



**God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;  
For God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house,  
Goods, honor, child, or spouse.  
Though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.  
The kingdom's our forever!**

### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

**All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P: We thank you, risen Christ,  
for these waters where you make us new,  
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.  
We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us  
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,  
like rains to our thirsting earth,  
like streams that revive our souls,  
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.  
Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.  
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.  
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.  
make us one, risen Christ.  
Cleanse our hearts.  
Shower us with life.  
To You be given all praise,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God,  
now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

### **Lighting of Candles**

# *The Word*

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## **Prayer of the Day**

P: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

## **First Reading**

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

*The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin.*

*Our hope lies in a God who forgets.*

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

P: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le -  
lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Gospel Reading

John 8:31-36

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup>They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

## Message

Pastor Carole Lundell

## Special Music

The Gift of Love, duet- Maggie Koebele & Kim Alswager

## Affirmation of Baptism

Council Vice President: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

Council Vice President: I present John Koller, Matthew John Meyer, and Libby Ann Thibodeau.

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Response: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

**All: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

**All: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

P: Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

P: Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

### *The Meal*

*Holy Communion is a sacred and mysterious manifestation of God's love and grace for us. In Holy Communion the Father, Son and Holy Spirit invite us to share in the bond of peace and love they share with each other through repentant hearts and humble faith.*

*All are invited to share in this gift of grace.*

## Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts,

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

## Words of Institution

### Lord's Prayer

**All: 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**

### All are Welcome to Share in this Meal

*As the prophets of old knew, so may we also know: When we live by the Spirit, we will inherit the kingdom of God. The Spirit of love and forgiveness grows on the tree of life. This Spirit is available to all who seek it. Eat of this fruit, for it is the body of Christ, given for you.*

### Post Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray.

Lord of life,

in the gift of your body and blood

you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.

Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,

bearing witness to the abundance of your love

in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All: Amen.**

# *Sending*

## **Announcements**

### **Blessing**

P: People of God,  
you are Christ's body,  
bringing new life to a suffering world.

The holy Trinity, † one God,  
bless you now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

### **Sending Song**

### **ELW 848: Give to Our God Immortal Praise!**

Give to our God immortal praise! Mercy and  
truth are all his ways. Wonders of grace to  
God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.

He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and  
darkness and the grave. Wonders of grace to  
God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.

Give to the Lord of lords renown; the King of  
kings with glory crown. His mercies ever  
shall endure when lords and kings are known no more!

### **Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Thank you for celebrating God's love with us today.  
God Bless our confirmands.*