## Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

10:00 AM Facebook Livestream ELW Setting 3 • June 12, 2022 Holy Trinity



"O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Today we celebrate the holy Trinity. Paul writes that through Jesus we have peace with God, whose love pours into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, giving us lasting hope. We celebrate the gracious One-in-Three, eternal Three-in-One, as we worship in community; as we share water and word, bread and wine; and as we bring God's love and hope to our neighbors.

Welcome members and guests to our worship service today. If you are visiting, we encourage you to sign the guest register located in the narthex or if you are online during our worship service, drop us a line to say hello or that you and your family are attending, so that we know you have joined us for worship. For those who come in person, please include your home address, email address and phone number. In each pew, there is a card that you can fill out if you wish to have a consult with the pastor and/or leave us more information about you. Worship service on Sunday mornings during the summer is at 10:00 A.M. and also on livestream.

A nursery room is available during the service. The nursery is located off the hallway on the Huntington Avenue side of the church building. At this time, there are no nursery attendants. We also have "quiet bags" available for older children to enjoy during the service. Please ask an usher about using one.

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## The Reverend Tina Melusky, Pastor

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Pastor Melusky's office hours:

Monday: 9 - 2; Tuesday: 9 - 10:30, 11:30 - 12:15

Wednesday 9:30 - 12; Thursday 9 - 12

(Times are occasionally flexible with monthly meetings, but feel free to call for an appointment or drop in)

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## **Carillon Call to Worship**

#### **Prelude**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lois Jean Carpenter, organ arr. James Kosnik

#### **Announcements**

## **Gathering**

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

Amen.

**Gathering Hymn** 

Father, Most Holy
CHRISTE SANCTORUM

**ELW 415** 

## Greeting

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**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

men.

## **Canticle of Praise**





## Prayer of the Day

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

Assembly is seated.

## First Reading: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

In the Bible, wisdom is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, wisdom is personified as feminine. In this passage, Woman Wisdom is depicted not only as the first creation of God, but also as God's helper, rejoicing in God's creation, especially in human beings.

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?

On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.

Ages ago I was set up,

at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.

Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—

when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil.

When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

when he made firm the skies above,

when he established the fountains of the deep,

when he assigned to the sea its limit,

so that the waters might not transgress his command,

when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

then I was beside him, like a master worker;

and I was daily his delight,

rejoicing before him always,

rejoicing in his inhabited world

and delighting in the human race."

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 8 (sung responsively)



O | Lord our Lord,

how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—

you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of in- | fants and children;

you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,

# what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them, human beings that you should | care for them?

Yet you have made them little less | than divine; with glory and hon- | or you crown them.

You have made them rule over the works | of your hands; you have put all things un- | der their feet:

all | flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts | of the field,

the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.

O | Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

## **Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5**

Paul describes the life of faith with reference to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Even now, we have peace with God through Jesus, and our hope for the future is grounded in the love of God that we experience through Christ's Holy Spirit.

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

**Gospel Procession** 

Holy God, We Praise Your Name (v. 1 & 2) GROSSER GOTT **ELW 414** 

## Gospel Lesson: John 16:12-15

Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be made known through the coming Spirit who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 16th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All

that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

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

**Gospel Procession** Holy God, We Praise Your Name (v. 3 & 4)

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**GROSSER GOTT** 

The assembly is seated.

**Time with the Children**Pastor Tina Melusky

**Sermon** Pastor Tina Melusky

Silence is kept for reflection after the sermon.

The assembly stands.

**Hymn of the Day** Come Join the Dance of Trinity ELW 412

**KINGSFOLD** 

Sacrament of Holy Baptism ELW pages 227-231

**Prayers of Intercession** 

God of grace, hear our prayer.

**Sharing of the Peace** 

The peace, which enables people to live in unity and in the spirit of mutual forgiveness, comes from Christ, whose word has been proclaimed.

