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Worship Bulletin

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

As the pastor pours water into the font and leads this time of Thanksgiving, you are invited to pour a simple bowl of water in your home worship space, dip your fingers in the water, and trace the sign of the cross on your forehead as a reminder that in baptism you belong to God.

Pastor: We give you thanks, holy and gracious God,
for you created the waters of the earth:

wide oceans, rushing streams, clear lakes, mighty rivers.

You led your people through the sea and called them to life in covenant with you.

Your Son was baptized in the river Jordan to begin his mission among us.

You pour out your Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth.

Pastor: Through this water remind us of the gift of baptism.

***All:* Renew us in your promise so that we may serve this world in all its need.**

Show us with your Holy Spirit. Fill us with your love.

Clothe us, and all your people, with grace.

Embolden us to do justice. Bless us to love mercy.

Pastor: Guide us to walk humbly with you,
whom we thank and praise, through Jesus Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

***All:* Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

In Christ Called to Baptize

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

***All:* Amen.**

FIRST READING

PSALM 139:1-18

- ¹ Lord, you have examined me.
You know me.
- ² You know when I sit down and when I stand up.
Even from far away, you comprehend my plans.
- ³ You study my traveling and resting.
You are thoroughly familiar with all my ways.
- ⁴ There isn't a word on my tongue, Lord,
that you don't already know completely.
- ⁵ You surround me—front and back.
You put your hand on me.
- ⁶ That kind of knowledge is too much for me;
it's so high above me that I can't reach it.
- ⁷ Where could I go to get away from your spirit?
Where could I go to escape your presence?
- ⁸ If I went up to heaven, you would be there.
If I went down to the grave, you would be there too!
- ⁹ If I could fly on the wings of dawn,
stopping to rest only on the far side of the ocean—
- ¹⁰ even there your hand would guide me;
even there your strong hand would hold me tight!
- ¹¹ If I said, "The darkness will definitely hide me;
the light will become night around me,"
- ¹² even then the darkness isn't too dark for you!
Nighttime would shine bright as day,
because darkness is the same as light to you!

- ¹³You are the one who created my innermost parts;
you knit me together while I was still in my mother's womb.
- ¹⁴I give thanks to you that I was marvelously set apart.
Your works are wonderful—I know that very well.
- ¹⁵My bones weren't hidden from you
when I was being put together in a secret place,
when I was being woven together in the deep parts of the earth.
- ¹⁶Your eyes saw my embryo,
and on your scroll every day was written that was being formed for me,
before any one of them had yet happened.
- ¹⁷God, your plans are incomprehensible to me!
Their total number is countless!
- ¹⁸If I tried to count them—they outnumber grains of sand!
If I came to the very end—I'd still be with you.

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

JOHN 1:43-51

In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to "Come and see."

¹ The next day Jesus wanted to go into Galilee, and he found Philip. Jesus said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴ Philip was from Bethsaida, the hometown of Andrew and Peter.

⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law and the Prophets: Jesus, Joseph's son, from Nazareth."

⁴⁶ Nathanael responded, "Can anything from Nazareth be good?"

Philip said, "Come and see."

⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said about him, "Here is a genuine Israelite in whom there is no deceit."

⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, "How do you know me?"

Jesus answered, "Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree."

⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are God's Son. You are the king of Israel."

⁵⁰ Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these! ⁵¹ I assure you that you will see heaven open and God's angels going up to heaven and down to earth on the Human One."

SERMON

PASTOR LUCY WYNARD

SONG OF THE DAY

You Are Near

Dan Schutte

Refrain

*O Lord, I know you are near,
standing always at my side.
You guard me from the foe,
and you lead me in ways everlasting.*

Verse 1

*Lord, you have searched my heart,
and you know when I sit and when I stand.
Your hand is upon me, protecting me from
death,
keeping me from harm.*

Verse 2

*Where can I run from your love?
If I climb to the heavens you are there;
if I fly to the sunrise or sail beyond the sea,
still I'd find you there.*

Verse 3

*Marvelous to me are your works;
how profound are your thoughts, my Lord.
Even if I could count them, they number as the
stars,
you would still be there.*

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APOSTLES CREED

All: 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 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.**

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

You are encouraged to share your prayer concerns by typing a name or a few words in the comment box on YouTube or Facebook, or by saying the names aloud.

