

## GATHERING

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

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed by the Holy Trinity, One God  
Who formed us from the dust of the earth,  
Breathed the breath of life within us,  
And washes us in the waters of life  
**Amen.**

*One of the following or another confession is prayed.*

Let us give thanks for the gift of Baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,  
For in the beginning, you breathed your Spirit over the waters  
And with a Word, and a bit of mud, you created a world and called it very good.  
When sin got in the way of our goodness, you washed the earth clean,  
Saving Noah, his family, and the animals from the waters.  
And though sin continued to get in the way,  
You met your people in the waters and reminded them of your love.  
You found Hagar and Ishmael in the desert and gave them water from a well.  
You wrestled Jacob on the banks of the Jabbock and gave him a new name, Israel.  
You brought the Israelites to safety through the waters of the Red Sea and the  
Jordan River.  
You saw the Samaritan woman at the well and treated her with dignity.  
In your Word, Jesus Christ, we are gifted with the stories of our ancestors who told  
of your love.  
In your Word, Jesus Christ, we receive your living water  
Water that washes feet  
Water that quenches our thirst  
Water that restores life to the parched places  
And brings life to places that appear dead.  
We praise you for the gift of water,  
For the Great Lakes, and the St. Clair River  
But above all, we give you thanks that through the waters,  
we are joined to Christ, inheritors of your promised love and life,  
And tellers of the stories of your abundant love. **Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG

“My Lighthouse”

## GREETING

*During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

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

*The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.*

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## WORD

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

## FIRST READING: Acts 1:6-14

A reading from Acts.

<sup>6</sup>When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>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.” <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, “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.”

<sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. <sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35**

A reading from the Psalms

<sup>1</sup>Let God arise, and let God’s enemies be scattered;  
let those who hate God flee.

<sup>2</sup>As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away;  
as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

<sup>3</sup>But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;  
let them also be merry and joyful.

<sup>4</sup>Sing to God, sing praises to God’s name; exalt the one who rides the clouds;  
I AM is that name, rejoice before God!

<sup>5</sup>In your holy habitation, O God,  
you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

<sup>6</sup>you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom;  
but the rebels shall live in desert places.

<sup>7</sup>O God, when you went forth before your people,  
when you marched through the wilderness,

<sup>8</sup>the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,

at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

<sup>9</sup>You sent a bountiful rain, O God;  
you restored your inheritance when it languished.

<sup>10</sup>Your people found their home in it;  
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

<sup>32</sup>Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;

sing praises to the Lord.

<sup>33</sup>You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;  
you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.

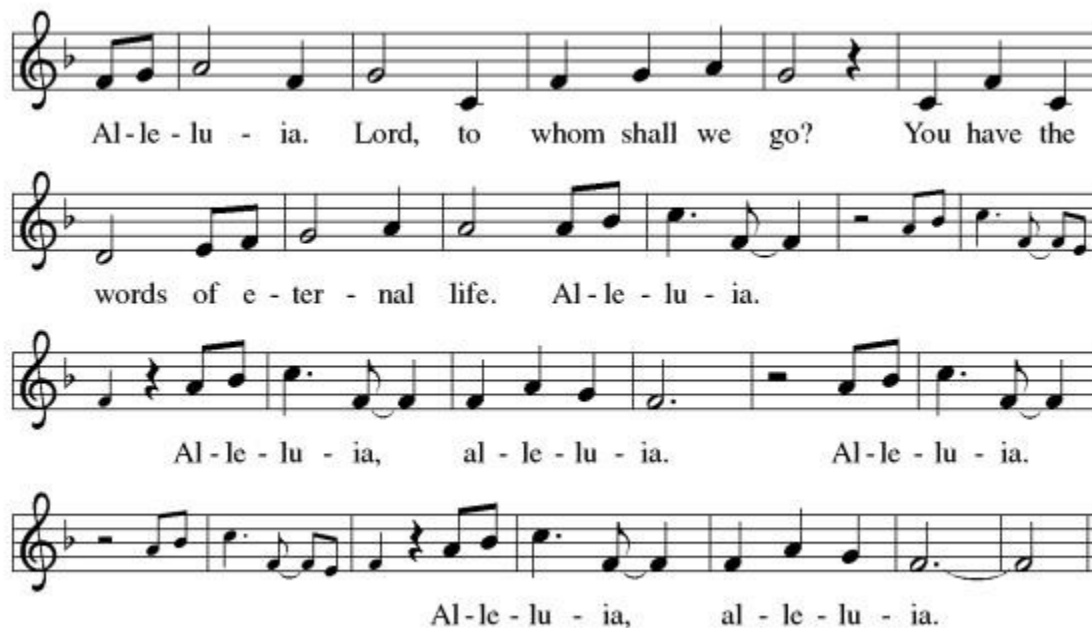
<sup>34</sup>Ascribe power to God,  
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

