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☐ = Pastor ☒ = Lector [reader] ☑ = Congregation *ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (hymnal, if you have one at home)*

PRELUDES

Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion, so please pick up a prefilled communion "kit" on the altar rail as you approach the altar. Please tell an usher if you need a communion kit brought to you where you sit. At home you may prepare ahead of time wine/grape juice and bread appropriate for your family. Our liturgy declares we celebrate with "the church on earth and the hosts of heaven." We acknowledge that communion always connects us "remotely" and powerfully with the Church through time and space.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Miriam

⬆ CONFESSIO and FORGIVENESS

☐ Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, ☩ who sends the word with angels, who is made flesh among all peoples, and who breathes peace on all the earth.

☑ Amen.

☐ In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace. *Silence is kept for reflection.*
Holy God,

☑ **we confess our sin before you. We replace compassion with competition.
We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek. We are quick to anger but slow to forgive.
We have not put on love in harmony with you. Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word.
Swaddle our hearts with your peace, that all we do, in word or deed,
may reflect your love born among us. Amen.**

☐ The true light, which enlightens everyone, has come into the world: God has come among us in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord. ☩ In Christ your sins are forgiven and you are clothed in peace.

☑ Amen.

⬆ GATHERING HYMN: *When Jesus Came to Jordan*

ELW Hymn 305

1 **When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,
he did not come for pardon but as the Sinless One.
He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,
to speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.**

2 **He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss,
for us and our salvation to die upon the cross.
So when the dove descended on him, the Son of Man,
the hidden years had ended, the age of grace began.**

3 **Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make;
this very day invade us, and ev'ry bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most:
to share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.**

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⬆ 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

- [L] In peace, let us pray to the Lord. [C] **Lord, have mercy.**
 [L] For the peace from above, and for our salvation,
 let us pray to the Lord. [C] **Lord, have mercy.**
 [L] For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
 and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. [C] **Lord, have mercy.**
 [L] For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
 let us pray to the Lord. [C] **Lord, have mercy.**
 [L] Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. [C] **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: *Hail to the Lord's Anointed**ELW Hymn 311; Alt. Tune: LANCASHIRE*

- 1 Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!**
Hail, in the time appointed, your reign on earth begun!
You come to break oppression, to set the captive free,
to take away transgression and rule in equity.
- 4 Kings shall fall down before you, and gold and incense bring;**
all nations shall adore you, your praise all people sing.
To you shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;
your kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

- [P] Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. [C] **Amen.**

LESSON: Isaiah 43:1-5a—*The Voice*

- [L] Today's Lesson is from Isaiah, the forty-third chapter.
- Eternal One:** Don't you *Remember* who created you and shaped you, O Israel?
See, you have nothing to fear. I, who made you, will take you back.
I have chosen you, named you as My own.
²When you face *stormy* seas I will be there with you *with endurance and calm;*
you will not be engulfed in raging rivers.
If it seems like you're walking through fire with flames licking at your limbs,
keep going; you won't be burned.
³Because I, the Eternal One, am your God and I will save you.
⁴Because you are special to Me and I love you, ⁵So don't be afraid. I am here.

- [L] The word of the Lord. [C] **Thanks be to God.**

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- [L] Bravo, GOD, bravo! Gods and all angels shout, "Encore!"
 In awe before the glory, in awe before God's visible power.
 Stand at attention! Dress your best to honor him!
- [C] ³**GOD thunders across the waters, Brilliant, his voice and his face, streaming brightness—**
GOD, across the flood waters.

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L ⁴God’s thunder tympanic, God’s thunder symphonic.

C ⁵**God’s thunder smashes cedars, God topples the northern cedars.**

L ⁶The mountain ranges skip like spring colts, The high ridges jump like wild kid goats.

C ⁷⁻⁸**God’s thunder spits fire. God thunders, the wilderness quakes;
He makes the desert of Kadesh shake.**

L ⁹God’s thunder sets the oak trees dancing A wild dance, whirling; the pelting rain strips their branches.