Intercessor: Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need. A brief silence.

Intercessor: For the body of Christ gathered throughout the world and for all servants of the gospel, that following Jesus, the church lives out its calling every day, as your body we pray.

All: Let us know You by Your love.

Intercessor: For the well-being of creation, for plants and animals, and for all that God has marvelously made, that we serve as wise stewards of Earth, our home, as your body we pray.

All: Let us know You by Your love.

Intercessor: For police officers and firefighters, for attorneys and paralegals, for peacekeepers and military personnel, and for the leaders of governments, that they provide protection and justice to all people, especially the most vulnerable, as your body we pray.

All: Let us know You by Your love.

Intercessor: For those lacking food or shelter, for those who are sick or grieving, and for those who are imprisoned or homebound, that God console all who suffer. We pray especially for those on our hearts, whom we name now . . . (. . . *pause about 10 seconds* . . .) . . . as your body we pray.

All: Let us know You by Your love.

Intercessor: For our neighbors and neighborhood, for visitors online joining us for the first time or returning, for our whole Stateline community, that all who seek to know God are nourished in body and spirit, as your body we pray.

All: Let us know You by Your love.

Intercessor: In thanksgiving for the saints who have gone before us, especially those known and missed in our midst... (*short pause*)... that their lives give us a vision of the gospel in action, as your body we pray.

All: Let us know You by Your love.

Intercessor: Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the One who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

All: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**All: 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.

OFFERING

You are invited – and encouraged – to continue to give as you are able in this time of worshipping apart. You can mail your offerings to St. Paul: 617 St. Lawrence Ave, Beloit, WI 53511. Or give online at: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=531526>. Please check the eNews and newsletter for other ways to support God's Work, Our Hands in our community and around the world.

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Take a moment to creatively share a sign of peace with those around you – observing safe distance guidelines. Think of others whom you wish a blessing of Christ’s Peace this week. Pray for them briefly, and consider texting, calling, or writing them a note this week.

SENDING – *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

SENDING SONG

Here I Am, Lord

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SENDING BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Pastor: God the Creator strengthen you; Jesus the Beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, ✠ keep you in peace.

Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God.

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SERVING YOU TODAY

Pastor

Organist & Director of Music

Reader

Intercessor

Rev. Lucy Wynard

David Frank

Jane Carr

Chet Organ

PRAYER LIST

Names will usually be kept on the prayer list for two months unless otherwise requested. To have yourself or someone else added to the prayer list, please let us know.

We offer our prayers and deepest condolences to the family and all who loved Charlotte Knaub (sister-in-law of Glenda Liptow), who died on January 3.

May God comfort and sustain those who mourn.

Lynn (college friend of Jan K.); **Jane and Egil**; **Tom** (brother of Billie Kenitzer); **RL**; **Kathy P.**; **Karen M.**; **Juelane** (sister of Mark Mueller); **Larry & Shayne M.** (Soup Lunch friends of St. Paul); **Joyce E.**; **Carol M.**; **Steve H.**; **Timothy** (son of Gladys Weeden); **Carol W.** (sister of Beth Rodermel); **Shirley** (mother of Ken Harris); **Ashley**; **Debbie** (sister of Chet Organ); **Todd** (friend of Chet Organ); **all who have been diagnosed with or are waiting for test results or are otherwise affected by COVID-19; those affected by the violence in our nation and around the world; and friends and family in the military.**



1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
 2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
 3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach
 4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,



and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
 a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
 the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
 for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.



In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
 Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
 By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
 E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.



then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
 One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
 in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
 In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947
 Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional
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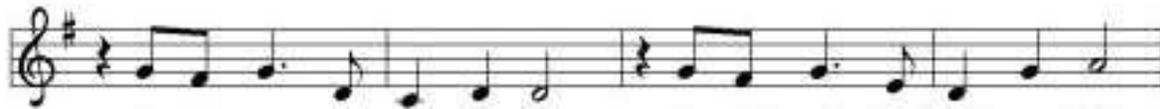
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1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



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?"



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

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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