

**Sunday, January 8, 2023**

**Prelude**

***Jesus Won't You Come By Here***

Jesus, won't you come by here, Jesus, won't you come by here  
Jesus, won't you come by here,  
Now is the needy hour, Now is the needy hour  
Jesus, won't you come by here

**Welcome**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who makes all things new, whose love endures forever.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Holy God, source of our renewal,*

**We confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

Thus says our God: You are forgiven in the name of Christ our Savior. The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare. God's Spirit makes all things new.

**Amen.**

**Opening Hymn**

***Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters***

Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow.  
Number them among your people, bless as Christ blessed long ago.  
Weave them garments bright and sparkling, compass them with love and light,  
Fill, anoint them, send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.

We who bring them long for nurture, by your milk may we be fed.  
Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread.  
God, renew us, guide our footsteps, free from sin and all its snares,  
One with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.

Oh, how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!  
To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise!  
We your people stand before you, water washed and Spirit born.  
By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God, transform!

## Invocation

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

## Kyrie

*Kyrie Eleison means "Lord have mercy."*

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

## Hymn of Praise

### ***Lord I Lift Your Name on High***

Lord I lift your name on high

Lord I love to sing your praises

I'm so glad you're in my life

I'm so glad you came to save us

You came from heaven to earth to show the way

From the earth to the cross my debt to pay

From the cross to the grave

From the grave to the sky

Lord I lift your name on high.

## Prayer of the Day

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Reading

### **Matthew 3:1-17**

*Jesus and John the Baptist*

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

## Message

## Hymn of the Day

## *This Is the Spirit's Entry Now*

This is the Spirit's entry now, the water and the word,  
The cross of Jesus on your brow, the seal both felt and heard.

This miracle of life reborn comes from the Lord of breath,  
The sinless one from life was torn, our life comes thru his death.

Let water be the sacred sign that we must die each day  
To rise again by his design as followers of his way.

Renewing Spirit, hear our praise for your baptismal power  
That washes us through all our days, come, cleanse again this hour.

## Apostles' Creed

**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.**

## Sharing of the Peace

## Offering

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## Offertory Response

## **Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am**

Take, oh, take me as I am, summon out what I shall be,  
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

## Closing Prayer

Gracious Lord God, during this season of Epiphany, we are grateful for the light of the bright shining star that leads the way to your eternal presence. As you continue to shine in our lives, help us to reflect your love in all we say and do. Help us to have a deeper understanding of your wisdom that leads our daily walk of faith. In your name we pray, **Amen.**

### **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.**

### **Benediction**

May Almighty God, Creator, Christ, and Comforter, keep you in God's light, God's truth,  
and God's love, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn**

#### ***We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus***

We are baptized in Christ Jesus, we are baptized in his death,  
That as Christ is raised victorious, we might live a brand new life.  
And if we have been united in a dreadful death like his,  
We will all be reunited, for he lives.

In the water and the witness, in the breaking of the bread,  
In the waiting arms of Jesus who is risen from the dead,  
God has made a new beginning from the ashes of our past,  
In the losing and the winning we hold fast.

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son,  
Glory to the Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one,  
As it was in the beginning, glory now resounds again,  
In a song that has no ending. Amen.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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### **In Our Prayers this Week:**

Shirley Johnson, Elvina Nelson, Sean Stephanson (nephew of Steve & Bernie Venske),  
Bruce Morem (father of Nikki Hunkins), Stella Halvorson, Gwen Dalchow,  
Aiko Landgraf (niece of Sue Magnuson), Delmer Malo (father of Pam Olson),  
Rick & Laurie Mann, Lyle Kuntz (father of Kim Kuntz)

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Glen Sandquist,  
who passed away recently. May God grant you peace and comfort.