



Baptism Word Search

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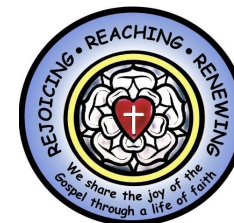
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New Life

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When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.

+ GATHERING +

Prelude

(The prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for worship.)

Welcome

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church in Albion! We offer a warm welcome to all who are worshipping in person or by way of Vyve Cable Channel 21 and Facebook Live. We hope that you encounter a word of God's grace and love in this worship service.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. All who are baptized and believe in the real presence of Christ are welcome to share in the Lord's meal. Holy Communion will be distributed in person or by pre-packaged elements. If you are uncomfortable coming forward, please pick up the communion elements as you enter worship. We will partake of the sacrament as directed by the pastor within the worship service. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with an usher. Gluten Free wafers are available on request.





The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

“Turn to me and be saved,” says the Lord.

“For I am God and there is no other.”

**If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just,
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Today our Lord confronts us with the burden and the privilege
of bearing his Word.

(Silence for confession and self-examination.)

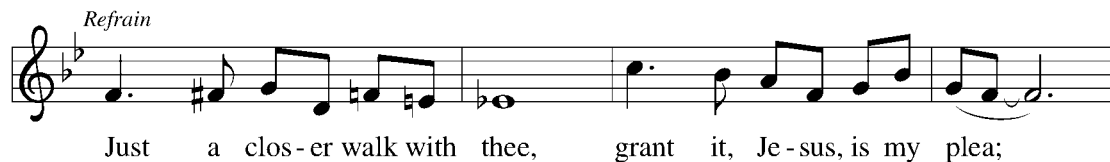
Most merciful God,
**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.
Slow to hear and slow to speak,
we are imperfect channels of your grace.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us and lead us,
so that we may speak and do what you ordain,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us.
In him we have redemption through his blood,
the forgiveness of our trespasses,
according to the riches of his grace lavished upon us.
In him you were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Gathering Song

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

#697



TODAY we celebrate
the gift of God's grace as
Wylde Douglas Heesacker
is baptized in the name of
the Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit.

Wylde was born on
Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 9:42am.
He weighed 7½lbs., and was 20" long.

Loving Parents:
Nichola & Tommy Heesacker

Big Brother:
Nash Heesacker

Godparents:
Brooke Stuhr
Ben Stuhr

Grandparents:
Doug Stuhr & Trina Hellbusch
Anita & Rick Evans
Linda & Dickie Minor
Pat Heesacker

Great-Grandparents:
Jerene Heesacker
Eldred & Jean Reeves



*May God continue
to bless them all
with His abundant
love and grace.*



A fresh start

Baptism is a blessing because it changes us and gives us hope.

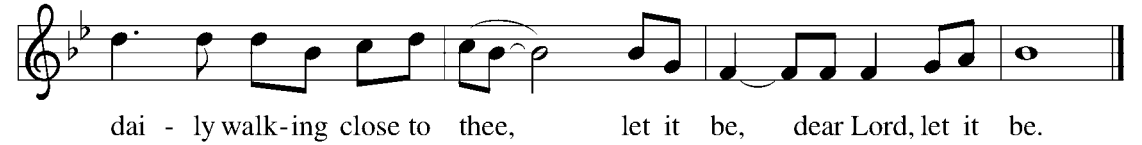
Directions: Write the boxed letters in the squares below. Then unscramble those letters to form two words that complete the Bible verse and represent the gift of baptism.



We were therefore buried with him
through baptⁱsm into death in order that,
just as Christ was raised from the dead
through the gl^ory of the Father^r,
 we too may live a .

Roman^s 6:4, NIV

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- 1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;



I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.

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Opening Litany

O Jesus, you have sent us out to proclaim the Gospel.
May we make your name known to all.

O Jesus, you have confidence in our ability to serve.
May we be given the strength to do what you command.

O Jesus, you have chosen us to be your disciples.
May we be led by you.

O Jesus, you have prepared us for a life that is centered on your love.
**May we keep looking to your Word
for comfort and preparing our hearts with prayer.**

O Jesus, you have shared the truth with us.
May we remain true to our commitment to you.



Apostolic Greeting

The blessing of the Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
the glorious love bestowed by the + Son,
and the power of the promised Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

Father, I Adore You

W&P #37

1 Fa - ther,
2 Je - sus, I a - dore you, lay my life be -
3 Spir - it,

fore you; how I love you.

