Holy Communion

Looking Back & Called Forward
A Commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

Tuesday, October 31, 2017
3:30 p.m.
Lutheran Church of the Reformation
Washington, D.C.
Gathering

Prelude

Thanksgiving for Baptism

*The assembly stands and sings the refrain as the procession moves to the font. The verses are sung by a cantor.*

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Refrain

**All**

\[\text{Wade in the water, wade in the water, children,} \]

\[\text{wade in the water, God's a-going' a trouble the water.} \]

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Leader

\[\text{1 See that host all dressed in white,} \]

\[\text{God's a-going' a trouble the} \]

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\[\text{2 See that band all dressed in red,} \]

\[\text{the leader looks like the Is-ra-lite,} \]

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\[\text{3 Look over yonder, what do I see?} \]

\[\text{the Holy Ghost a coming on me,} \]

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\[\text{4 If you don't believe I've been redeemed,} \]

\[\text{just follow me down to Jordan's stream,} \]

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**Refrain**

\[\text{God's a-going' a trouble the water.} \]
Throughout the thanksgiving, the assembly responds:

We praise you, O God, for the waters of earth:
we praise you, O God, for the waters of earth!

We honor you, O God, for the waters you send:
we honor you, O God, for the waters you send!

We glorify you, O God, for the water of baptism:
we glorify you, O God, for the water of baptism.

We rejoice, O God, in these stories of baptism:
we rejoice, O God, in these stories of baptism!

We give thanks, O God, for baptism:
we give thanks, O God, for baptism!

We bless you, O God, for the baptism we share:
we bless you, O God, for the baptism we share!

To you, Father, Son †, and Holy Spirit,
comes the praise of all your people, now and forever:
to you comes the praise of all your people, now and forever! Amen.
Gathering Song

As a reminder of the gift of baptism, the assembly is sprinkled with water during the singing.

Stanza One: All
Stanza Two: Higher voices
Stanza Three: Lower voices
Interlude
Stanza Four: All

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected.
3 Though hordes of devils fill the land all threatening to devour us, we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they fear it; for God himself fights by our side with wins salvation glorious.
4 God himself elected. You ask who this may be? God cannot overpow'r us. Let this world's tyrant rage; weapons of the Spirit. Were they to take our house,
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.
Kyrie: Psalm 130

Aus der Tiefe rufen wir, Herr, zu dir.
Herr, höre unsere Stimme!
Lass deine Ohren merken auf die Stimme unseres Flehens!

The Kyrie is sung:

\[ \text{Si tu retiens les fautes, Seigneur! Seigneur, qui subsistera?} \]
Mais tu disposes du pardon et l’on te craindra.

The Kyrie is sung.

¡Espera en el Señor! Porque con el Señor hay misericordia.
Contigo, oh Dios, hay abundante redención.

The Kyrie is sung.

Canticle of Praise

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God’s peo-ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav’n-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.

2 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.

3 For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Prayer of the Day

The assembly responds: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Welcome

Word

Reading

The reading concludes:
Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46

The psalm is mentioned in the Qur’an and is read in Arabic.

1 God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
3 though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
5 God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
6 The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
7 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.

Reading

The reading concludes:
Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Gospel

The gospel is introduced:
The holy gospel, according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel concludes:
The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.
Sermon

The assembly is seated.
Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day

Rise, Shine, You People

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
2 See how he sends the pow’rs of evil reeling;
3 Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,
4 Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us.

Our human story; God in him is centered. He comes to
he brings us freedom, light and life and healing. All men and
your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling. To all the
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us. Tell how the

us, by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded.
women, who by guilt are driven, now are forgiven.
world go out and tell the story of Jesus’ glory.
Spirit calls from ev’ry nation God’s new creation.
Apostles’ Creed

Do you believe in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

_A cantor sings:_ We believe: Maranatha, Light of the Day.
_The assembly responds twice:_

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord?
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 into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

_A cantor sings:_ We believe: Maranatha, Light of the Day.
_The assembly responds twice as above._
Do you believe in 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. Amen.

*A cantor sings*: We believe: Maranatha, Light of the Day.
*The assembly responds twice as above.*

**Prayers of Intercession**

*Each portion of the prayers ends:*

... Come, Holy Spirit!
*The assembly responds:*

![Musical notation](image)

*The prayers conclude:*

We entrust to you these prayers and those of our hearts, Gracious God, confident that you hear us and respond. Amen.
Peace

La paz del Señor sea siempre con ustedes.