C **We fall to our knees—we call out, “Glory!”**

L ¹⁰Above the floodwaters is God’s throne from which his power flows, from which he rules the world.

C ¹¹**God makes his people strong. God gives his people peace.**

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↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Wade in the Water*

ELW Hymn 459

*Refrain: Wade in the water, wade in the water, children, wade in the water,
God’s a-goin’-a trouble the water.*

4 (If you don’t believe I’ve been redeemed,) God’s a-goin’-a trouble the water.
(just follow me down to Jordan’s stream.) God’s a-goin’-a trouble the water. *Refrain*

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↑ **HOLY GOSPEL:** Luke 3:15-18, 21-22

—*The Voice*

P The Holy Gospel according Luke, the third chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John’s bold message seized public attention, and many began wondering if John might himself be the Anointed One *promised by God*.

John the Baptist: ¹⁶*I baptize you with water, but One is coming—One far more powerful than I, One whose sandals I am not worthy to untie—who will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷He is coming like a farmer at harvesttime, tools in hand to separate the wheat from the chaff. He will burn the chaff with unquenchable fire, and He will gather the genuine wheat into His barn.*

¹⁸He preached with many other provocative figures of speech and so conveyed God’s message to the people—the time had come to rethink everything.

²¹Before John’s imprisonment, when he was still ... baptizing the people in the Jordan River, Jesus also came to him to be baptized. As Jesus prayed, the heavens opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit came upon Him in a physical manifestation that resembled a dove. A voice echoed out from heaven.

Voice from Heaven: *You are My Son, the Son I love, and in You I take great pleasure.*

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Miriam

↑ **HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Christ, When for Us Your Were Baptized*

ELW Hymn 304

1 **Christ, when for us you were baptized, God’s Spirit on you came,
as peaceful as a dove, and yet as urgent as a flame, as urgent as a flame.**

2 **God called you, “My beloved Son”; you are God’s servant true,
sent to proclaim the reign of heav’n, God’s holy will to do, God’s holy will to do.**

4 **Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord; your cross on us be signed,
that likewise in God’s service we may perfect freedom find, may perfect freedom find.**

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↑ OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

- P** Let us confess our baptismal faith together.
- 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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*When the petition concludes "Merciful God," please respond, "receive our prayer."
 The prayers are ended with these words, "Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you, confident of your grace and love made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior."
 Please respond, "Amen."*



INVITATION TO OFFERING: *Link to give:* <https://coslutheran.org/give/>

↑ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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| 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** 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; In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. 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:
- C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

—ELW page 144

↑ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- P** 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.

↑ 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.**

SHARING COMMUNION IN THE SANCTUARY OR WITH YOUR HOUSEHOLD AT HOME

As the pastors and worshipers commune, please join them and the whole Church in the sanctuary or remotely by communing each other/yourself with these ancient words of promise: "The body of Christ for you" and "The blood of Christ for you."

ANTHEM: *Walk in the Light*

Sanctuary Choir

HYMN DURING COMMUNION: *Crashing Waters at Creation*

ELW Hymn 455

- 1** Crashing waters at creation, ordered by the Spirit's breath,
first to witness day's beginning from the brightness of night's death:
- 3** Cleansing water once at Jordan closed around the one foretold,
opened to reveal the glory ever new and ever old.
- 4** Living water, never ending, quench the thirst and flood the soul.
Wellspring, source of life eternal, drench our dryness, make us whole.

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† **PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION**

- ☞ The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh.
- ☛ **Amen.**

† **CLOSING HYMN:** *We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus*

ELW Hymn 451

- 1** 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.
- 2** 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.
- 3** 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.

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† **DISMISSAL**

- ☞ Go in peace. Tell all of the divine baby who lived among us, Jesus Christ.
Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.
- ☛ **Thanks be to God.**

