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PRELUDE - RINGING OF THE BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: *Alleluia! Christ is risen.*

C: *Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM:

P: In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come. We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING SONG: Open The Eyes of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord . . . Open the eyes of my heart,
I want to see You, I want to see You.

Open the eyes of my heart, LordOpen the eyes of my heart,
I want to see You,I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up Shining in the light of Your glory,

Pour out Your power and loveAs we sing holy, holy, holy

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CHORUS: Holy, holy, holy . . . holy, holy, holy . . . Holy, holy, holy, I want to see You

Holy, holy, holy . . . holy, holy, holy . . . Holy, holy, holy,

I want to see You I want to see You.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**

Let Us Pray – Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 16:9-15

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

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

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

¹⁰And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

^{22:1}Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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

GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14th chapter. **All: Glory to you , O Lord.**

²³Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SONG: Oh How I Love Jesus

1) There is a na-me I love to hear . . I love to si-ng its worth . .
It sounds like mu - sic in my ear . . the sweet-est name on earth.

Refrain: Oh, how I love Je - sus . . Oh, how I love Je - sus . .

Oh, how I love Je - sus . . be-cause he first loved me!

2) It tells me of . . a Sav-ior’s love . . who died to set me free . . .

It tells me of . . his pre-cious blood . . the sin-ner’s per-fect plea. **Refrain**

THE SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Be Thou My Vision ELW#793

- 1) Be thou my vi-sion, O Lord of my heart . . . naught be all else to me, save that thou art . . .
Thou my best thought both by day and by night . . . wak-ing or sleep-ing, thy pres-ence my light.
- 2) Be thou my wis-dom, and thou my true word . . . I ev-er with thee and thou with me, Lord . . .
Thou my soul's shel-ter, and thou my high tow'r . . . raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
- 3) Rich-es I heed not, nor vain, emp-ty praise . . . thou mine in-her-i-tance, now and al-ways . . .
Thou and thou on-ly, the first in my heart . . . great God of heav - en, my trea-sure thou art.
- 4) Light of my soul, af-ter vic-to-ry won . . . may I reach heav-en's joys, O heav-en's Sun! . . .
Heart of my own heart, what-ev-er be-fall . . . still be my vi-sion, O Rul-er of all.

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism - - - *Elise Renee Fordt*

Presentation P: God who is rich.....

Profession of Faith P: I ask you

The Creed: P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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

Baptism

Welcome: P: Let your light.....

C: 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.

Introduction

THE CREED

P: Let us confess our faith in the Triune God.

C: 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

THE PRAYERS

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation. *A brief silence.*

God of new life, open your church to the unexpected ways your Spirit is at work. Guide bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders in their visioning, partnership, and planning. Surround us with your peace. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give a vision of increase and abundant harvest for farmers, laborers, and gardeners who are beginning their growing season. Join their efforts with the goodness of creation to feed all living things. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Shine your light of wisdom and peace among nations. When those in power seek to assert dominance over others, confound their ways and make them yield to your humble authority. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give safe haven to those who seek healing, liberation, or peace, *especially*.....

And those we name now out loud, in our hearts,

or add in the comment section at this time

(pause for names to be added)

Create places filled with hospitality where hurting people find your loving presence and wholeness.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Uphold the work of ministries and organizations in our communities who assist people experiencing homelessness, citizens returning from prison, and all marginalized people (*especially*). Accomplish your will through their efforts. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Assemble your people at rivers, streams, and fonts, where we remember our baptism and welcome others into the communion of saints. Gather us with those who have died when we meet together at your river of life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: I invite you, at this time, to make a gesture of peace to your siblings in Christ.

THE THANK OFFERING

For those who desire to make a financial offering you may drop them off at the offering station before or after service. You may also go to www.stpaulscasco.com and click on the donate icon at any time or mail them to the church during the week.

THE OFFERING PRAYER **P:** Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples. He also took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink.

With these words he made us this promise. At this time, I invite you to lift the bread and cup. Please repeat after me the promise that our Lord gave us.

P: Take and eat; **C: Take and eat.**

P: This is my body, given for you. **C: This is my body given for you.**

P: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, **C: This cup is the new covenant in my blood.**

P: Shed for all people for the forgiveness of sin. **C: Shed for all people for the forgiveness of sin.**

P: Do this for the remembrance of me. **C: Do this for the remembrance of me.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER -

C: 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.

THE MEAL Pastor: All those who believe in the words "Given and Shed for you" are invited to receive communion at this time

COMMUNION SONG: When Peace Like A River (It is Well with My Soul) ELW#785

1) When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way . . when sor - rows like sea bil-lows roll,
What-ev - er my lot . . thou hast taught me to say . . . it is well . . it is well . . with my soul.

REFRAIN: It is well with my soul it is well . . it is well . . with . . my soul.

2) Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come . . .
Let this . . blest as- sur -ance con-trol . . . that Christ . . hath re-gard-ed my help-less es-tate . .
And hath shed . . his own blood . . for my soul. **REFRAIN**

3) He lives, oh the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought . . my sin, not in part, but the whole . .
Is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more . . Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul. **REFRAIN**

4) Lord, has - ten the day, when our faith . . shall be sight . . the clouds be rolled back. . as a scroll.
The trum - pet shall sound . . and the Lord . . shall de-scend . . e-ven so, it is well . . with . . my soul.
REFRAIN

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COMMUNION, POST COMMUNION LITURGY

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and give you peace. Amen

DOXOLOGY - Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Public Domain

POST COMMUNION PRAYER - - - BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN: The Church's One Foundation ELW#654

1) The church's one foun - da - tion is Je-sus Christ, her Lord . .
She is his new cre - a - tion by wa-ter and the word . .
From heav'n he came and sought her, to be his ho-ly bride . .
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

2) E-lect from ev-'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth . .
Her char-ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth . .
One ho-ly name she bless - es, par-takes one ho-ly food . .
And to one hope she press - es with ev-'ry grace en-dued.

3) Though with a scorn-ful won - der this world sees her op-pressed . .
By schisms rent a - sund - er, by her- e - sies dis-tressed . .
Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long"? . .
And soon the might of weep - ing, shall be the morn of song.

4) Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu-mult of her war . .
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for-ev-er-more . .
Till with the vi-sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest . .
And the great church vic - to - rious, shall be the church at rest.

5) Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One . .
And mys-tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won . .
Oh, bless-ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace . .
That we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

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DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

C: Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

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Additional Reading for this week-- - Psalm 67

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Pastor's Midweek Facebook Devotional

7p.m. Wed., May 25, 2022

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