

**+ WE WORSHIP OUR LORD
FROM GOD TO OTHERS TO US TO OTHERS
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+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +**

Do you know the difference between kindness and loving kindness?

*Kindness is when you ask your mother for toast and she gives it to you.
Loving kindness is when you ask your mother for toast and she gives it to you
with butter and jelly on it.*

And that's the way God is.

*God, in His loving kindness, is an exceedingly generous giver. He doesn't just
give you blessings, He gives blessings with butter and jelly on it.*

PRAISE SONG

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P The Lord is my portion, I promise to keep Your words.

C I pray Your favor with all my heart, be gracious to me according to Your promise.

P With humble hearts and contrite voices, let's confess our sin to God...

P God is gracious and merciful. He hears your supplication and joyfully restores you to His fold. By the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained

servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Together we pray,

C **Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

+ THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM +

P Dearly beloved, Jesus says in the last chapter of Matthew, All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, Whoever believes, and is

baptized, will be saved. And Peter has written, Baptism now saves you.

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Jesus claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Emma, receive the sign of the cross both upon your † forehead and upon your † heart to mark you as one redeemed by Jesus.

Let us pray, Almighty God, according to Your judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your Son, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Emma according to Your boundless mercy and bless her with true faith by the Holy Spirit. Grant that she be kept safe and secure loving and serving You at all times with an eager spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, she would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Tina and B.J., from ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates. In the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples of the Holy life of faith in Jesus and love for each other.

Tina and B.J., is it your intention to serve Emma as sponsors in the Christian faith?

Sponsors: *Yes, with the help of God.*

P God enable you to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

Sponsors: *Amen.*

Bill: Hear now the Gospel according to St. Mark: They brought young children to Jesus that He might touch them, but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them, for of such is the

kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it. And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them. This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Bill: Together, we pray,
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.**

P Lauren, Paul, Tina, B.J., on behalf of Emma, please answer the questions I now address to her. Do you renounce the devil?
Yes, I renounce him.

P Do you renounce all his works?

Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you renounce all his ways?

Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

Yes, I believe.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?

Yes, I believe.

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?

Yes, I believe.

P Lauren and Paul, do you desire your daughter to be baptized into the Christian faith?

Parents: *Yes, we do.*

P Emma Elizabeth Slagle, it is with joy that I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P The Almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

C **Amen.**

Bill: Lauren and Paul, on behalf of Emma, receive this burning candle to show that she has been baptized into Jesus, who is the Light of the world, and now the Light of her life. May she always live in the light of Jesus, and be watchful for His coming, that she may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.....As Emma has now become a member of God's family, please welcome her as a member of the Redeemer Lutheran family,

C We welcome you, Emma, because through the power of Holy Baptism, God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and a heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one Holy Christian Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our sister in Jesus, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. We welcome you, Emma, in the name of Jesus, Amen.

P Let us pray...

Almighty and most merciful God, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Emma the new birth in Holy Baptism and made her a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus, and a heir of Your heavenly Kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as she has now become Your child, You would keep her in her baptismal grace that, according to Your good pleasure, she may faithfully grow to lead a Godly life to the praise and honor of Your Holy name and finally with all Your saints obtain the promised inheritance in heaven, through Jesus, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Emma, peace be with you.

C Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 34:11–24

¹¹“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

¹⁷“As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. ¹⁸Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? ¹⁹And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

²⁰“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Timothy 1:5–11

⁵The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. ⁶Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, ⁷desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions.

⁸Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, ⁹understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, ¹⁰the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, ¹¹in accordance with the glorious gospel of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 15:1–10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ⁴“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸“Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

PRAISE SONG

SERMON

Kindness Is A Two-Way Street

THE GATHERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

PRAYERS OF HIS CHURCH

Pas He taught us to pray,

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.

GOD'S BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

PRAISE SONG

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