

## MEMORY VERSE

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(Luke 3:21-22)

## BENEDICTION

### CLOSING SONG "Do Lord!: Psalm 27"

#### Refrain:

Do Lord, Oh, do Lord, Oh, do remember me!  
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Do Lord, Oh, do Lord, Oh, do remember me!  
Look away beyond the blue!

1. You're my light and my salvation, I won't be afraid!  
You're the stronghold of my life,  
by You all things were made.  
Foes attack me, hassle me, but I will never fade,  
For I move in the strength of the Lord. *Refrain:*

2. Though a host encamp against me, I will never fear!  
Even though a war surrounds me You are always near.  
One thing I have asked of You that I will seek for sure  
Is to live in the house of the Lord. *Refrain:*

3. You will hide me in Your shelter in the day of strife;  
You'll conceal me in Your tent or set me on the height.  
Now my head is lifted up above the storms of night,  
So I'll sing to the name of the Lord. *Refrain:*

4. Glory be to God the Father and to God the Son;  
Glory be to God the Spirit, ever Three in One  
As it was in the beginning till our race is won,  
We can live in the light of the Lord. *Refrain:*

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P. Go in God's peace; love and serve your neighbor!  
C. **Thanks be to God!**

## \* \* \* TO GOD BE THE GLORY \* \* \*

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### LEADING WORSHIP

**Presiding:** The Rev. Tyler Werner  
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**Music:** Kevin Kreger; Sunday School children  
**Radio Room:** Todd Voge  
**Elder:** Jacob Langeslag  
**Worship Assistant:** Dave Malmanger  
**Soundboard:** Giovanni Giacomini

## THE CONNECTION

January 9, 2022  
10:30am

"CONNECT...  
GROW...  
GO..."



### WELCOME / CALL TO WORSHIP

### MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE / TITHES & OFFERING

### SUNDAY SCHOOL "I've Got Peace like a River"

P Let us now say together our memory verse.  
C. **And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"**  
(Luke 2:49)

### WORSHIP SONG "Father Welcomes" LSB 605

### OPENING IN THE NAME OF THE TRINITY

P. We begin our service in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
C. **Amen**

### CONFESSION OF SINS AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

P. Let us come before God as sinful people in need of His love and mercy:  
C. **Lord, we come before You in prayer today, asking for forgiveness. We have not loved as we ought to love, we have not given as we ought to give, and we have fallen short of the mark of truly being Your obedient sons and daughters. We see our sin and remember our shortcomings in love and life. For Jesus' sake, forgive our sins.**

P. God our heavenly Creator, hears the prayers of all people and answers those prayers. Our prayer for forgiveness is answered in Jesus Christ, God's Son, who died for our sin that we might have new life. To those who believe God's word of truth comes the power to be the people of God. In this name of God, and by His authority, as a called and ordained servant of God, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### FIRST READING *Isaiah 43:1-7*

<sup>1</sup>But now thus says the LORD,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
"Fear not, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.  
<sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.  
<sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my eyes,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give men in return for you,  
peoples in exchange for your life.  
<sup>5</sup>Fear not, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you.  
<sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, Give up,  
and to the south, Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from afar  
and my daughters from the end of the earth,  
<sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

P. This is the Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

## SECOND READING *Romans 6:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

P. This is the Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

*(Please stand)*

## GOSPEL READING *Luke 3:15-22*

<sup>15</sup>As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup>John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>18</sup>So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, <sup>20</sup>added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison. <sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying,

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the heavens were opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

P. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

## STATEMENT OF WHAT WE BELIEVE

### *Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

*(Please be seated)*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### MESSAGE SONG

*"Holy Spirit, Light Divine" LSB 496*

## MESSAGE OF THE DAY

**"BAPTISM"**

*The Rev. Paul Rieger*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### 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