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Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

✚ GATHERING ✚

Prelude

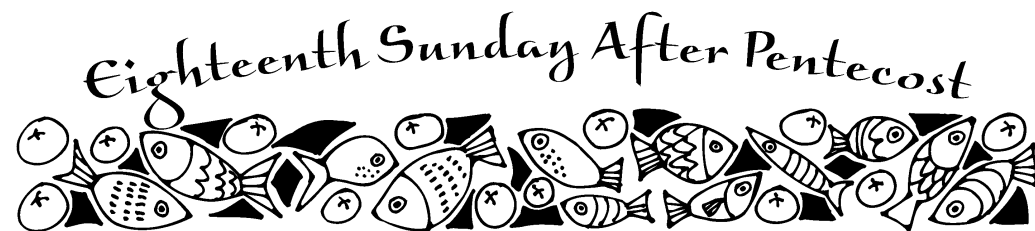
(The prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for worship.)

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.





Confession & Forgiveness

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

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

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

Who is the greatest among us?

Today the Lord who suffered for us calls us to humility.

(Silence for confession and self-examination.)

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.

Envy and selfish ambition among us

lead to disorder and wickedness of every kind.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon 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.**

Although he was in the form of God,

Jesus Christ humbled himself unto death for you.

For his sake God forgive your sins.

To those who believe in Jesus Christ,

God gives the power to become children of God

and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

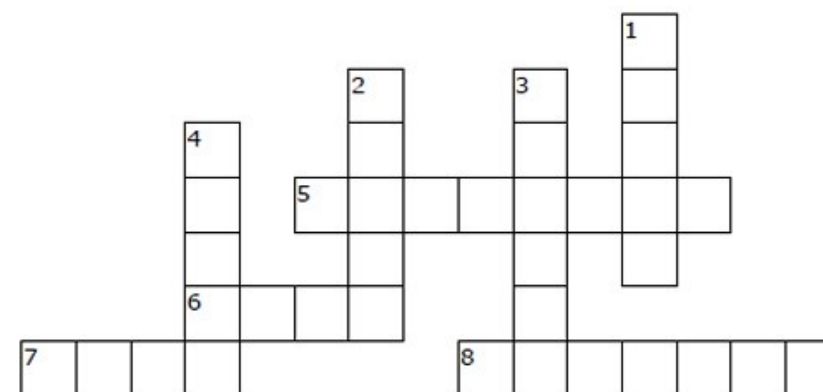
Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God,
that in due time he may exalt you.

Amen.

Who Is the Greatest?

Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all." Mark 9:35

Puzzle is based on Mark 9:30-37



ACROSS

- 5. A person or thing of the highest quality or character
- 6. The one coming after all others
- 7. A public way for the travel of vehicles, people, and animals
- 8. Someone who is employed to perform services for others

DOWN

- 1. A building where people live, especially a family
- 2. The one coming before all others
- 3. Small in size
- 4. A very young person

LITTLE ROAD	LAST FIRST	SERVANT CHILD	GREATEST HOUSE
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Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



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1. 22-18-8-19-25
2. 15-14-19-25
3. 8-24-14-6
4. 15-18-25-25-15-20
5. 13-12-18-15-6
6. 12-24-9-19-20
7. 23-8-20-14-25
8. 19-20-8-10-14-17-25
9. 14-8-4-19
10. 17-14-4-20

NAME	SERVANT	ROAD	GREAT	HOUSE
LAST	LITTLE	FIRST	ARMS	CHILD

Gathering Song

Built on a Rock

#652



1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -
4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is
5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our
ring - ing, man - y may come to hear your Word, who here this



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with
prom - ise is bring - ing: "I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.
world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men."

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Opening Litany

O Servant Savior,
day after day you set before us opportunities to serve.
Help us to keep serving you, O Lord,
by making the most of the opportunities you give us.

Baptism Word Search

Aunt
 Baby Boy
 Blessed
 Candle
 Child of God
 Creed
 Faith
 Family
 Father, Son,
 Holy Spirit
 Font
 Friends
 Gift
 Godfather
 Godmother
 Grace
 Grandparents
 Happy
 Heart
 Holy Baptism
 Holy Communion
 Jesus Loves You
 Joy
 Lord of Love
 Oil
 Parents
 Peace
 Pray
 Sacrament
 Sacred
 Saint
 Sing
 Sinner
 Story
 Uncle
 Water
 Word
 Zion Lutheran Church



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E	V	O	L	I	E	L	D	N	A	C	W	P	E	A	C	E
R	S	A	C	R	A	M	E	N	T	S	D	N	E	I	R	F

O Servant Savior, all our time is in your hands,
 a gift which we can use to bring glory to you.
Help us to keep serving you, O Lord,
by always putting you first in our lives.

O Servant Savior, you point us
 toward the young and old among us who need to know your care.
Help us to keep serving you, O Lord,
by serving the needs of the young and the old.