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

**Receiving of Tithes and Offerings** 

## **Offertory Anthem**

Praise the Father, Praise the Son Tomlin/Cash; arr. Kingsmore

O sovereign God, O matchless King, the saints adore, the angels sing and fall before the throne of grace; to You belongs the highest praise.

These sufferings, this passing tide, under Your wings I will abide and every enemy shall flee; you are my hope and victory.

Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, Three in One; clothed in power and in grace, the name above all other names.

To the valley, for my soul, Thy great descent has made me whole; Your word my heart has welcomed home, now peace like water ever flows.

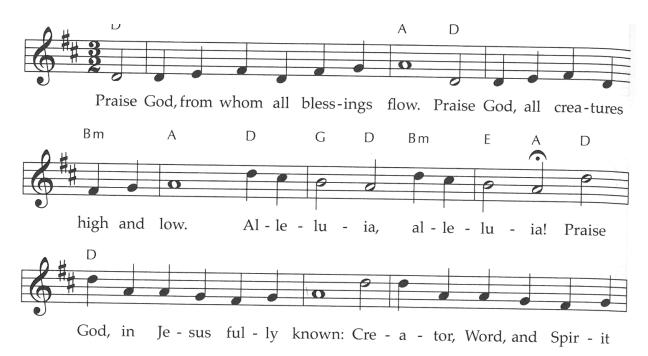
Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, Three in One; clothed in power and in grace, the name above all other names.

Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the power, Yours is the glory forever!

## The assembly stands.

## **Offertory Hymn**

## Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow LASST UNS ERFREUEN





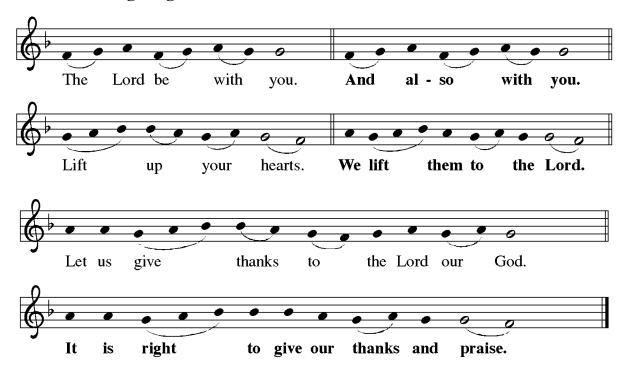
## **Offertory Prayer**

God of abundance,

you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## Meal

## The Great Thanksgiving

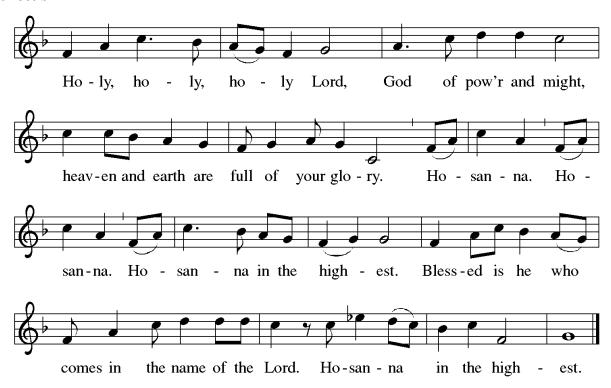


## **Proper Preface**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

#### Sanctus



## Thanksgiving at the Table

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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, 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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we

proclaim the mystery of faith:



O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

## Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

## Come, Holy Spirit.

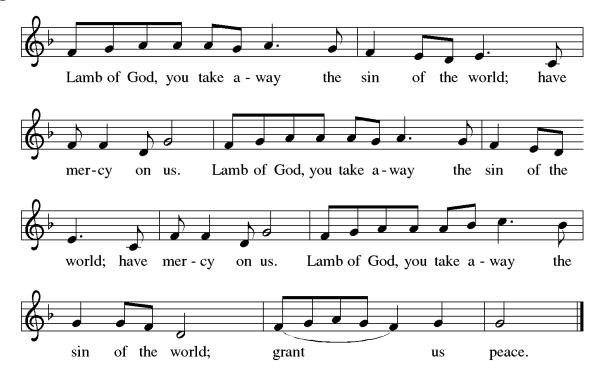
With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.