<sup>35</sup>How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel,  
giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW page 188)



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### GOSPEL: John 17:1-11

*The gospel is announced.*

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing

the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup>“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. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>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.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

**“I Love to Tell the Story”**

*Text by Katherine Hankey 1834-1911*

*Music by Sarah Altenburg, written in memory of The Rev. Lauren Kirsh-Carr*

## INSTALLATION OF SYNOD COUNCIL

### OR

## AFFIRMATION OF MINISTRY AT THE RE-ELECTION OF A BISHOP

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

For your church, O God, that we may be united around the stories of your love and faithfulness to your creation. May we be filled with your Spirit to go out into the world and share those stories with others. We pray to you, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For your creation, O God, in which you took delight in creating, called very good, and placed into our care. Inspire us to be good and just stewards of your creation, that the damage human hand have done may be repaired and lands and waters restored. We pray to you, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For the nations and their leaders, O God. Give wisdom to all in authority that they may seek justice for all people, especially the most vulnerable in their communities. Grant us courage to speak out against injustice, hatred, and violence that your peace may one day be known throughout the earth. We pray to you, O God. Your mercy is great.

For the sick and suffering ones, O God, that we may be signs of mercy and grace to them in the midst of their journeys. May those who are in the midst of crisis be accompanied with love and treated with dignity, that they may see your face in those who care for them. We pray to you, O God. Your mercy is great.

For this assembly, O God. Bless the work done by the Southeast Michigan Synod assembly this weekend and guide us all safely home to our communities, so that we may tell the stories of our partnerships in ministry. We pray to you, O God. Your mercy is great.

We give you thanks for the faithful, O God, whose lives bore witness to your love and mercy. We give thanks especially for our colleagues who have died in the past year, Lauren Kirsh-Carr, John Morris, David Boone, Victor Mesenbring, Jack Freed, and John Henry Siefken. Comfort all who mourn with the promise of eternal life through the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. We pray to you, O God. Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **MEAL**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

## **OFFERING**

## **“We Believe”**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including Living Water Ministries Abundant Life Program, which provides a week of camp for Adults with Developmental Disabilities.*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

*After the table is set, the assisting minister may lead one of the following or a similar prayer.*

Let us pray.

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the sharing of this cup, pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

## **DIALOGUE**

*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*

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**

*The thanksgiving continues with the preface for the day or season:*

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,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ; the true Paschal Lamb  
Who gave Himself to take away our sin,  
Who in dying has destroyed  
death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so,

with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW page 190)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*The presiding minister continues, using one of the following or another appropriate form.*

God of the story,  
You created the world out of nothingness,  
Taking joy in each star dotted in the sky,  
Each petal on the dandelion,  
The colors of earth and sea,  
Of dawn and twilight.

You molded us into your image,  
Breathed in us your life,



Formed us as your people to tell the story of your love.  
Abraham and Sarah, Moses and Miriam, Deborah, and Hannah,  
Proclaimed your covenant promises and your enduring faithfulness.  
When we forgot your story and decided we could write a better one,  
the prophets called us out and called us back, reminding us of your love and care.

You brought the story to life in Jesus, the word made flesh,  
Who lived among us, seeing the best and worst we had to offer,  
And whose love for us was so strong he was willing to give his life for us all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

You are the God of yesterday, and today,  
The God at the beginning and end of our stories.  
Fill us with your grace and mercy  
That each chapter and verse we live may be in praise of your justice and love.

Send your Holy Spirit, your wisdom and your breath,  
Into these gifts of your church  
That we may be fed with this bread and cup  
The body and blood of Christ  
And sent out into the world remembering and telling  
The stories of how you meet us in our lives  
Ways ordinary and extraordinary  
Forgiven and free, loved and beloved.

Praise to you Divine Author,  
With the Word made flesh,  
And your Holy Wisdom,

Now and forever. Amen

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

*The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.*

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

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*The presiding minister may address the assembly in these or similar words.*

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

## **COMMUNION SONG**

**“For Everyone Born”  
“Lord, I Need You”**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your love in Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## **SENDING**

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

## **BLESSING AND CLOSING OF SYNOD ASSEMBLY**

*The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.*

Jesus said, You will be my witnesses

**to the ends of the earth.**

I chose you and appointed you

**to bear fruit that will last.**

Remember, I will be with you always,

**to the end of time.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

The following or other appropriate prayers are said.

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and extend to us your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

I declare this assembly closed in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## **SENDING SONG**

**“Alive Forever, Amen”**

### **SENDING**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

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