



GATHERING MUSIC *Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord, Father of Light*
Baptized

WORSHIP TEAM

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

Spirit of Gentleness

ELW #396

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.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

KYRIE

ELW #157

Leader: in peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For your people here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your world, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Help, save and defend us, O God. **Amen**

HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW #167

Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy to the God of life and love and freedom, praise and glory forever more! Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has freed and united us to be one great people of God. Power and riches, wisdom and might, all honor and glory to Christ forever. For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God; to make all things new.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **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. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

KRISTY WICKLUND

READING: ISAIAH 43:1-7

¹But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” ²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

“Life Giving Water”

PASTOR DAVID STROM

HYMN OF THE DAY

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

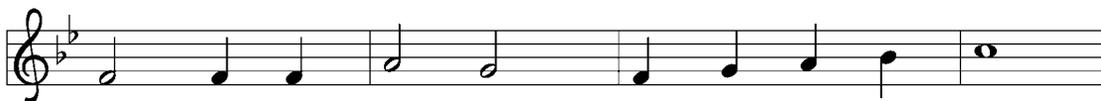
ELW #800



1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,



and make me love you as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance so we are emboldened to pray for the church, the world, our community, our congregation and for all those who are in need.

By the Holy Spirit, you gather your church and send it out in mission to share the good news of Jesus. Inspire your faithful people to be fervent in prayer and service, that all people know they are precious in God's sight.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You reveal your love and power through water and the Spirit. Guard rivers, seas, and all bodies of water from destruction and pollution. Secure access to clean water for all, and protect the land from drought and flood.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You are the Great Physician. We ask today that you heal and bring comfort to those who are suffering in mind and body. We especially remember today, Lisa Kugler, Mark Norby, Kris Werner and those who are unnamed, but are near and dear to our hearts, who are dealing with emotional struggles and physical illness and pain.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

As you led the nation of Israel with a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, we ask Lord that you will lead our congregation through the pain and discomfort of departure and that you will grant our leadership and this congregation wisdom and discernment as we move forward into a new year with hope regarding our direction as a congregation. Open before us new avenues of service and ministry that we may have set aside in the past, or are entirely new ideas for us. May you grant us the courage to follow your lead even in the midst of uncertainty.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You created each of your saints for your glory. We give thanks for those you have called by name into your eternal embrace. Comfort us in grief and release us from fear.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

OFFERING RESPONSE

We Are an Offering

ELW #692

The image shows a musical score for the offering response "We Are an Offering". It consists of seven staves of music in a single system, with lyrics written below the notes. The music is in a 3/4 time signature and features a melody with several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes). The lyrics are: "We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voice-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing." At the bottom left of the score, there is a copyright notice: "© 1957 Dwight Liles, b. 1957" and "© 1984 Word Music, LLC". At the bottom right, it says "OFFERING P.M."

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS

This Is the Spirit's Entry Now
Baptized and Set Free
One Bread, One Body

ELW #448

ELW #453

ELW #496

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

This Little Light of Mine

ELW #677



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

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This Sunday, January 9- Baptism of Our Lord

- 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion, followed by coffee & fellowship, *Narthex*.
- 10:45-11:15am Sunday School & Butterflies

Monday, January 10:

- 9:00am-3:00pm Love Days Quilters
- Annual Reports Due to Katie, office@flcff.org

Tuesday, January 11:

- 12:00pm Yoga, *Narthex*
- 5:30pm Yoga, *Narthex*
- 1:00pm Worship Committee
- 6:00pm Council, *Kairos*

Wednesday, January 12:

- 9:30am Al Anon
- 10:00am AA
- 1:00pm Cookie Monster AA
- 5:00pm OA
- 3:30-4:30pm FLY K-6 @Roosevelt
- 4:30-5:30pm Confirmation
- 6:00pm Handbells Practice
- 6:30pm-7:30pm Confirmation
- 7:30pm Choir Practice, *Narthex*

Thursday, January 13:

- 12:00pm Middle of the Mess Book Study, *Family Room*
- 6:00pm Women's AA, zoom id #147353510; passcode 999

Friday, January 14:

- Office Closed

Next Sunday, January 16- Second Sunday of Epiphany

- 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion, followed by coffee & fellowship, *Narthex*.
- 10:45-11:15am Sunday School & Butterflies

Welcome to 1st Lutheran!
* We are delighted that you have joined us for worship.
* The Invitation to Holy Communion comes from our Lord Jesus. You do not need to be a member, or Lutheran, to receive Holy Communion. All who trust Christ's promises are welcome.
* Children are sometimes wiggly and noisy. We don't mind. They are always welcome here. If your small children are needing to move around or need comforting, there is space in the back of the Sanctuary with quiet toys and a rocking chair.
* If you have prayer concerns, please be sure to let the church office know. Church phone number is 739-3348.

Kid Worship Challenge – What are some other names for Jesus? How many of these names and the name Jesus do you see in our bulletin for today? Show Ms. Kristy your list of names and how many you counted at Sunday School.

The flowers and radio this week are sponsored by Leonard Hatzenbuhler in honor of Karen's birthday.

We have openings to sponsor the radio broadcast in 2022; Cost: \$100. **Providing altar flowers** is available in 2022. Please sign up on the kiosk in the Narthex or call the office at 739-3348. Thank you!

Sunday School/Butterflies will resume today!

Offering Envelopes have arrived! Find them in the Narthex. Remember, this year we have ordered generic envelopes, so please write your name on them when you turn in your offerings. Thank you! Please contact the office with any questions. 218-739-3348, office@flcff.org.

24 Days of Giving – Join the First Lutheran Sunday School students in giving to the Community Food Shelf with the gift of money as we count down the days to Christmas. Envelopes can be found in front of the church office. Please turn in your envelopes by Jan. 16th.

We are seeking volunteers to provide rides to members from Pioneer Pointe and individual homes. Please contact the church if you are available to do so. Thanks! 218-739-3348, office@flcff.org.

Annual Reports are Due to Katie by January 10th!! office@flcff.org

The Annual Meeting will be held Sunday January 30th at 10:45am in the sanctuary. Please grab a cup of coffee and a treat after service and join us for the Annual Meeting!

Giving as of January 2, 2022. Given: \$4246.12