## Lord's Prayer

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**



## Communion

Communion will be held around the table. The bread will be handed to you by the pastor. Please take a communion cup with wine from the outside edge of the tray or a grape juice cup from the center of the tray. Recycle baskets are located outside of the sanctuary doors for your plastic cups.

## **Music During the Distribution**

My Lord of Light BARBARA ALLEN

ELW 832

The assembly stands.

## **Sending**

## **Table Blessing**

Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.** 



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom-is - es and lead your peo-ple forth in joy with



## **Post Communion Prayer**

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.** 

## **Blessing**

The God of peace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. **Amen.** 

**Sending Hymn** 

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! NICAEA **ELW 413** 

#### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** 

All Thy Works Shall Praise Thy Name

Jeffrey Blersch



#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Church office hours:** Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

**TODAY:** We welcome Patrick Spisak, fiancé of Meghan Madler, to our Trinity Lutheran family through the Sacrament of Baptism. We are so glad to have you join us in our faith journey, Patrick.

Help for Eastern Europe: The ELCA is requesting funds to help the Eastern European Crisis to include **not only Ukraine**, but also neighboring countries, such as Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, who have been providing help to the Ukrainian people, Here is the link, if you wish to help fund this response: <a href="https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/Eastern-Europe-Crisis-Response">https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/Eastern-Europe-Crisis-Response</a>

Pedestal Flowers for Sunday Morning: The Simple Sunflower group is willing to coordinate taking all floral donations to Riverside Hospital to "re group" any leftover fresh flowers from an arrangement into a fresh new arrangement to give to people (in the hospital) who may need a bit of cheer in their life. If you wish to donate flowers in memory or honor of someone, you may make a note of this on the flower chart. If you do not wish to take your flowers home, you may check the box to have them donated to The Simple Sunflower organization at no charge to you.

We Need Your Help! Nursery Volunteers: As we are getting fully back into the swing of worship services and schedule, we are looking for a new team of folks who would be willing to rotate serving in the nursery. For the Sunday that you are scheduled, you attend both worship services and if there are children who require nursery care, you spend time with them, playing and generally looking out for them, so that their parents can attend worship. If you would be interested and willing to serve, please reach out to Pastor Tina.

## **YOUTH**

Pure Vida Bracelets Fundraiser for National Youth Gathering: Our order finally came in.

Yay! So . . . the youth are still selling Pure Vida bracelets to help raise money for the ELCA National Youth Gathering in 2024. The **bracelets are \$5** each and make great gifts. Call the church office if you need an order form. of about 175 youth and adults for lots of singing and skits and fun and prayers, then participants gather in small groups that meet throughout the week. Kairos has many special features: event theme t-shirts, Open Talent Mic Show, faith testimonies, comic relief, reflection time, prayer stations, speed friending, t-shirt fashion show, and more!

#### **NYG Youth:**

**Stepping Stone Project: TODAY,** after the worship service, the youth group will meet to design and create the stepping stones for our Garden Committee. These beautiful stones will fill our vegetable garden once completed. Parents can pick up their youth up by 1 PM.

Please mark your calendars with these final dates for preparation for our trip in July.

**July 12** - Meet at the church at **6 PM** in the back parking lot to tie dye our youth event t-shirts and listen to some of the music we will hear in New Orleans.

**July 17** - Please make sure that you are present at church this date to receive our blessing and send off from the congregation. Make sure that you wear your youth event tie dye t-shirt. Immediately following the service, we will meet one last time to hand out the money for your meals during the event and answer any last minute questions that you might have.

#### MARK YOUR MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR ...

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** Tuesday Morning Bible Study will be held on Tuesday, **June 14**, at 10:30 until 11:30 a.m. in the church parlor and via zoom. this week.