O Servant Savior, you made your greatness known to us
 in your ultimate sacrifice on the cross for our sake.
Help us to keep serving you, O Lord,
by offering ourselves to one another.

O Servant Savior,
 you willingly welcomed us into your circle of servanthood.
Help us to keep serving you, O Lord,
and encouraging others to join us in our service.

O Servant Savior, you served and you saved.
Help us to serve you always, O Lord,
and share your salvation again and again.

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,

Kolter Kent Reestman
 Jessica Reestman
 Tyer Reestman
 Justin Reestman
 Ingrid Wielenberg

Gene Jasper
 Kamy Jasper
 Joyce Reestman
 Ken Reestman
 Joe Reestman



*TODAY we celebrate
the gift of God's grace as
Kolter Kent Reestman
is baptized in the name of
the Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit.*

***Kolter** was born on
Sunday, April 14, 2024
He weighed 8lbs, 2oz.
and was 21" long.*

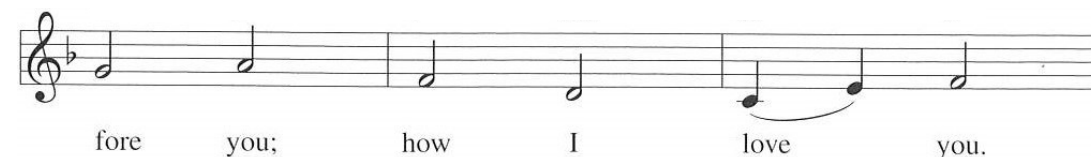
*Loving Parents: **Jessica & Tyler Reestman***

*Godparents: **Justin Reestman**
Ingrid Wielenberg*

*Grandparents:
Gene & Kamy Jasper
Joyce & Ken Reestman*

*Grest-Grandfather:
Joe Reestman*

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



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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*

O God, our teacher and guide,
you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children.
Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition,
that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding
as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

✚ WORD ✚

First Reading

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.

A reading from Jeremiah.

¹⁸It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

²⁰But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,

let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

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

Psalm 54

Let us read Psalm 54 responsively.

¹Save me, O God, by your name;
in your might, defend my cause.

²**Hear my prayer, O God;
give ear to the words of my mouth.**

³For strangers have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.

⁴**Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

⁵Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.

⁶**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.**

⁷For you have rescued me from every trouble,
and my eye looks down on my enemies.

Second Reading

James 3:13 — 4:3, 7-8a

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

A reading from James.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind.

¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

^{4:1}Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and

Sending Song

Lord of All Hopefulness

#765

1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,

whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:

be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,

your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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Dismissal

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

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Refrain

Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;

Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

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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.)*
 Holy God,
you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others
and to be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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

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 9:30-37

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

The Holy Gospel according St. Mark, the 9th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. ³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they

were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

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

Children’s Time
Sermon

Hymn of the Day *Baptized in Water* #456



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust-ing his
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God’s



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God’s praise we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God’s praise we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God’s praise we sing.

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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 *Children of the Heavenly Father* #781



1 Chil - dren of the heav’n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak-eth, God his chil-dren ne’er for - sak - eth;



nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e’er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur-pose sole - ly to pre-serve them pure and ho - ly.

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Distribution Hymn *In the Singing* #466



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,
in the heart’s cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,

Hymn continues on the next page.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever. **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.

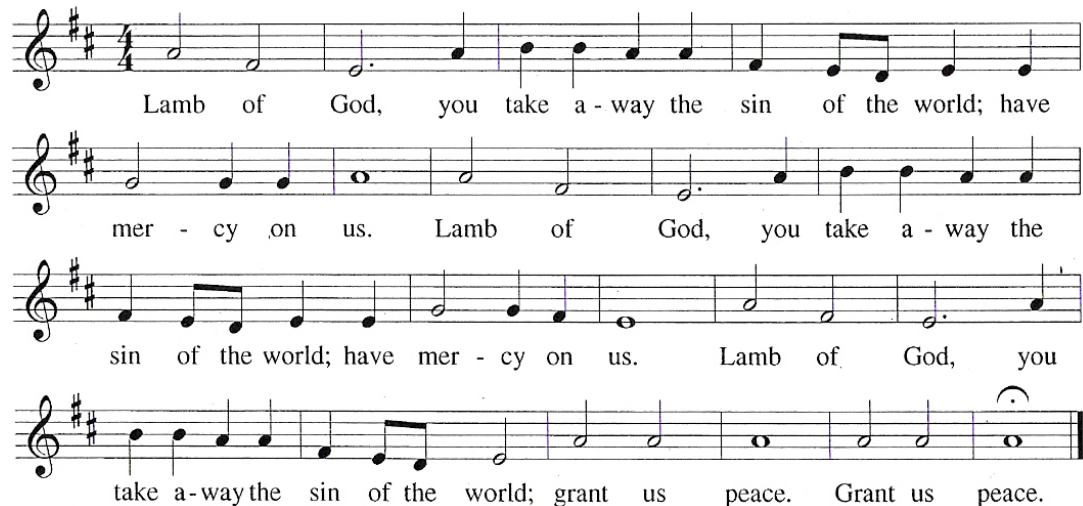
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

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.