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*
O God,
from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works.
Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give,
that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments;
and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies,
may live in peace and quietness,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

+ WORD +

First Reading

Amos 7:7-15

Amos is not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he is an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God's word of judgment through Amos conflicts with the king's court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encounters at Bethel.

we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;

great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um-phiant hour.
great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



Answer: f i e l e w n; new life

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Table Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*
Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray. Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

Announcements

Benediction

May you go as God’s people who are blessed to be a blessing.
May you go in the name of Jesus to touch and heal the hurt around us.
May you go with a strong presence of God’s Holy Spirit
to be light and love to all the world.
May you go in the name of the Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Sending Song *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* #771



1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,
2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space:
known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.

A reading from Amos.

⁷This is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said,

“See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; ⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said,

‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.’”

¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

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

Psalm 85:8-13

Let us read Psalm 85 responsively.

⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to you.

**⁹Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell¹ in our land.**

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³**Righteousness shall go before the LORD
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.

A reading from Ephesians.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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



Distribution Hymn

O Christ the Same

(WOV #483)

1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es—
2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing
3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing

our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;
our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide;
our lives and loves, our days and years re - main;

e - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,
still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing
our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,

un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:
the marks of love in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:
our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:

O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en—
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,

who spread the skies and set the stars a - blaze;
O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing power;
for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en:
O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,

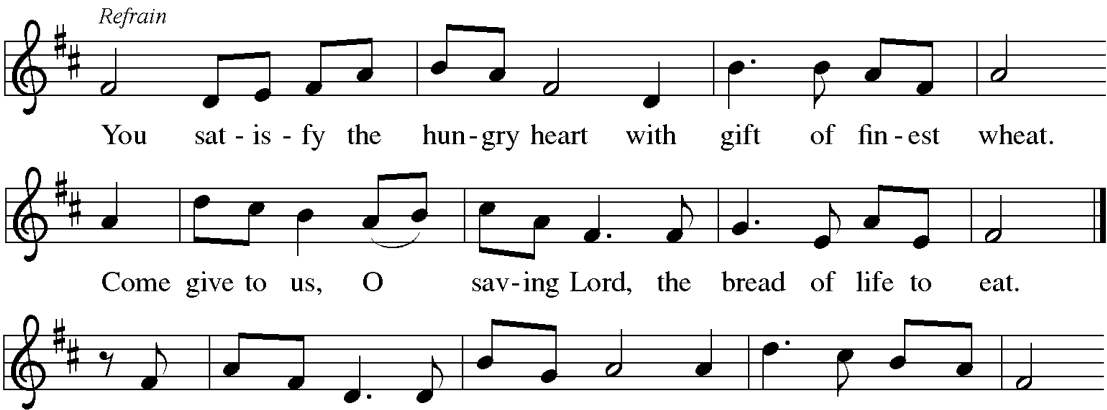
we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.
we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.
we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

Distribution

If you are joining us from home or are taking communion from your seat:
The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.
The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

Distribution Hymn *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* #484

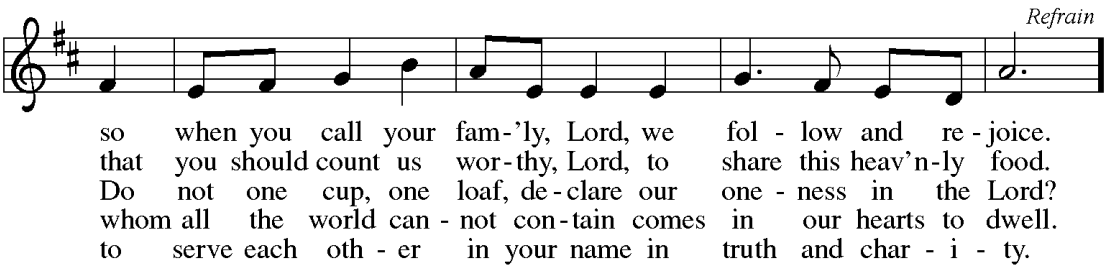
Refrain



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.
Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.

- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

Refrain



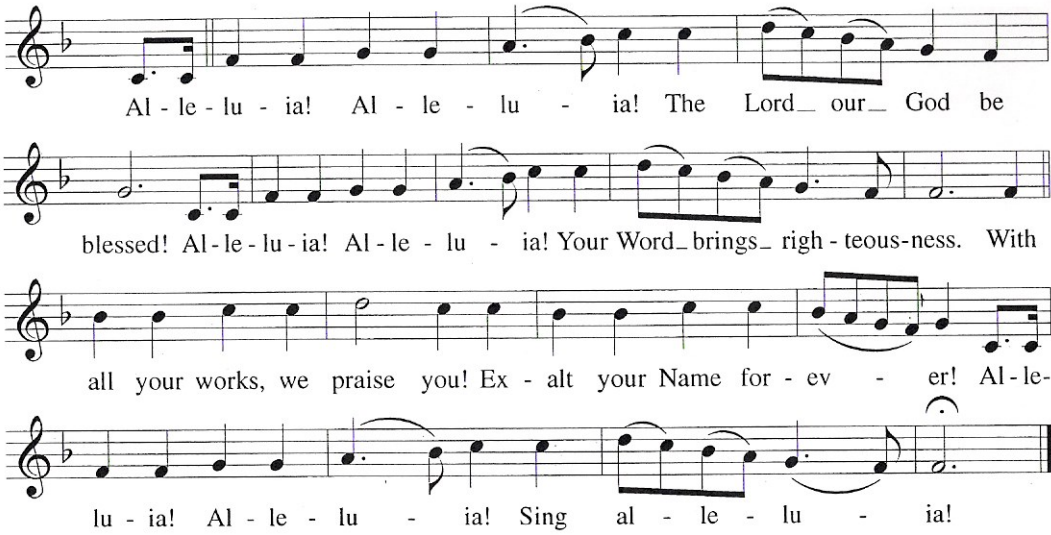
so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

