You will be my witnesses
Acts 1:8

GATHERING

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen

P Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,
C let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water is poured into the font
We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.

Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.

Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

HYMN
“Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise” (Cantor sings 1 and 2; ALL SING STANZA 3)

1. Hail the day that sees him rise
   2. There for him high tri-umph waits:
   3. High-est heav’n its Lord re-ceives;
   4. See! he lifts his hands a-bove.
   5. Lord, though part-ed from our sight
   6. There with you we shall re-main,

   Al-le-lu-ia!

1. To his throne be-yond the skies;
   2. Lift your heads, e-ter-nal gates;
   3. Yet he loves the earth he leaves;
   4. See! he shows the wounds of love.
   5. Far be-yond the star-ry height,
   6. Share the glo-ry of your reign,

   Al-le-lu-ia!

1. Christ, the Lamb for sin-ners giv’n,
   2. He has con-quered death and sin;
   3. Though re-turn-ing to his throne,
   4. Hark! his gra-cious lips be-stow,
   5. Lift our hearts that we may rise
   6. There your face un-cloud-ed view,

   Al-le-lu-ia!

1. En-ters now the high-est heav’n!
   2. Take the King of glo-ry in.
   3. Still he calls the world his own.
   4. Bless-ings on his church be-low.
   5. One with you be-yond the skies:
   6. Find our heav’n of heav’ns in you.

   Al-le-lu-ia!
GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
A And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

ALL SING

1 Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth; yours is the promise, the blessing, the birth.
2 Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth; yours the acquisitions, the dying, rebirth.
3 Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth; yours the anointing, the radiant worth.

Ours the rejoicing for Word given frame;
Ours the rejoicing for nature reclaimed;
Ours the rejoicing for spirits aflame;
Ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.

Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;
yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen
FIRST READING  Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

SECOND READING  1 John 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

ALLELUIA VERSE  ALL SING

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Our hearts burn within us as you open to us the scriptures.

HOLY GOSPEL  John 17:6-19

P The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

(Jesus prayed, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they
may have my joy made complete in themselves. 14 I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 15 I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. 16 They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

P  The Gospel of the Lord.
G  Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN  “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

(ALL SING STANZAS 1 and 5 and all the ALLELUIAS; Cantor sings 2-4)

O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
all praise to you let earth accord:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run,
with Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!
NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

PRAYERS

(Response to each petition)

P  Hear us, O God
C  Your mercy is great.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

P  The LORD is my strength and my song;
C  and He has become my salvation.

P  Thanks and praise to You, heavenly Father, for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for He is the very Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By His death, He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again, He has restored us to everlasting life. Therefore with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
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
LAMB OF GOD (ALL SING)

Scripture says, “Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.” Martin Luther’s Small Catechism says, “Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and drink.” All baptized Christians who desire to receive the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins are invited to the Lord’s Table today. Children who have not received their first communion are invited to come to the table and receive a blessing.

- As you approach the altar down the aisles, receive an empty cup from the cart. (non-alcoholic wine is offered in pre-filled cups for those who cannot drink alcohol. These cups are marked in the rack.)
- Maintain physical distance in line.
- Receive the bread (Gluten-free/dairy-free/nut-free wafers are offered)
- Proceed to the left or right to receive the wine.
- As you return to your seat down the side aisles, place your cup in the racks on the tables to your left or right.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION
DISTRIBUTION HYMN  “One Bread, One Body”  (ALL SING REFRAIN; cantor sings verses)

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DISMISSAL

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

P  Let us pray:

Wellspring of joy,
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

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
Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace. Christ lives in you.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN  “Go to the World” (ALL SING STANZAS 1, 2 and 4)

1. Go to the world! Go in to all the earth. Go

2. Go to the world! Go in to ev - ry place.

3. Go to the world! Go strug-gle, bless and pray; the

4. Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for

preach the cross where Christ re - news life’s worth, bap -

Go live the Word of God’s re - deem - ing grace.

nights of tears give way to joy - ous day. As

I am with you ’til the age shall end, When

tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.

Go seek God’s pres - ence in each time and space.

serv - ant Church, you fol - low Christ’s own way. Al -

all the hosts of glo - ry cry “A - men!”

le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.


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REMEMBER TO SUPPORT OUR CONGREGATION with your offerings. You may place them in the plate in the entryway this morning, mail it to the church or make your offering online.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING and HOT DOG LUNCH June 6 after worship

Main meeting item is election of officers and leaders.

Hot Dog lunch is a fundraiser for our summer youth mission trip!
Let's Help our Neighbors in Need!  Hope for the Journey Home Service Week June 13-19

Things, like the rest of the world, have been very different at Hope for the Journey Home last year going into this year. Thankfully, the shelter continues to serve families who need shelter. All of the staff at the shelter are fully vaccinated!

Grace of God is scheduled to serve at the shelter June 13-19. There are several different ways you can volunteer to serve at the shelter. As in the past, if you choose to serve at the shelter a background check (every 3 years) and safe environment training will need to be completed. Please contact me if you have questions or need help signing up to volunteer. Audrey Gilman- 651-352-2888 or aggilman@comcast.net

SIGN UP FOR DINNER OR OVERNIGHT SHIFT:  https://ttsu.me/hjhjune13
(you can also sign up on the church website: graceofgodlutheran.com)

Dinner shift-- available starting between 4:30-5PM and ending between 7:00-7:30PM. Help prepare dinner and serve guests behind plexiglass. Light housekeeping tasks to complete.

Overnight shift-- Overnight volunteers have a private room and private bathroom. Overnight shift is from 8:00 pm to 9:00 am. Optional shift is from 9:00 pm to 7:00 am. Would essentially “get in, get out” and not have to interact with guests if concerned about face to interaction due to COVID 19.

SIGN UP FOR MEAL DONATION:  https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4fadac2fa0f5c34-meals11

Meal Donations (enough to serve 8-10)

Meal Drop off between 4:00 pm- 5:00 pm or arrange a time. Meals may be store bought or homemade. Easy to prepare such as put in oven or crockpot. Great places to purchase: Costco, Sam’s Club, or local grocery store. Contactless drop off.

New Front Desk Position

You can volunteer for a NEW daytime shift. The shelter is temporarily open to our guests during the day. They are are looking for volunteers to spend some time at HJH on weekdays between 8:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. You could sign up for a couple of hours or for the whole shift. You could volunteer once a week, once a month or whatever time you can spare. This is a low-key opportunity with minimal guest contact – you would be answering the door or the phone or doing light tasks as needed. Most days would offer you time to read or knit and just be present. Contact Tris pbrokman@guardian-angels.org or call 651-503-3380 if you are interested in this role.

Consider donating supplies currently needed at the shelter--Drop at the church your donation labeled for Hope for the Journey Home. We’ll be sure it gets delivered to the shelter.

Gallon or 1/2 gallon ziplock bags
Small garbage bags
Small kitchen counter size composting bags
OUTDOOR WORSHIP and PICNICS
June 20, August 15 and September 19
at Walton Park in Oakdale
10:00 am (picnic at 11 am)
Worship will be also be live streamed.

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