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Caleb Ramirez, Musician Leader

☐ = Pastor ☐ = Lector [reader] ☑ Congregation ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship

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

⬆ **EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

⬆ **GATHERING HYMN: Thy Strong Word**

ELW Hymn 511

- 1 **Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; at thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank thee, while thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!**
- 2 **Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, dark as night and deep as death,
broke the light of thy salvation, breathed thine own life-breathing breath.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!**
- 5 **Give us lips to sing thy glory, tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
throats that shout the hope that fills us, mouths to speak thy holy name.
Alleluia! Alleluia! May the light which thou dost send
fill our songs with alleluias, alleluias without end!**
- 6 **God the Father, light-creator, to thee laud and honor be.
To thee, Light of Light begotten, praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, glory, glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever praise the holy Trinity!**

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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**

- ☐ Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
☑ **Amen.**

READING: I Corinthians 1:10-18

- ☐ Today's Lesson comes from Paul's first letter to the Church in Corinth, the first chapter.

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, ►

my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Ⓔ Word of God, word of life.

Ⓒ Thanks be to God.

↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *I Love to Tell the Story*

ELW Hymn 661

**1 I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it’s true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.**

Refrain: I love to tell the story; ‘twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

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↑ **GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23**

Ⓔ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fourth chapter. Ⓒ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea,
across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—

¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.”

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Ⓔ The Gospel of the Lord.

Ⓒ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Fritz

↑ **HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Will You Come and Follow Me?*

ELW Hymn 798

**1 “Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**

**2 “Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray’r in you and you in me?**

**3 “Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris’ners free and never be the same? ▶**



**“Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”**

- 5 Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

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THE BAPTISM OF CHARLOTTE GRACE POINTEK

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PRESENTATION

- P** People of God, do you promise to support Charlotte in her new life in Christ?
C We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

- P** I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.
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?
C I renounce them.
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

- P** Charlotte Grace, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.
I invite the congregation to respond:
C Amen. You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

LAYING ON OF HANDS, SIGNING THE CROSS, GIVING OF THE LIGHT

WELCOME

- P** Through Baptism God has made this new sister a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world. Let us welcome Charlotte.
C We welcome you into the Lord’s family.
We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father,
And worker with us in the kingdom of God.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

We acknowledge that you may have already offered your gifts electronically or by mail. Thank you.

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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; By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name.
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 WITH YOUR HOUSEHOLD

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. 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."

HYMN DURING COMMUNION: *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*

ELW Hymn 817

- 1** **You have come down to the lakeshore seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy, but only asking for me to follow.**

Refrain: **Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes; kindly smiling, you've called out my name. On the sand I have abandoned my small boat; now with you, I will seek other seas.**

- 3** **You need my hands, my exhaustion, working love for the rest of the weary-- a love that's willing to go on loving. Refrain**

- 4** **You who have fished other waters; you, the longing of souls that are yearning: O loving Friend, you have come to call me. Refrain**

↑ **PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION**

☞ The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod + bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

☞ **Amen.**

↑ **SENDING HYMN: *Christ Be Our Light***

ELW Hymn 715

**1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.**

*Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

**2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. *Refrain***

**3 Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. *Refrain***

**5 Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain***

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↑ **DISMISSAL**

☞ Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

↑ **POSTLUDE**

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