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Alleluia Verse *Family of God*



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! The Lord our God be
blessed! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Your Word brings righ - teous - ness. With
all your works, we praise you! Ex - alt your Name for - ev - er! Al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Sing al - le - lu - ia!

Holy Gospel Mark 6:14-29
As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord!

¹⁴King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him."
¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and

yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, “Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.” ²³And he solemnly swore to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.” ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, “What should I ask for?” She replied, “The head of John the baptizer.” ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.” ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John’s head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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


Children’s Time
Sermon

✠ BAPTISM ✠


Baptismal Hymn

Borning Cry

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1 “I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I’ll be there when you are old.
2 “When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
3 “In the mid-dle a-ges of your life, not too old, no lon-ger young,



I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un-fold.
you were raised to praise the liv-ing Lord, to whom you now be-long.
I’ll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I’ve be-gun.

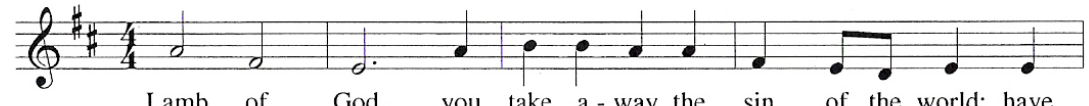
We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal;
among your people; throughout the world.
Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

Lord’s Prayer
Let us pray together 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.

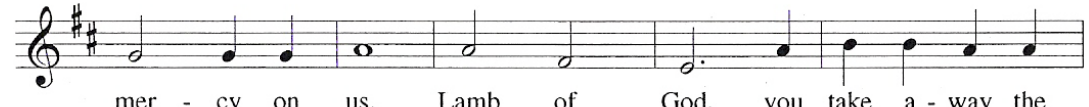
Agnus Dei

Lamb of God


Family of God



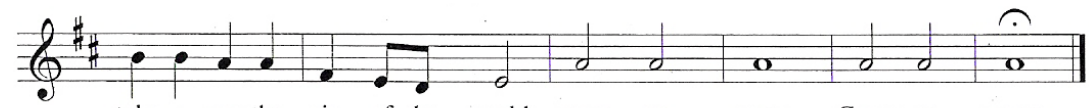
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have




mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

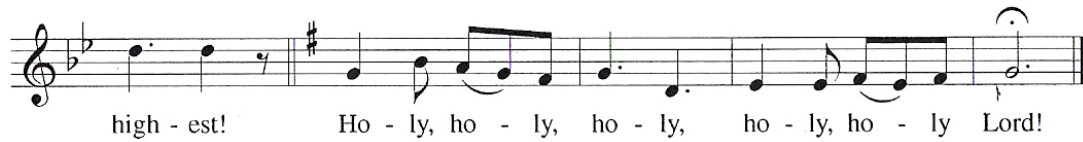


sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace. Grant us peace.





Eucharistic Prayer & Words of Institution

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
 Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.
 The universe declares your praise:
 beyond the stars; beneath the sea;
 within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness:
 through the water; by night and day;
 across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son:
 at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;
 beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:

*This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,
 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
 If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
 I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
 I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

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The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

In Baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death
 by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are born children of a fallen humanity;

by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God
 and made members of the church, the body of Christ.

Living with Christ and in the communion of saints,
 we grow in faith, love and obedience to the will of God.

Parents & Godparents:

We present *Wylder Douglas Heesacker* for Holy Baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God,
do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

Parents: We do.

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism,
you are entrusted with responsibilities:
to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the Holy Supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the Holy Scriptures,
and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that your child may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do.

Godparents, do you promise to nurture **Wylder Douglas Heesacker**
in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit
and to help him live in the covenant of baptism
and in communion with the church?

Godparents: We do.