**Church Council Meeting:** The next church council meeting will be held on Tuesday, **June 14**, at 6:30 p.m. in the church library both virtually and in person.

The Next Walking Worship Wednesday: Everyone is welcome to join us for a casual walk on a short route on the Noland Trail for Walking Worship this Wednesday, June 15 at 6:00 p.m. Meet at the Mariner's Museum parking lot.

Annual Congregation Meeting: If you are a voting member, we encourage you to attend our annual congregation meeting on June 19 following worship service both in person and livestream. After the annual meeting, please join us for a potluck luncheon in the social hall. Please bring a dish to share. For those who are not members, you are most welcome to come and enjoy the potluck luncheon with us and even sit in on the meeting if you wish to learn what it is all about.

**VANCO Online giving:** The procedure to use the online offering system, VANCO, is very user-friendly. Just go to Trinity's website, http://www.trinitylutheran-nn.com and click on the green "online giving" link on the homepage. More instructions to follow.

If you have questions about the donation site or how to make your donation, please don't hesitate to contact the church office, **245-7861**.

## Procedure for online giving:

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## **SERVING THE ASSEMBLY TODAY**

Crucifer: Shawn Murphy; Acolytes: Michaela Moye, Karina Stevens; Torchbearers: Nathan Rummel, Andrew Rummel; Lector: Dave Roselius Ushers: John Lunsford, Dave

## PRAYER LIST

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS: Nursing Homes/Assisted Living: Jeanette Cantrell (The Chesapeake, 955 Harpersville Road, AL302, Newport News, VA, 23601); Millie Christensen (Morningside: Rm. 131; Lucille Lebold (Williamsburg Landing, Memory Care Unit): Joan Johnston (The Newport—Rm 33); Shut-in at Home: Janet Edwards, Gerda Hudgens, Doris Moeser and Mike Piland.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS: The Ahlen Family, requested by Kathy Stevens; Hannelore Voss (Karoline's mother), requested by the Ardis family; Jack and Sharon (Sherry) Johnston and Pam Little (Donna's sisters), requested by Grant and Donna Owens; Matt Adamo (Brother-in-law of Patricia), requested by Patricia Fielding; Bob and Nancy Schappert; Pearl O'Connell; Ben Nelson, requested by Laura Davis; Donald Hall (son), requested by Susan Hall; Peggy Cash, requested by Dottie Self; Gisela Nygards, requested by daughter, Yvonne Christian; for the mental health of all those who are first responders, requested by Dinah Balthis; Lisa Meunier, requested by Diane Roselius; Alice Klein, requested by Jodi Newsome King, Janet Edwards, Wes Stilley, and Betty Engelhard, requested by Jerry and Sandy Cobb; the friends and family of Sandy Nelson, requested by Pastor Tina Melusky; Bill Wright (family member), requested by Diane and Dave Roselius; the brother of a friend, requested by Anne Obara; Chris, requested by Anne Obara for Sheree Morgan; Oneita Jamerson Ericson, requested by Bill Solomom; Doris Huff; the family and friends of Pat O'Connell; the family and friends of Doris Schumann (Dan 's sister), requested by Patricia McClelland and Dan Jungkuntz; the family and friends of Jason Allen Johnston (grandson of Pete and Joan Johnston) and the family and friends of Jon May's mother, Flora Salvucci May.

**Those Who Serve, Military and Civilian Duty:** James Fielding, State Dept., Myanmar; Bryan Hunt, State Dept., Washington, D. C.; Eric Lindfors, Deputy Commander US Naval Forces - Korea; Tyler Obara, Virginia Air National Guard, LAFB; Josh and Ellen (Davis) Badgley, State Department, Bangkok, Thailand; Michael Titus, US Navy, Naval Shipyard, Washington, DC and Elisabeth Bruce (Titus's daughter-in-law).

Today, the **flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Ellen Davis Badgley's birthday, by Laura and Dick Davis.