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 ***Kolter Kent Reestman*** 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 ***Kolter Kent Reestman***

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 ***Kolter Kent Reestman***
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.

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 Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit,
we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation,
and all who are in need.

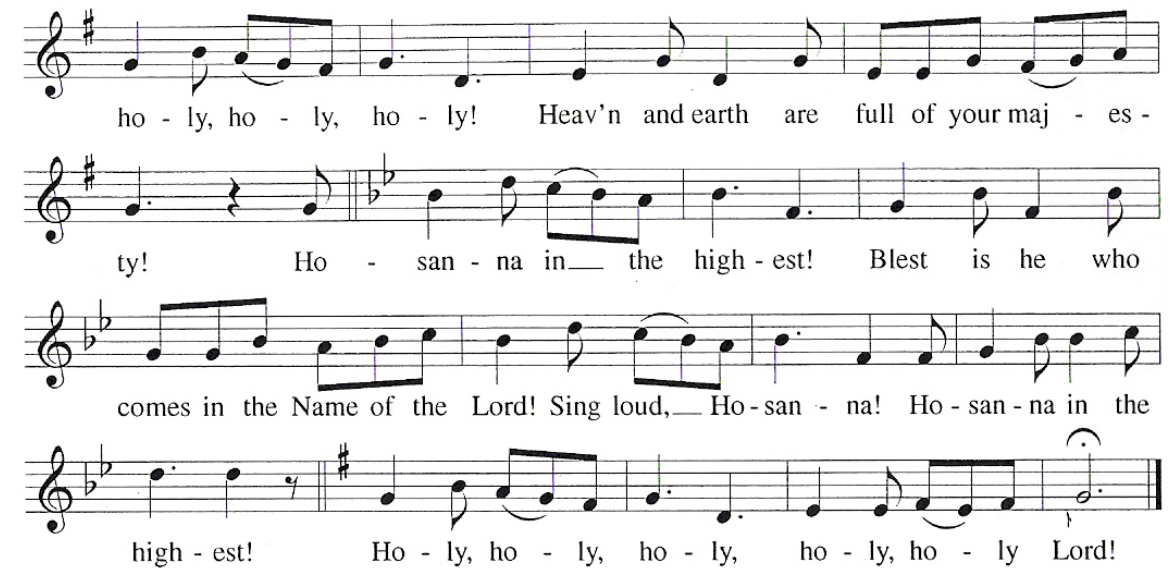
A brief silence.

A Loving God, you welcome all at your table of grace.

Instill in your church a spirit of humility and curiosity,
that we embrace all who seek you.

We pray especially for ministries of hospitality and faith formation.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**



Eucharistic Prayer & Words of Institution

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,

who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,

who preached good news to the poor,

and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

On 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, he 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, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.



✠ 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

Always and everywhere
 praise and thanks are due to you, Almighty God,
 through Jesus Christ our living Lord who, for our sakes,
 was faithful to your will in word and deed,
 who laid down his life for his friends.
 And so, with all who bear your name on earth
 and all who praise your name on high,
 we join in the unending hymn:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

Family of God



- P Creating God,
 you shape the world so there is more than enough for all.
 Curb our habits of overuse, and guide us
 toward more sustainable sources of energy, food, and water.
 Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
- A Gracious God, your peace brings justice and solidarity.
 Encourage peace among peoples, tribes, and nations;
 heal divisions in our country and local communities,
 that together we might cooperate for the good of all.
 Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
- P Faithful God, you draw near to you all who are in need.
 Bring healing and wholeness to all who suffer, *especially...*
 Transform economic, political, and social systems
 that oppress vulnerable people, especially systems of
 structural racism and generational poverty.
 Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
- A Transforming God,
 you accompany all through changes and transitions.
 Help us to see where you are calling this community
 to new ways of living the gospel promise;
 assure us that even as change brings loss, it also brings hope and life.
 Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
- P Here other intercessions may be offered either aloud or in silence.
 Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
- A Merciful God, you embrace us on our final pilgrimage from this life.
 Accompany all who have died, console those who mourn,
 and at the last, show us the way to eternal life in you.
 Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
- P We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God,
 in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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.**

Kolter Kent Reestman is baptized in the name of the Father,
and of the **✝** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen. Kolter Kent, 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 **Kolter Kent** 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.**

Kolter Kent, 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.

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

bles - ing, we pray. And gath - er a har - vest from
of - f'ings we bring. Pre - side at our ta - ble, and