLD TESTAMENT READING for the 5th Sunday after Pentecost is from the book of Leviticus, chapters 18 & 19. *Leviticus 18:1–5; 19:9–18*

“When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.

“You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.

“You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

“You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The EPISTLE of St Paul to the Colossians, chapter 1. *Colossians 1:1–14*

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Luke 10:27, adapted*

**L: Alleluia. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind.**

C: And you shall love your neighbor as yourself. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 10:25–37*

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN No. 770

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in prayers!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
Oh, what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;
Thou wilt find a solace there.

SERMON "Christ, Our Faithful Neighbor!" Luke 10:25-37 Pastor Vern

CONFESSION OF FAITH **THE APOSTLES' CREED** *stand*

ALL: 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

L: Holy God, our Father in heaven, we thank You for the mercy You have shown to us. We have not lived the lives of holiness You require, choosing to put ourselves first instead of fearing, loving, and trusting in You above all things. And yet You transfer the holiness of Your Son to us as we trust in Him as our Lord and Savior. May Your name be holy among us as we live our lives for Your glory! Lord in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Lord Jesus, You reign at the Father's right hand as King of kings and Lord of lords. As You minister to us now by Your Holy Spirit, working through our Baptisms, Your kingdom breaks into our world and touches our lives with Your love. Thank You for pouring out Your grace upon **Calvin Garcia** and **Liv Colvin** yesterday,. Thank You for washing them in the water with the Word and sealing them with Your Holy Spirit. May Your name be holy among all the Baptized, as we share in the blessings of Your kingdom! Lord in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Your will, O Lord, is for all people to know You and confess You as their holy God. Remind us again of Your redemption in and through our Lord Jesus, and grant us to know Your love that we may willingly go into every corner of this world to Baptize and teach everything You have commanded in Your Word. Lead, guide, and bless our congregation—along with all churches and workers in Your kingdom—that we dedicate our lives to sharing the Good News of Christ. Loving You, grant that we also love our neighbors as ourselves, thereby revealing Your Son to the world He died to save. May Your name be holy among us as we walk according to Your gracious will! Lord in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L; Giving Lord, You provide daily bread to all Your creation. Help us to receive with thanksgiving every blessing Your hand provides. As stewards of Your good gifts, grant that we be wise managers of what rightfully belongs to You. Sharing with our neighbors in need, grant that Your love be extended through our generosity. May Your name be holy among us as we receive our daily bread with thanksgiving! Lord, in Your mercy, **C:** hear our prayer.

L: Gracious Father, You give the healing balm of Your forgiveness to all who cling to Your Son by faith. Bless those who stand in need of spiritual healing and also those who cry out for relief from their physical suffering, [*especially*, those on our prayer list and those we now name living in life-threatening circumstances: Gwen Kemp, Paul Kjosa, Joyce Hoerr]. We entrust all those in need to Your healing care. May Your name be holy among us as we experience Your forgiveness and healing! Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Eternal God, we give thanks to You for the gift of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ and for the assurance of forgiveness and deliverance from eternal death through Him. We also thank You for the life of **Gwen Kemp** who has passed through the portal of death to eternal life this past Thursday and is now enjoying the bliss of heaven in Your presence. Strengthen Wayne and their family and us who remain in grief by this loss. By Your Holy Spirit help us to hold fast to our hope in Jesus, that on our Last Day we shall be raised in glory to eternal life with **Gwen** and all who have found their perfect rest in Him. May Your name be holy among us as we cling to Christ Jesus and find comfort and lasting peace. Lord in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Lord of Life, today we pray for our brother in Christ, **Alan Foster**, and for Your blessings upon his life on his birthday celebration this week. As he marks another year on the calendar, grant him continued peace and contentment. Each day of his new year fill him with a new found hope for life. May Your name be holy in him as You surround him with the favor only You can give. Lord in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Lord of all, we give You thanks for **Allen and Mackenna Leech** who are celebrating their wedding anniversary this week. You brought them together and united them in love and purpose. Through Your powerful love draw them closer to You today and every day, that as You draw them to Yourself You will also draw them ever closer to each other. May Your name be holy among them as they walk together in Your paths of righteousness. Lord in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Blessed Redeemer, You have rescued us from the domain of sin and death by Your death upon the cross and resurrection from the grave! Satan stands defeated because You live and reign to all eternity. We give You all praise and glory for the work You have done to lead us away from temptation, to deliver us from the evil one, and to transfer us into Your eternal kingdom. By Your grace, through faith in You alone, we receive the gifts that You pour out upon us as we stand in Your holy presence. May Your name be holy among us as we stand in Your victory! Lord in Your mercy

C: hear our prayer.

L: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all those for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for our daily and eternal well-being. We join our petitions now with the prayer that You taught and enabled us to pray saying:

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.**

CLOSING SENTENCES *Luke 10:27, adapted*

L: Alleluia. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind.

C: And you shall love your neighbor as yourself. Alleluia.

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

**L: 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. 941 "We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God"

**We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,
The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.
To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,
The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:
"O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!"**

**The band of the apostles in glory sing Your praise;
The fellowship of prophets their deathless voices raise.
The martyrs of Your kingdom, a great and noble throng,
Sing with the holy Church throughout all the world this song:
"O all majestic Father, Your true and only Son,
And Holy Spirit, Comforter forever Three in One!"**

**You, Christ, are King of glory, the everlasting Son,
Yet You, with boundless love, sought to rescue ev'ryone:
You laid aside Your glory, were born of virgin's womb,
Were crucified for us and were placed into a tomb;
Then by Your resurrection You won for us reprieve
You opened heaven's kingdom to all who would believe.**

**You sit in splendid glory, Enthroned at God's right hand,
Upholding earth and heaven by forces You command.
We know that You will come as our Judge that final day,
So help Your servants You have redeemed by blood, we pray;
May we with saints be numbered where praises never end,
In glory everlasting, Amen, O Lord, amen!**

SENDING

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!