Holy God, We Praise Your Name (v. 1 & 2)





- 1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—
- Trin i ty, Come, see the face of Beth - le - hem; new - born in
- Come, speak a loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame
- With in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



of the Three, the the in - ter-weav-ing Fa - ther, Spir - it, blood-ied by crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem. then a peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name. set of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, sing the prais - es we



u - ni - verse of space and time did The not a - rise by chance, The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone; yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth; We know the rise and in - ter-weave, by love and hope set free, Let voic - es



love and hope, made room with in their dance. the Three, in but as when fear con-fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone. weight and woe that are free to move! tell the world of we to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

#### **PRESENTATION**

Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font. The assembly is seated.

The presiding minister may address the assembly in these or similar words:

#### OPTION A: God, who is rich in mercy and love

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

## **OPTION B: In baptism our . . . Father frees us**

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.

Sponsors for each candidate, in turn, present the candidates:

I present *name* for baptism.

The presiding minister addresses candidates who are able to answer for themselves:

<u>Name</u>, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

Each candidate responds: I do.

The presiding minister addresses parents or others who bring for baptism children who are not able to answer for themselves:

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

Response: I do.

As you bring *your children* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with them among God's faithful people,

bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,

teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,

place in their hands the holy scriptures,

and nurture them in faith and prayer,

so that *your children* 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 children grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

#### The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture *these persons* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support <u>name/s</u> and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

We do.

The assembly stands.

#### PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses candidates for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of young children. The assembly may join in the responses.

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

#### **OPTION A: Three Renunciation Questions**

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

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response:

I renounce them.

**OPTION B: One Renunciation Question** 

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

#### Response:

I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

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 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.

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.

<sup>\*</sup>Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

#### THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Water may be poured into the font before or during the thanksgiving. At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:

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.

#### OPTION A: We give you thanks, O God

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.

## OPTION B: Blessed are you, O God

Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### Amen.

OPTION C: Blessed are you, holy God

Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator of the waters of the earth. You are the fire of rebirth. You poured out your Spirit on your people Israel. You breathe life into our dry bones. Your Son Jesus promised to send the Spirit to us that the world may know your peace and truth.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, and breathe new life into those who are here baptized. By your Spirit adopt us all as your children, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### Amen.

#### **OPTION D: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father**

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

#### Blessed be God now and forever.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land.

#### Blessed be God now and forever.

In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

#### Blessed be God now and forever.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who are here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

#### Amen.

## **OPTION E: Holy God, holy and merciful**

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

#### **BAPTISM**

The presiding minister baptizes each candidate. The candidate is immersed into the water, or water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:

*Name* , I baptize you in the name of the Father,\*

The candidate is immersed or water is poured on the candidate's head a second time: and of the Son,

The candidate is immersed or water is poured on the candidate's head a third time: and of the Holy Spirit.

#### Amen.

After each baptism, the assembly may respond with one of the following, a sung alleluia, or another acclamation (#209-213).

OPTION A: Blessed be God

Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy.

**OPTION B: You belong to Christ** 

You belong to Christ,

in whom you have been baptized.

Alleluia.

Clothed with Christ in baptism, the newly baptized may receive a baptismal garment.

The presiding minister continues:

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of each of the newly baptized, the minister prays for each:

Sustain <u>name</u> 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.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

<u>Name</u>, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

\*Or, " Name is baptized in the name of the Father, . . . "

#### WELCOME

A lighted candle may be given to each of the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child) as a representative of the congregation says:

## **OPTION** A: I am the light of the world

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me

will have the light of life.

## **OPTION B: Let your light so shine before others**

Let your light so shine before others

that they may see your good works

and glorify your Father in heaven.

The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly. A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.

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.

Those who have gathered at the font may return to their places. An acclamation (#209–215), psalm, or hymn may be sung.

The service continues with the prayers of intercession, or, if baptism has taken place in the gathering rite, with the greeting.

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