

Sunday, October 15, 2017
19th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

"Toccata"

Gordon Young

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

***GATHERING SONG**

"We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus"

ELW 698

We are baptized in Christ Jesus,
we are baptized in his death;
that as Christ is raised victorious,
we might live a brand new life.
And if we have been united
in a dreadful death like his,
we will all be reunited, for he lives.

In the water and the witness,
in the breaking of the bread,
in the waiting arms of Jesus
who is risen from the dead,
God has made a new beginning
from the ashes of our past;
in the losing and the winning we hold fast.

Glory be to God the Father,
glory be to Christ the Son,
glory to the Holy Spirit,
ever three and ever one;
as it was in the beginning,
glory now resounds again
in a song that has no ending. Amen

***GREETING**

P *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

G And also with you.

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

"God's Word Is Our Great Heritage"

ELW 509

God's word is our great heritage
and shall be ours forever;
to spread its light from age to age
shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way;
in death it is our stay.
Lord, grant while time shall last
your church may hold it fast
throughout all generations.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ *Almighty God,*

☑ **who by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ does turn us from the old life of sin: Grant that we, being reborn to new life in him, may live in righteousness and holiness all our days; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!**

FIRST READING

Titus 3:4-7

⁴But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. ⁶This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Reflection

How does salvation come to us? Who is God our Savior? What is excluded from the reason we have been saved? What is included in the reason we have been saved? What does it mean that we are "heirs according to the hope of eternal life"? The "water of rebirth" reminds me of the amniotic fluid all of us are born through. How is God our mother?

SECOND READING

Romans 6:3-5

³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Reflection

A song I remember from camp, probably, is one titled "They Can't Kill Me, I've Already Died." What do you think it means that you were baptized into the death of Christ Jesus? What/who has died when we were baptized? How was Jesus resurrected? By that, I'm asking what had to happen first? Can we be resurrected with Christ if we haven't also died with Christ? What do you think it does to your perspective on life if you've already died? What happens to fear? How does this "walk in newness of life" affect your relationship with Jesus? With other Christians? With your enemies?

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

ELW 172

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

*GOSPEL

Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Reflection

This text is often called "The Great Commission." Where do the disciples go? (verse 16) Why? What is their reaction when they saw him? (verse 17) What do you think those who doubted saw? What do you think they doubted? Do you think they worshipped Jesus? (Gramatically, they are not excluded from those who worship.) Then comes the commissioning. Who has given Jesus "all authority in heaven and on earth"? (verse 18) What does that mean? What does Jesus use that authority to direct his disciples to do? (verses 19-20) How do the disciples (which I assume includes you and me, because we are baptized) have the authority, and even more, the spirit and energy, to do what Jesus has told us? (verse 20b) How do you experience Jesus with us?

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kris Langdon

LUTHER MOMENT

Phil Hornbostel

SERMON

"Sacrament of Baptism"

Rev. Roger Lenander

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Baptized"

Chorus:

Baptized into the death of Christ,
and raised again to new life. *(repeat)*

Down, down, down
I was sinking deep in sin;
killing me, killing me from deep within.
He put me to death that day,
and the fam'ly of God stood up to say:
(chorus)

Down, down, down
in the water down I went;
lifted up in a brand new covenant.
They made the sign on my brow
and I'll do it again to remember now,
One! Two! Three! *(chorus)*

Sing, sing, sing
to the ones who have not heard.
We've been washed in the water and the Word.
We'll sing with every breath.
We will share his life
like we've shared his death. *(chorus)*

***APOSTLES' 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 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!

***PRAYER SONG** *“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”*

Hear our prayer, O Lord,
Hear our Prayer, O Lord;
Incline Thine ear to us,
And grant us Thy peace.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God’s creation.

A brief silence.

You rejoice in your church, gracious God. Welcome your children to the table you have prepared and send us forth to share the saving mercy we meet in Jesus Christ. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You rejoice in your good creation. Provide moisture for parched places, wind and sun for flooded lands, and shelter and sustenance for creatures of every kind. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You rejoice in the people and places of the world. We pray for nations who cannot sit at table together, for leaders distracted by anxiety and fear, and for refugees unwelcome in their homelands. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You bring peace that surpasses understanding. We pray for all who cannot worship with us this day: those who are homebound, hospitalized, imprisoned, working, or sick *especially Kay, Ron, Dee, Lin, and Linda*. We also pray for those we name before you aloud or silently in our hearts (*pause for 10 seconds*). Comfort their hearts and ours with your healing presence. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You rejoice in this congregation and the South Sudanese Congregation. We pray for the ministries of hospitality: for ushers, greeters, and all who welcome guests in this place. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all the men and women of our armed forces, at home and abroad. We especially lift up to you, Jason Shields. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You promise an eternal feast. We give thanks for the saints of every time and place. We especially lift up to you the family of Ron Wall. Hold us in communion with them until all are united at your heavenly banquet. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit.

Amen!

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P *The peace of Christ be with you always.*

C **And also with you!**

OFFERTORY

“Baptized in Water”

ELW 456

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
faithfully now God's praise we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our king:
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praise we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our king:
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praise we sing.**

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

“Now the Feast and Celebration”

ELW 167

**Now the feast and celebration,
all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life and love and freedom;
praise and glory forevermore!**

OFFERING PRAYER

P *God of life,*

C **you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. Amen!**

***DIALOGUE**

P *The Lord be with you.*

C **And also with you.**

P *Lift up your hearts.*

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

***PREFACE**

P *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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. 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**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full,

are full of your glory.

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes,

who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Hosanna in the highest.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P *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.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

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

C **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!

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P *Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, and make us one with you.*

***BLESSING**

P *The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.*

G **Amen!**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P *Life-giving God,*

G **in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen!**

***BENEDICTION**

P *God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being;
Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead;
Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church:
Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.*

G **Amen!**

***SENDING SONG**

"Rise Up and Praise Him"

Let the heavens rejoice
let the earth be glad
Let the people of God sing His praise
All over the land
Everyone in the valley
come and lift your voice
All those on the mountaintop
Be glad and shout for joy

Rise up and praise Him
He deserves our love
Rise up and praise Him
Worship the Holy One
With all your heart
With all your soul
With all your might
Rise up and praise Him *(repeat from beginning)*