

IN MEMORY OF
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GATHERING
The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Gathering/Thanksgiving for Baptism

Congregation Hymn "Here I Am, Lord"

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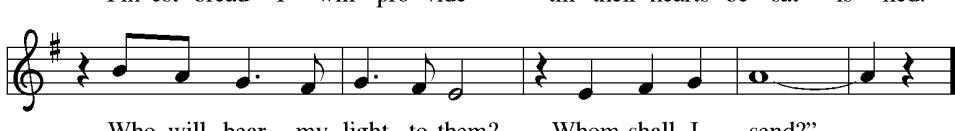
1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you
call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

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Opening Prayer

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

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 40:28-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted, but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46 *A Unison Reading*

**God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.**
**Therefore we will not fear,
though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**
**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**
**God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.**
**The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice; the earth melts.**
**The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**
**Come, behold the works of the LORD;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**

**He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
“Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations;
I am exalted in the earth.”
The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

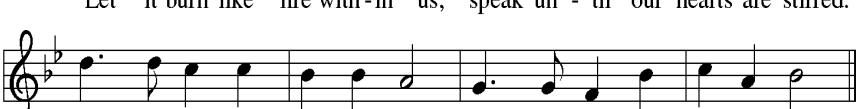
(The assembly stands as they are comfortable for the Gospel)



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Gospel John 14:1-3, 19-23

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.” Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?” Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Homily

(The assembly stands as they are comfortable)

Congregation Hymn “Be Not Afraid”

VERSE 1

1. You shall cross the bar-ren des- ert, but you shall not die of
thirst. You shall wan-der far in safe-ty though you do not know the
way. You shall speak your words in for-eign lands and all will un - der -
1. stand. You shall see the face of God and live.

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REFRAIN

Be not a - fraid. I go be - fore you al - ways.

Fine

Come fol - low me, and I will give you rest.

VERSE 2

2. If you pass through rag-ing wa - ters in the sea, you shall not

2. drown. If you walk a - mid the burn-ing flames, you shall not be
2. harmed. If you stand be - fore the pow'r of hell and death is at your

TO REFRAIN

2. side, know that I am with you through it all.

VERSE 3

3. Bless - ed are your poor, for the king-dom shall be theirs. Blest are you who

3. weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh. And if wick-ed men in-

TO REFRAIN

3. sult and hate you all be-cause of me, bless - ed, bless-ed, are you!

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Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.

The Prayers of Intercession

P: God of Mercy
C: hear our prayer.

The 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.

Congregation Hymn "On Eagle's Wings"

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1 You who . . . dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -
2 Snares of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, and
3 For to the an - gels God's giv - en a com - mand to

bide in this shad - o w for life, say to the Lord: "My . . .
fam - ine will bring you no fear; un - der God's wings your . . .
guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

ref - uge, . . . my . . . rock . . . in whom I . . . trust!"
ref - uge . . . with . . . faith - ful - ness your . . . shield.
bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

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Refrain

“And I will raise you up on eagle’s wings,
 bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the
 sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand.”

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Commendation

The Blessing

P: Let us go forth in peace C: **in the name of Christ. Amen.**



Family and friends are cordially invited to a meal in the Fellowship Hall of Grace Lutheran Church following the service.

The Door That Never Closes R. Haas

There's a door that never closes,
 though it opens but one way-
 It's the door that leads to Heaven
 at the end of life's long day.
 It's the threshold of forever
 where the heart is always glad,

It's a respite for the weary
 and a comfort for the sad.
 It's the door to peace and healing
 and the door to joy and grace
 Where the Master greets each quest by name
 and with a warm embrace.

And the loved ones who pass through
 into the light that's shining there
 Find a sweet and perfect home
 within our Father's loving care.