



If you are worshipping with us for the first time, welcome!

Our worship service follows a basic order: We gather and center ourselves with song, praise, and prayer. We hear God's Word, from scripture and through preaching and hymns. We celebrate Christ's holy meal, where we are assured of God's love for us, and we are sent by God's spirit back out into the world, fed and forgiven.

If you'd like to learn more about Adoration, please sign the guest register by the entrance doors and introduce yourself to our Pastor, Matt Schlake-Kruse!

Introduction to the Day
Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God's glory in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by God's Spirit.

Today we celebrate the baptism of Zoey Johnson, daughter of Nicholas and Megan (Wargolet) Johnson.

The Transfiguration of the Lord
Today's worship service uses the red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, found in the pews.

Prelude

Barb Regent

Welcome and Announcements

Ringling of the Chimes

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

You are invited to stand.

Gathering Hymn

ELW #732, "Borning Cry," Stanzas 1 & 2

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light, and our salvation.

Amen

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock.

When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

Sing ELW #732, "Borning Cry," Stanza 3

ELCA musician John Ylvisaker's famous anthem, was commissioned for use during the church's exploration of baptism. This hymn is unique in how God addresses humanity from the singer's perspective. The Spirit of "Borning Cry" is one of God who loves us from the beginning of time and through all the seasons of our lives.

People of God, in the baptismal waters we travel with Christ from death to life. Our past, our sin, our failure, our doubt, and our shame are drowned and gone here.

You, O God, wash us in everlasting love.

Our fear, our confusion, our self-righteousness, our despair – ALL are washed away by grace.

You, O God, wash us with steadfast mercy.

Our pride, our hypocrisy, and other people's opinions of us no longer have the power to define us.

You, O God, call us your beloved children.

The Spirit lives and moves through us now, a great and joyful mystery, so we may bring love and mercy into the world as the body of Christ.

You, O God, give us new life.

Sing ELW #732, "Borning Cry," Stanza 4

We rejoice that God has claimed us in this baptismal grace, not by our own doing or believing but by God's mercy alone.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.

Echoes of Psalm 99 can be found in today's gospel reading—Moses as priest and prophet, the voice of God from the cloud, and the presence of God high on a mountain. The psalmist repeats the praise of God's rule: "Here. In this holy place. Sing praise!"

The Epistle from 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2 is not read today.

Please be seated.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

A reading from Exodus.

²⁹Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him.

³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 99 (Read Responsively)

¹The Lord reigns from the cherubim throne. Nations tremble, earth shakes!

²The Lord of Zion is great: High above all peoples. ³Praise the great and fearful name: "Holy is the Lord!"

⁴Almighty ruler, you love justice, you strengthen the upright and secure equity for Jacob.

⁵Bow down to worship at God's feet, lift your voice in praise, "Holy is the Lord!"

⁶First among priests of the Lord were Moses, Aaron, and Samuel; they called out God's Name.

⁷The Lord heard them and spoke from a pillar of cloud; they honored each command.

⁸Our God did what was needed. It was yours, Lord to punish, yours to forgive sin.

⁹Bow down to worship the Lord. Give praise in God's holy place. "Holy is the Lord!" Our God!

You are invited to stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.

Gospel: Luke 9:28-43a

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. ³⁷On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." ⁴¹Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." ⁴²While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ^{43a}And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Our hymn of the day is based on Luke's account of the Transfiguration and set to a tune adapted from J.S. Bach. Celebrating this festival as the last Sunday before Ash Wednesday is a relatively recent change in the church's calendar. Historically, August 6th is the Feast of the Transfiguration. Mt. Tabor, a natural horst (a solitary mountain emerging from shifts in the earth's crust), stands alone as a high place in the valleys surrounding the Sea of Galilee, is presumed to be the mountain in our story.

The five-fold promises Zoey's parents today make on her behalf are the same promises she will affirm at confirmation when she comes of age.

Hymn of the Day ELW #315, How Good Lord To Be Here

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism *Zoey Ann Johnson*

Presentation

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors present the child.

We present Zoey Ann for baptism.

Parents affirm their desire to have their child baptized.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ? ***We do.***

As you bring Zoey to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Zoey grow in the Christian faith and life? ***We do.***

Sponsors affirm their calling to nurture and accompany the child in faith and life.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Zoey in the Christian faith, as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? ***We do.***

People of God, do you promise to support Zoey and pray for her in her new life in Christ? ***We do.***

You are invited to stand.

Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? ***I renounce them.***

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? ***I renounce them.***

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? ***I renounce them.***

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, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

In 1523, Martin Luther wrote his Little Book of Baptism. In it, he added something he called the "Flood Prayer" to the baptismal liturgy. In this prayer, we give thanks for all the ways God has used water and for God's promise to bring about new life. The prayer also connects the newly baptized person to the larger biblical narrative, emphasizing that just as God brought about new life back then, so God continues to bring about new life here and now.

Children are now invited to come toward the font for a closer view of the baptism. You may be seated.

