



AS WE GATHER

Each one of us comes into God's house individually, from different backgrounds, families, situations, experiences, challenges, and joys. But here, in God's house, something happens that makes us not just a collection of individuals but joined together as one person, one Body. This unity happens because we have been gathered by one Baptism in one faith in one Lord, our God whose greatness has been shown in our hearts and to the world in His Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Here our Lord speaks, and we listen. And in the listening, we are moved to repentance and faith that knows that the Scriptures are fulfilled in the Lord Jesus Christ.

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9; John 20:19-23

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I proclaim to you that all your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

FATHER WELCOMES

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Fa - ther wel-comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly
through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,
Life for - ev - er has been won.
1 Lit - tle chil-dren, come to Me, For My king - dom
2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,
is of these. Life and love I have to give,
be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve
Refrain
Mer - cy for your sin.
Shall be born a gain.

✠ HOLY BAPTISM ✠

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BAPTISMAL ADDRESS

Matthew 28:18b–19; Mark 16:16a; 1 Peter 3:21

- P** Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord 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 the apostle 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 Christ 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 Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

SIGN OF THE CROSS

- P** Receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✠ forehead and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

HOLY GOSPEL FOR BAPTISM

Mark 10:13–16 NKJV

- P** Hear the Holy 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.”
- P** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

ADDRESS TO SPONSORS

- P** From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles’ Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. After *Coletta* has been baptized you are at all times to remember her in your prayers, support her in her ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, encourage her in regular worship and faithful reception of the Lord’s Supper, and be an example to her of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for our neighbor. Is it your intention to serve *Coletta* as sponsors in the Christian faith?
- R** Yes, with the help of God.
- P** God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.
- C** Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

- 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.

PROFESSION OF OUR COMMON FAITH

spoken by everyone

- P** Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?
C **Yes, I renounce them.**
- P** Do you believe in God, the Father?
C **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**
- P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ?
C **Yes, I 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.**
- P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
C **Yes, I 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.**

✠ THE BAPTISM ✠

- P** I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

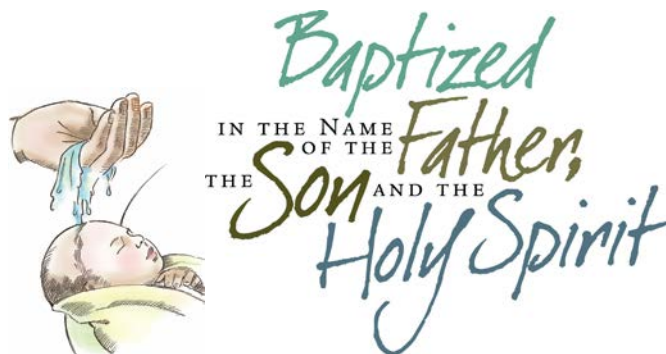
BLESSING OF THE NEWLY BAPTIZED & BAPTISMAL CANDLE

THE WELCOME

- P** Through baptism God has added *Coletta* to His own people to declare the wonderful deeds of our Savior, who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.
- C** **We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, to work with us in His kingdom.**

PRAYER FOR THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

- P** Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted *Coletta* the new birth in Holy Baptism and made her a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as she has now become Your child, You would keep her in Your 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 Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** To you, *Coletta*, the Lord bless you in all your ways from this time forth and forevermore.
- C** **Amen.**



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Life for - ev - er has been won.
2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,
3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly
be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve
rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,
Shall be born a - gain.
Live in the peace of God.

Refrain

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Let us pray. Lord God, Your Word clearly shows Your love for the world in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Give to us both heartfelt repentance and faith that we may rejoice together and praise Your goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10

¹ All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. ² So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. ³ And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. . . .

⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. ⁶ And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the

people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. . . .

⁸ They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

- L** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 12:12–31a

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body.

¹⁶And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the parts

L This is the Word of the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 4:16–30

¹⁶[Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²²And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.



Praise to You, O Christ.

of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

Joseph’s son?” ²³And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Physician, heal yourself.’ What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.” ²⁴And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. ³⁰But passing through their midst, he went away.

ONE IN CHRIST AND ONE IN SPIRIT

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1 One in Christ and one in Spir - it, One in Chris - tian
 2 Chris-tian sis - ters, Chris-tian broth - ers, Reach-ing out to
 3 One in Christ, now and for - ev - er, With one voice, we
 u - ni - ty. From our Fa - ther, we in - her - it
 those in need, We pro - claim Good News to oth - ers
 glad - ly sing. Nei - ther life nor death can sev - er
 Life with Him e - ter - nal - ly. Made a - new in Word and
 As we bold - ly share our creed. In our learn - ing and our
 Chris-tians from their lov - ing King. As we learn of His sal -
 wa - ter, Freed from death and cleansed from sin. Per-fect
 grow - ing, We are strength-ened in the Word. In our
 va - tion, May we tell of Je - sus' grace To each
 son and ho - ly daugh-ter— Hearts made pure and whole with - in.
 com-ing and our go - ing, We live out what we have heard.
 fu - ture gen - er - a - tion At all times, in ev - 'ry place.

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TEACHING FROM GOD'S WORD

Message Notes

Main Points:	
One thing NEW I learned:	What can I apply to my life?

OFFERING

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The members of St. John are happy that you are to become part of our Christian fellowship. We, the members of this Christian congregation, are committed to giving full opportunities and support to you as you join our fellowship.

To the Congregation

- P** It is the mission of this congregation to reach out with the Gospel and to support all who come here and call St. John their church home. So that we may renew our commitment, I now ask you, the members of this congregation: Do you promise these new members that they, and all others who come to us, will be given opportunity to worship and grow in the Lord--Father, Son, and Holy Spirit--receiving the enlightenment and encouragement of His Word, and receiving God's presence in His Sacraments, administered as instituted by our Lord? If so, then answer:
- C** **We do so promise.**
- P** Do you promise these new members that they will be given opportunity to use their God-given talents to fulfill the Great Commission the Lord of the church has given, namely, to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth, making disciples of all nations? If so, then answer:
- C** **We do so promise.**
- P** Do you promise to give these new members your support as brothers and sisters in Christ and to use your resources to meet their needs of body, mind, and spirit that we may be built up in the Lord together (Eph 4:12)? If so, then answer:
- C** **We do so promise, with the help of God.**

To the New Members

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ bids us to confess Him before men, with the promise that He will then confess us before His Father in heaven. Romans 10:9-10 state, *"That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."* That we may rejoice in your confession, I now ask you in the presence of God and this congregation: Do you accept and confess that the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know them, are faithful and true to the Word of God? If so, then answer:
- R** ***I do.***
- P** As a member of this church, do you intend to continue in the confessing your faith, attend worship faithfully, study God's Word regularly, be in fellowship with other believers, not neglect the Lord's Supper, and lead a righteous and godly life? If so, then answer:
- R** ***I do so intend with the help of God.***
- P** Will you support the work and mission of St John Lutheran church with your prayers, time, treasures, and talent? If so, then answer:
- R** ***I will with the help of God.***
- P** Upon this your promise, I, in the name of all the members of this congregation, extend to you the right hand of fellowship and love, acknowledging you as a member of this congregation and a participant in our ministry. We welcome you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May God richly bless all of us as we continue in His work and mission all the days of our life. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

- P** Taught by our LORD and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
- 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.**

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 $\cdot\ddot{\text{I}}$ give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
 bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
 con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
 from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
 us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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