People of God, do you promise to support **Wylder Douglas Heesacker**
and pray for him in his new life in Christ? **We do.**

Profession of Faith

I ask you all to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin,
and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy 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 from God?

I renounce them.

✠ MEAL ✠

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



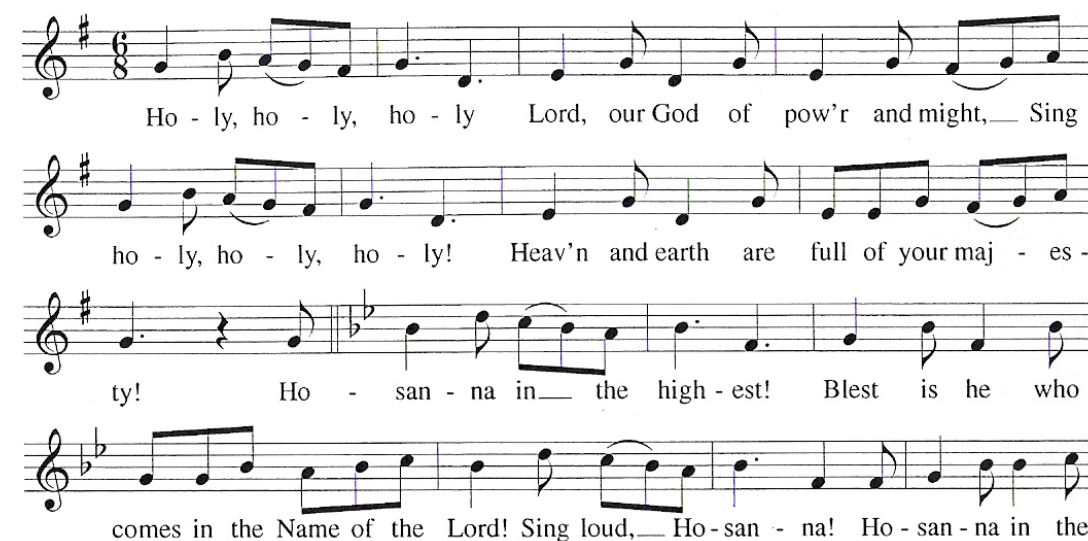
Proper Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by
his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

Family of God



Let us welcome the newly baptized.
**We welcome you into the body of Christ
and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

Jesus Loves You #595

*Jesus loves YOU this we know for the Bible tells us so.
Little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves YOU. Yes, Jesus loves You.
Yes, Jesus loves YOU, the Bible tells us so.*

Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

✠ OFFERING ✠

Offering Response *Your Vineyards, O Lord* *Family of God*

1. Your vine - yards, O Lord, may and they
(2.) gath - er the hopes and the
bear fruit for you. Please fill our cup full of your
dreams of all here; U - nite them in pray'r with these
bless - ing, we pray. And gath - er a har - vest from
of - f'rings we bring. Pre - side at our ta - ble, and
what you have sown, That we may be fed with the
grant us, we pray, A fore - taste of your prom - ised
bread of life. 2. Now come. A - men.

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, God's 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.
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.**

Prayers of the People

- P One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit,
we join our voices in prayer.
(A brief silence is kept.)
- A You gather your people into the body of Christ.
Where your church is wounded, heal it.
Where it is right, strengthen it.
Where it is divided, reunite it.
In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- P From before the foundation of the world, you are God.
Revive ecosystems destroyed by human greed.
Curb our desire to put wealth
ahead of the health of all who call this planet home.
In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- A You establish equity and make justice.
Within every nation, tribe, and land,
cause laws to be written and customs to be observed
that protect the most vulnerable.
In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P On the cross your beloved Son endured pain and death.
Bring healing to those in need, hope to any in despair,
and comfort to the dying.
We pray especially for...
In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A You send your Spirit into this community of faith.
Empower our ministries that serve and build up local communities.
Nurture our partnerships with other community organizations.
In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P Here other intercessions may be offered either aloud or in silence.
In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A All peoples praise you, O God.
We give you thanks and praise for the lives of our loved ones
who now rest in you.
In the fullness of time gather us with all your saints in light.
In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms
we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray,
trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life,
Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.
Through the waters of the flood
you delivered Noah and his family,
and through the sea you led your people Israel
from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free
from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.
Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word,
that those who are washed in the waters of baptism
may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
now and forever. **Amen.**

Wylder Douglas Heesacker is baptized in the name of
the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
**Amen. Wylder Douglas, you belong to Christ,
in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.**

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*
We give you thanks, O God,
that through water and the Holy Spirit
you give your daughters and sons new birth,
cleansing them from sin and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain **Wylder Douglas** with the gift of your Holy Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Wylder Douglas, child of God,
you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit
and marked with the cross of Christ forever.
Amen.

Council Rep.: Jesus said, I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.