Thanksgiving at the Font

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.

Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Baptism

Zoey Ann, you are baptized
in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Today we present Zoey and her family with a candle, a symbol of the ever-present light of Christ, that burns brightly in their lives.



Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Zoey with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Zoey, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Welcome

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Zoey, 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.

Prayers of Intercession

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

Transform us by your greatness, O God. Send us down the mountain to share joy with all people. Make us agents of change, confident that your hope will vanquish despair and your goodness will conquer evil.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

We lift up in our prayers: John Imp; Jan Rinderle; Chyanna and her newborn daughter Evangeline; Lindsay Pelaez (niece of Tim and Katie Schmidt); Betty Wing; Joani Bettin; Joyce Weinert; Darlene Witkowiak; Bob Bauer; for an individual with good health tests; Keith (Sandy Eigner’s brother-in-law); Bill (friend of the Lazaris family); Jeremy (nephew of Tom Nowakowski); Karen (Sandy Ringwall’s sister); Susan (daughter of Darlene Witkowiak); Caroline (daughter of Jill Lindberg); Scott and Debbie (family of Margaret Duris); Jerry Pritcher (friend of Crystal Januchowski); Shelby (friend of Crystal); and the Daniels family, specifically Taylor. We give thanks for the healing and recovery of many friends and family recovering from recent COVID cases.

We continue to pray for: an end to violence and greater safety in our communities; for Afghan refugees in the United States and in Wisconsin; For those impacted severely by climate change, especially parts of the Western United States experiencing “megadrought” conditions, For the escalating situation at the Russia/Ukraine border.

The mountains and valleys sing your praise. Dazzle us with your presence in every landscape: bluffs built by ancient glaciers, canyons carved by flowing rivers, flat horizons with uninterrupted views, and sands shaped by ocean tides.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

You love justice and establish equity. Strengthen leaders of local governments, community nonprofits, and grassroots campaigns. Bless them with gifts of integrity, creativity, science. Build up safe and joyful communities where all people may thrive.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

Heal those who are in distress especially those we name before you today. Give patience to those waiting for answers. Grant hope to those who have reached the limits of treatment. Give compassionate hearts to those who accompany loved ones through illness and uncertainty.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

Blessed are they who listened to Christ’s voice in this life and now rest with him. Transform us from glory into glory, and give us your peace, that we do not lose heart.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

“The Eucharistic Prayer is both ancient in form and diverse in content.” When used, the whole text is a Trinitarian prayer addressed to God the Father in which we remember with joy and thanksgiving what Jesus Christ has accomplished for us through the Holy Spirit.

Though the pastor may have the speaking part, they are in prayer with and on behalf of the whole community.

So, the Eucharistic Prayer is the prayer of the whole assembly; it is your prayer and mine.” -H.A. Hall

Preparation Prayer

Let us pray. **Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***All are welcome at
Christ's table, and at
Adoration!***

*Jesus himself welcomes all
to the Lord's Supper.*

*Here at Adoration, we
practice "Open
Communion," which
means we welcome
anyone to receive bread
and wine, Christ's body
and blood, the grace-filled
gift of God. Jesus loves
everyone and welcomes
everyone to his table of
grace and peace.*

*Children are welcome to
come forward, either to
receive a blessing or to
receive Holy Communion.*

Thanksgiving at the Table

Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all.
By your powerful word you created all things.

Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the
nations. Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.

He is your Light, shining in our darkness
and revealing to us your mercy and might.

Words of Institution

Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying
and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day
when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving
light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this
heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the
brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with
the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught
us.

**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.**

Please be seated.

Invitation to Communion

We come forward to receive the elements today. Bring your offering and place it in the basket near the baptismal font. Please receive the elements and take them back to your pew before eating and drinking.

Refuse may be placed in the baskets as you depart worship.

Our blessing and benediction today mark our transition into the time of Lent, which will begin this coming Wednesday. In some congregations, the use of alleluia (Hebrew for "Let us praise God") is paused during the season of Lent, to return with glory on Easter Morning.

Communion

Communion Hymn #471, Let Us Break Bread Together

Post-Communion Blessing

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. **We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.**

Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Benediction

Today we shout alleluia from the mountaintop; this week we enter the wilderness of Lent.

Let us pray. Loving God, thank you for the feast we've shared today and for the Lenten journey we will begin together.

Thank you for the gifts of shared abundance and joy and for the gift of shared reflection, repentance, and prayer in the coming Lenten season.

Thank you for the gift of sharing life in community. Make us your beloved community in the world, at work for the sake of your justice, mercy, and love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

May God bless you and keep you.

May God sustain you with this feast and be present in you in body, mind, and spirit.

May God use our feasting and fasting to bless the world, and to give you peace. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn ELW #545, Lord, Dismiss us With Your Blessing

Today's Lay Leaders

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Ushers: Linda Kolar-Wood
& Deanna Posig

Altar Guild: Deanna Posig

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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