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ALL ARE WELCOME. ALL ARE LOVED. ALL SAINTS



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Welcome to All Saints! We warmly greet you in the name of Christ and give God thanks for your presence today. Whether you are visiting or are looking for a new church home, we're glad you're here! Please use the guest card in the pew rack to share your contact information, questions, prayer concerns, etc.

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Children who are not yet communing are invited to come forward for a blessing.

Children are always welcome in worship. We encourage children to participate in the worship service as they are able. "Quiet Bags" are available in the entryway or from an usher. Childcare is provided in the church nursery for infants and children through age five. A private Mother's Room for feeding is provided in the Education wing.

For the hearing impaired, printed copies of the sermons are available on the bulletin table in the Narthex. A hearing assistance system is also available. Please ask an usher.

In order to be fully present to God in worship, please silence your cell phone. We encourage the discipline of silence for personal devotion and prayer upon entering worship, as well as during the prelude and other musical offerings.

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+GATHERING+

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

We stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP

*I'm so glad... **Jesus lifted me!**
I'm so glad... **Jesus lifted me!**
I'm so glad... **Jesus lifted me!**
Singin' Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!*

*Satan had me bound... **Jesus lifted me!**
Satan had me bound... **Jesus lifted me!**
Satan had me bound... **Jesus lifted me!**
Singin' Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!*

*When I was in trouble... **Jesus lifted me!**
When I was in trouble... **Jesus lifted me!**
When I was in trouble... **Jesus lifted me!**
Singin' Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!*



GATHERING HYMN *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized*

ELW 304

GREETING

Beloved of God, called to be saints: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE

[illegible]

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord. For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo-ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

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HYMN OF PRAISE

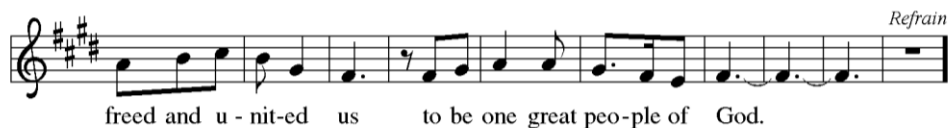
Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

+WORD+

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

We sit.

FIRST READING – Genesis 1:1-5

Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the formless void, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for us. God created and continues to create new life.

A reading from Genesis.

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29 (*Congregation sings in unison*)



- ¹Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.
- ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.
- ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.
- ⁴The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.
- ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;

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⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.
⁷The voice | of the LORD
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.
⁸The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.
⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips
the | forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, “Glory!”
¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.
¹¹O LORD, give strength | to your people;
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace.

SECOND READING – Acts 19:1-7

In Ephesus, Paul encounters people who had received John’s baptism of repentance but had never heard of the Holy Spirit or of baptism in the name of Jesus. After Paul baptizes them, the Holy Spirit comes upon them and empowers them with gifts of the Spirit.

A reading from Acts.

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” ³Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” ⁴Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

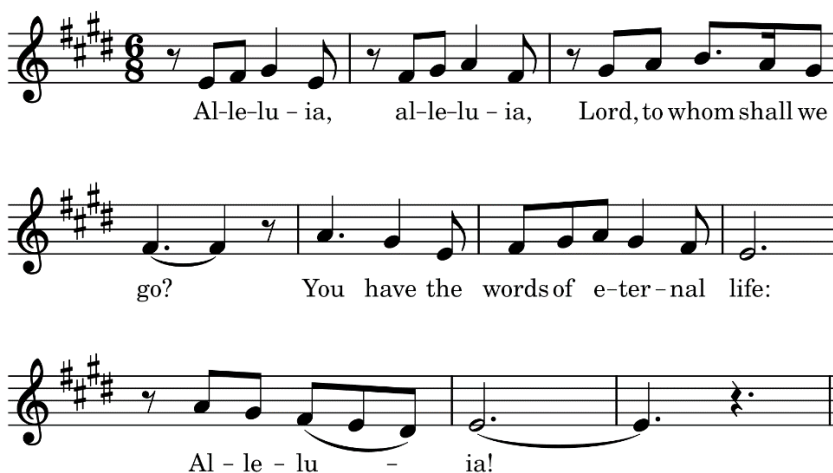
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL – Mark 1:4-11

Mark's gospel reports the story of Jesus' baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

SERMON

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

When Jesus Came to Jordan

ELW 305

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.
Amen.**

We kneel or sit.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

Each prayer petition concludes with... God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We stand.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

+MEAL+

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

We sit.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

ANTHEM

We stand.

OFFERTORY

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were

gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from

all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, so that here we may receive what we seek, your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

DIALOGUE

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.

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:



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff has a 4/4 time signature. The second staff changes to 3/8 time. The third staff changes to 6/8 time. The fourth and fifth staves return to 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

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high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

We give you thanks, Father,
through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son,
whom you sent in this end of the ages
to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you,
through whom you created all things,
and in whom you take delight.
He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb.

He there took on our nature and our lot
and was shown forth as your Son,
born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.
He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will
and won for you a holy people;
he stretched out his hands in suffering
in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted,
in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one,
to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous,
to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection,
taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way 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, then, his death and resurrection,
we take this bread and cup,
giving you thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church;
gather into one all who share this bread and wine;
fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,
that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ;
through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray 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.**



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one.

Come and see.

Thanks be to God.

We sit.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Jesus Christ welcomes you to this meal of the baptized! When the usher indicates it is time to come forward, please do so to receive a communion wafer. A chalice will be available for intinction. If you prefer to not receive the wine, please know that you receive the fullness of Jesus Christ even if you only partake of one element. After receiving Holy Communion, you may return to your seat. If you need a pastor to bring you the elements, please indicate that to an usher when they pass your row.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us,

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a-way the sin of the world: grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

Wade in the Water

ELW 459

Take Me to the Water

ACS 957

We stand.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to live by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

Amen.

+SENDING+

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

We sit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

BLESSING

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
✚ bless you and remain with you always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

ELW 311

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

