

* **All Singing: 348 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reconciliation

Liturgist: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

All: Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

Liturgist: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

All: Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Liturgist: Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

All: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Liturgist: Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me.

Psalm 51:1-12 Adapted

Silent Reflection and Confession

* **All Singing: 796 “Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”**

Liturgist: Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for your children, and for all who are faraway, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.”

Acts 2:38-39, NRSV

BAPTISM OF ABIGAIL ELIZABETH VRYHOF

Minister: Having heard God’s gracious promises to us in Christ, do you desire that Abigail Elizabeth be baptized?

Parents: We do.

All: With joy we celebrate together the gift of God’s grace in Christ!

Minister: In presenting your child for baptism, desiring that Abigail Elizabeth be grafted into Christ as a member of his body do you receive the teachings of the Christian faith, which we confess in the Creeds of the church?

Parent: Yes! We trust in him as our Lord and Savior. We intend to be Christ’s faithful disciples, trusting in his promises, obeying his Word, honoring his church, and showing his love, with God’s help as long as we shall live.

Minister: Will the congregation please stand and with these parents proclaim your faith using the words from the Apostle’s Creed.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

COVENANT VOWS
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
BAPTISM

WELCOME

Minister: Some of us will have the privilege of encouraging Abigail Elizabeth often, over the course of many years. Others of us may not be able to do so. Yet we all speak words of promise and welcome, speaking on behalf of Christ's whole church, in time and space, and committing ourselves to live lives of Christian encouragement wherever God calls us.

Brothers and sisters, we now receive Abigail Elizabeth into Christ's church. I charge you to nurture and love her and to assist her to be Christ's faithful disciple.

All: With joy and thanksgiving, we now welcome you, Abigail Elizabeth, into Christ's church; for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support you and to help you know and follow Christ.

Choir: "Borning Cry" Ylvisaker, arr. Daniel Kallman

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Prepare our hearts, O God, to hear your Word and obey your will. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture: Luke 15:1-10

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Relentlessly Pursued

* **All Singing: 521 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness

OFFERING

1. General Fund
2. Elim Christian Services

Choir: "Praise God" Stanley

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Hallelujah, Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending

* BENEDICTION

Postlude: "Rejoice, You Pure in Heart" arr. Alice Jordan

Worship Leaders

Organist / Flutist:	Lynn Hollender	Acolyte:	Gwen Quist
Choir Director:	David Baar	Liturgist:	Kim Ottenhoff
Accompanist / Pianist:	Anna Triezenberg	Prayer:	Dave Jousma
Violinist:	Bethany Keeley-Jonker		
Percussion:	Clay Carlson		
Minister:	Roger Nelson		

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