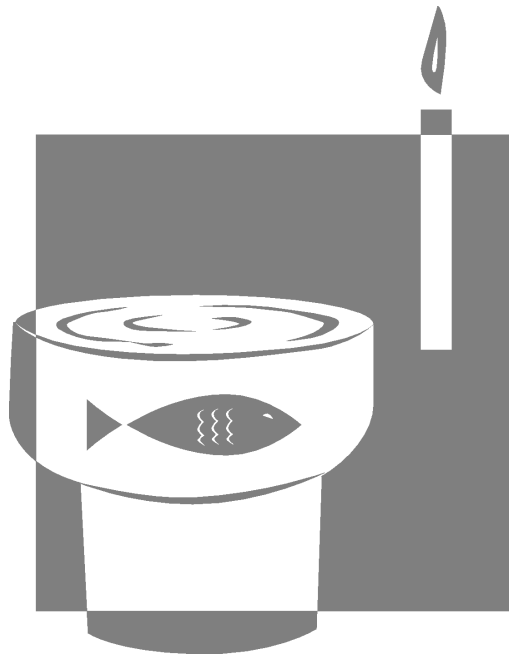


The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
“X” Marks the Spot: Worship Treasures
BAPTISM AND THE FONT



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☐ = Pastor ☒ = Lector [reader] ☑ = Congregation *ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (the red hymnal)*
⬆ Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDES

Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion. Communion is offered by intinction: you may receive a wafer and dip it in the chalice with wine or white grape juice. Or you may 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 Fritz

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

- ☐ 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.**

⬆ **GATHERING HYMN:** *Remember and Rejoice*

ELW Hymn 454

- 1 **Remember and rejoice, renewed by floods of grace.
We bear the sign of Jesus Christ, that time cannot erase.**
- 2 **In life, in death, we trust in God's most holy name,
forever traced by water sign, and sealed by Spirit flame.**
- 4 **God, bless us by your grace; remind us of your care.
Renewing Spirit, fill us now, inspire our work, our prayer.**

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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.**

⬆ PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ **Amen.**

LESSON

- [L] The lesson is taken from Acts and from letters of Paul to Christians at Rome, Galatia, and Corinth. Please join me in reading them responsively.
- [L] Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ
- [C] **so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.** *Acts 2.38*
- [L] Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?
- [C] ⁴**Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.** *Romans 6.3-4*
- [L] ²⁶... for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.
- [C] ²⁷**As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.**
- [L] ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. *Galatians 3.26-28*
- [C] ¹³**For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.** *1 Corinthians 12:13*
- [L] Word of God, word of life.
- [C] **Thanks be to God.**

↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Take Me to the Water* *[All Creation Sings, Hymn 957]*

- 1 **Take me to the water, take me to the water, take me to the water to be baptized.**
- 2 **I love Jesus, I love Jesus, I love Jesus, oh, yes, I do.**
- 4 **Glory, hallelujah. Glory, hallelujah. Glory, hallelujah to be baptized.**

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↑ **GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20**

- [P] The Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.
- [C] **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now (after the resurrection) the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

- [P] The Gospel of the Lord.
- [C] **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

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↑ **HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Baptized in Water* *ELW Hymn 456*

- 1 **Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our king: heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God’s praise we sing.**
- 2 **Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our king: one with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God’s praise we sing.**
- 3 **Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our king: born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God’s praise we sing.**

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↑ OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

☐ Let us confess our baptismal faith together.

☑ **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 "God of grace," please respond, "hear our prayer."

The prayers are ended with these words, "Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior."

Please respond, "Amen."

OFFERING

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OFFERING HYMN (8:30): *Baptized and Set Free*

ELW Hymn 453

- 1 **We are people created, chosen by God. Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.
Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door
to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.**
- 2 **We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed.
Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed.
For whatever the need, God is greater indeed: endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.**
- 3 **We are nourished by water, all living things, and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.
As we journey toward home, may your presence be known:
precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.**
- 4 **Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.
All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.
Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be
one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!**

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OFFERING ANTHEM (11:00): *Lift High the Cross*

*Sanctuary Choir; Joyful Noise Ringers;
Organ; Piano*

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

1 **Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod, our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain***

[2 *All newborn servants of the Crucified bear on their brows the seal of him who died.]*

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↑ 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 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, and join their unending hymn:
C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

—ELW page 108

↑ 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

- P 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 AT CHURCH or at home with your household

*As the pastors and worship team commune, please join them and the whole Church.
 Please approach the altar using the diagonal aisles and return by the side or middle aisles.
 You will be offered a wafer, which you may dip in the chalice of wine or white grape juice.
 You may also choose a packaged cup with wine or grape juice, or a gluten-free wafer with wine
 (as we have been using throughout the pandemic).
 At home commune each other/yourself with these ancient words of promise:
 "The body of Christ for you" and "The blood of Christ for you."*

COMMUNION HYMN: *We Enter Your Church*

Tune: CRADLE SONG

- 1 **We enter your church, Lord, through welcoming doors.
 We enter it, too, where you claim us as yours.
 It's here at the font that you offer a sign:
 You tell us, "My children, you're baptized! You're mine!"**
- 2 **O God, you have called us, inviting us in;
 You've made us your household and freed us from sin.
 From youngest to oldest, we find in this place
 Your waters of welcome, your family, your grace.**



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**3 We've heard here your welcome and also your call;
Your Spirit inspires us to share Christ with all.
The life we receive here is life we can share;
We'll carry your message of love everywhere.**

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↑ **PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION**

☞ May 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: *We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus***

ELW Hymn 454

**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, with God beside you. Invite everyone to Jesus' pathway of joy and life!

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

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Tech Team: Davida Kilgore and Dakota Atkins (8:30);

Brad McCumber, Linda Volckmann, Brad Milburn (11:00)

Ushers: Stephen Gundersen and Gus Reed (8:30);

Ben McCumber and Paul Talbott (11:00)

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