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**GATHERING**

We Enter God's Presence.

**INVOCATION**

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Blue 747

**Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ our head and cornerstone,  
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the Church in one;  
Holy Zion's help forever and our confidence alone.**

**To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;  
Come with all your lovingkindness, hear your people as they pray;  
And your fullest benediction shed within these walls today.**

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What they gain from you, forever with the blessed to retain;  
And hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.**

**Praise and honor to the Father, praise and honor to the Son,  
Praise and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one:  
One in might and one in glory while unending ages run!**

**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

**RITE OF BAPTISM FOR KLARA SUZANNE JANK AND  
ELEANOR ELIZABETH MISIOLEK**

People of God, do you promise to support Klara and Eleanor and pray for them  
in their new life in Christ?

**We do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the  
power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under  
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at  
the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and  
the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Following the baptism, join the cantor in singing several times:*

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st. 3 - cantor descant

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The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes in the bass line.

*Assisting: Through baptism you have been received into the household of God, entrusted with the good news of Jesus Christ, and strengthened to serve by the holy and life-giving Spirit.*

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share. Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

**BAPTISM HYMN**

See This Wonder in the Making      Tune: Tryggare Kan Ingen Vara (474)

**See this wonder in the making: God Himself this child is taking  
As a lamb safe in His keeping, His to be, awake or sleeping.**

**Miracle each time it happens As the door to heaven opens  
And the Father beams, "Beloved, Heir of gifts a king would covet!"**

**Far more tender than a mother, Far more caring than a father,  
God into Your arms we place her, With Your love and peace embrace her.**

**Here we bring a child of nature; Home we take a newborn creature,  
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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**WORD**

We Hear God's Word.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY

FIRST LESSON

**Revelation 14:6-7**

The eternal Gospel is for all people.

*Then I saw another angel flying in midheaven, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth to every nation and tribe and language and people. He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, for the hour of his judgment has come; and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!** *(shouted)*

PSALM HYMN *(Psalm 46)*

God Is Our Refuge and Strength



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SECOND LESSON

**Romans 3:19-28**

The goodness God demands, He gives, by grace through faith.

*Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.*

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S 198a

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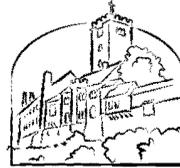
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The Gospel of the Lord.

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SERMON

**Am I Good Enough?**

**John 8:31-36**

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God  
*st. 4 - choir descant*

Green 228

**A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;  
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Are his dread arms in fight; On earth is not his equal.**

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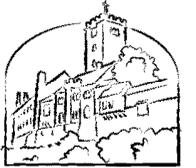
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If they take our house, goods, fame, child, or spouse, wrench our life away,  
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#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

. . . Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**  
. . . through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen.**

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**  
*Please share the reconciliation we have with God with one another by greeting those around you with a hearty handshake and the words, "Peace be with you."*

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**MEAL**  
We Celebrate the Lord's Supper.

#### GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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*words and music by David Haas, arranged by Mark Hayes*

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You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be still and know I am here.  
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In the shadows of the night I will be your light, come and rest in me.

Refrain: Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.  
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I am strength for all the despairing, I am healing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name.  
Refrain

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I will call your name embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk, and live!  
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OFFERING PRAYER

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**O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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**SANCTUS**

S 200

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 san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
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**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

You are indeed holy, . . . we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.  
 Remembering, therefore, . . . in your holy church, now and forever.  
 A - men, a - men, a - men.

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**LORD'S PRAYER** (join hands)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:  
**Our Father, who art in heaven....**

**INVITATION**

Come to the banquet for all is now ready.  
**Amen.**

Sit

**DISTRIBUTION**

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**LORD'S PRAYER** (join hands)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:  
**Our Father, who art in heaven....**

**INVITATION**

Come to the banquet for all is now ready.  
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Green 297

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2 What love that reach - es out to make us friends!  
3 Like Mar - y laud - ing You there in her womb,  
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He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, With grace unbounded.**

**See how He sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;  
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All men and women, who by guilt are driven, Now are forgiven.**

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Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.  
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation His new creation.**

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POSTLUDE

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