Y también contigo.

After sharing Christ’s peace, the assembly is seated.

Meal

Offering and Setting the Table

Today’s offering has been designated for the Lutheran World Federation endowment fund. Offerings may be made in cash, by check (payable to the ELCA, indicating "LWF Endowment" in memo line) or with a credit card by going to ELCA.org/offering.

As the gifts are received, the choir makes an offering.

Great Thanksgiving

The assembly stands.

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.
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ...
... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Throughout the prayer, the assembly responds:
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

The prayer concludes:
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 for ever. Amen.

Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of Christ at this table.

If, however, your own church’s discipline or your own conscience do not make that possible, please know that you are also most welcome to receive a blessing as a sign of prayer for our unity in Christ. To signal your desire for such a blessing, simply come to the person distributing the Bread with your arms crossed on your chest.

There are four stations — two in front of the sanctuary and two near the baptismal font at the entrance of the sanctuary. People in the front half of the sanctuary will receive communion in the front of the sanctuary and people in the back half will receive communion at the entrance near the baptismal font. Use the center aisle to proceed to a communion station. Ushers will be present to help in giving direction.

Each station will have bread and gluten free waters. Please take the bread or wafer and proceed to the first cup for wine, or the second cup for grape juice. Dip the bread or wafer in the cup or you may commune by common cup by drinking. Then return to your pew via the side aisle. Be assured that Christ is fully present by receiving only the bread or the wine.
During communion, the assembly sings, as time allows:

1 There’s a wide-ness
2 There is wel-come
3 For the love of
4 ’Tis not all we

in God’s mer-cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
for the sin-ner, and a prom-ised grace made good;
God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our mind;
owe to Je-sus; it is some-thing more than all:

there’s a kind-ness in God’s jus-tice which is more than
there is mer-cy with the Sav-ior; there is heal-ing
and the heart of the E-ter-nal is most won-der-
great-er good be-cause of e-evil, larg-er mer-cy

lib-er-ty. There is no place where earth’s sor-rows
in his blood. There is grace e-nough for thou-sands
ful-ly kind. But we make this love too nar-row
through the fall. Make our love, O God, more faith-ful;

are more felt than up in heav’n. There is no place
of new worlds as great as this; there is room for
by false lim-its of our own; and we mag-ni-
let us take you at your word, and our lives will

where earth’s fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment giv’n.
fresh cre-a-tions in that up-per home of bliss.
y its strict-ness with a zeal God will not own.
be thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of the Lord.
Refrain / Estandazo

Unidos en la fiesta, la alegría.
Unidad en el tablado: all our joy is

Se hace canción. Unidos en la fe.
Joined in song. United in the faith:

La alegría se hace oración.
All our joy to God belongs.

1 Cantaremos al Señor
We will praise God, we will sing

2 Cantaremos la bondad
del Señor que nos sienta a su mesa,
y nos llama a comulgar
como hermanos su vino y su pan.

3 Cantaremos al Señor
al eludayas al son de instrumentos,
y será nuestra canción
la alabanza que ensalza su amor.
Choir Anthem

1 Let us break bread to-gether on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to-gether on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to-gether on our knees;

let us break bread to-gether on our knees.
let us drink wine to-gether on our knees.
let us praise God to-gether on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris-ing

sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.
After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands.
The assisting minister leads a prayer after communion
The assembly responds: Amen.

Sending

Blessing

Praise be you, O God,
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away!
Amen!

Praise be you, O God,
who blots out our transgressions,
who answers prayer and to whom all peoples come!
Amen!

Praise be you, O God,
your paths overflow with plenty
and you cover all the earth in mercy.
Amen!

Holy God, Three in One,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit + bless and preserve you,
this day and all days, now and forever!
Amen!
Sending Hymn

To Be Your Presence

1 To be your presence is our mission here, to show compassion's face and listening ear, to be your heart of mercy, ever near,
2 To be your presence is our mission bold, to feed the poor and shelter homeless cold, to be your hands of justice, right uphold,
3 To be your presence is our mission blest, to speak for all the broken and oppressed, to be your voice of hope, your love expressed, church, rejoice,
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your people is our call and choice, and in this mission we, the alleluia!

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve God and neighbor!

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Following the liturgy, all are invited to attend a reception at the Folger Library.
The Folger Library is located across the street from church,
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The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop, ELCA

Celebrant
The Rev. Susan Johnson, National Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

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