



# St. John Lutheran Church ELCA Waseca, MN



Sunday, September 12, 2021

Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Baptism Sunday

**GATHERING**

The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, his words and teachings, and the bread and wine of his supper, to reveal God’s glory. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

(Please stand)

## **Gathering Hymn ( Purple) #54 He has made me glad (2 times)**

*I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart, I will enter his courts with praise. I will say this is the day that the Lord has made; I will rejoice for he has made me glad. He has made me glad, he has made me glad, I will rejoice for he has made me glad. He has made me glad, he has made me glad, I will rejoice for he has made me glad.*

## **Prayer of the day:**

*P Please join your hearts with me in prayer:*

*P Amazing and glorious God, you knew us and chose us before you formed us in the womb. Fill us with faith that speaks your word, hope that does not disappoint, and love that bears all things for your sake, until that day when we shall know you fully even as we are fully known by you, through your Son, Jesus our Lord.*

**C Amen.**

## **Hymn of Praise (purple) #124 Shout to the Lord (2 times)**

*My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you. All of my days I want praise the wonders of your mighty love. My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength; let ev’ry breath, all that I am never cease to worship you. Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King. Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands; forever I’ll love you, forever I’ll stand. Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.*

(Please be seated)

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10

*The call of the prophet Jeremiah does not depend on Jeremiah's abilities or age. God will give him the words to speak. Even before Jeremiah was born, God appointed him a prophet to the nations, to minister in the difficult years before the Babylonian exile.*

<sup>4</sup>Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

<sup>5</sup>"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you;  
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

<sup>6</sup>Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." <sup>7</sup>But the Lord said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy';  
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,  
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

<sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them,  
for I am with you to deliver you,  
says the Lord."

<sup>9</sup>Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me,

"Now I have put my words in your mouth.

<sup>10</sup>See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,  
to pluck up and to pull down,  
to destroy and to overthrow,  
to build and to plant."

R The Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(please stand)

**Gospel Acclamation (purple) #7 Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

*Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.*

*Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.*

P *The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the fourth chapter.*

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: Luke 4:14-21**

*Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.*

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup>"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, <sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. <sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

P: *The Gospel of the Lord*

C: **Praise to you, O Christ**

(Please be seated)

## Children's message

**Message:**                    **Listening to the prophets-Jeremiah**                    **Pastor John Omans**

**Message Song** (purple)        **#69 I was there to hear your borning Cry**

1. *"I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold. I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."*
2. *"When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong. If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun."*
3. *"In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun. When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes, I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise."*
4. *"I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold."*





## THE SERVICE OF BAPTISM

***Briar Lou & Barrett Duane Huber***

**Parents: Tyler & Stephanie Huber**

**Briar's Sponsors:** Michael Brittner, Terry Huber

**Barrett's Sponsors:** Bryan Greenig, Travis Huber

*P Let us pray: Spirit of the living God, fall fresh upon us as we stand before this water of life. As we baptize this child today, remind us of our own baptisms and help us to rededicate our lives to you each and everyday, in Jesus' name.*

**C Amen.**

*P In the water of baptism, we die for Christ. We are crucified and buried in order that we might be raised with Christ, to live the new life, to dwell in a new reality, a new order of existence.*

*Because of Baptism, we are Christians. Never again does our status before God depend on...how we feel...or having the right experience...or being free of doubt.*

*It doesn't depend on...what we accomplish; or on our success or position. We are Christians because God surprised us. Coming in water, God washes us and grafts us into Christ. Our identity for all the days of our life is set! We are children of God ... disciples of Christ ... a servant people ... the communion of saints ... proclaimers of God's wonderful deeds.*

*In these waters Jesus' story becomes our story. Baptized into his death, we are raised to live as the Body of Christ in the world today.*

*Now we know that baptism becomes the overpowering event in our lives, the event which tells us who we are and how we are to live.*

### **The Presentation**

*P Who presents Briar & Barrett to receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism?*

**Parent and sponsors answer: "We Do."**

*P In Christian love you have presented Briar & Barrett for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring them to the services of God's house and teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As they grow in years, you should place in their hands the Holy Scriptures and provide them instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of their Baptism and in communion with the church, they may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?*

*If so, please answer, "I do."*

**Parent and Sponsors: I do.**

**To All Those Gathered:**

*P Do you also pledge your support to these children? Will you offer your love, your resources, and your faith so that they may grow and learn in the community of the church? If so, please answer, "I do."*

**Congregation: I do.**

*P In the words of the Apostles' Creed, let us confess our faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who calls us to the waters of baptism.*

**C 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 into hell. 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.**

**The Baptism**

*P Briar & Barrett, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C Amen.**

**Prayer**

*P Let us pray: God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Briar & Barrett; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.*

**C Amen.**

*P Briar & Barrett, children of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the Cross of Christ forever.*

**C Amen.**

**The Baptism Candle is Given**

*P Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify God in heaven.*

**Welcome**

**R** We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

**Welcome Song**

*Little Child, Welcome*

*Deb Yess*

(Please Stand)

## **Prayers of the People**

*P: Lord in your mercy,*

**C: Hear our prayer**

## **Sharing The Peace**

*P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**C: And also with you.**

*P: We share Christ's peace with each other (virtual high-five, wave, or virtual hug)*

(please be seated)

## **THANKSGIVING**

### **Stewardship Minute**

The words the Apostle Peter in the Bible encourage us: "As good stewards of the grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift you have received." The word 'Stewardship' in the Bible simply means, taking care of (or managing) what has been given to us by God. And what greater gift have we received from God than his Grace – meaning his love and forgiveness and kindness shown to us in his Son, Jesus? And we experience that gift of God's grace in many ways – life, talent, ability, a sense of peace of joy, forgiveness, friendship, or finances. And we are caretakers of God's many gifts of grace by sharing it in ways that serve others! Today, we assemble school kits for Lutheran World Relief, sharing our hands and various school supplies that have been donated. Our Men in Mission share their pancake breakfast, sharing the gifts of time and ability and kindness given to them by God. On Sunday, Sept 26<sup>th</sup> we hold Sunday School, and we will share a story of Jesus, God's gift of his Son! And our Stewardship is not just here in this church, but continues at home, in our neighborhoods, places of work. This week, think about where you might be a 'steward of the grace of God,' and give thanks to God!

### **Offering invitation (spoken by Pastor)**

*(Offering may be placed in offering plates near exits)*

### **Offering prayer**

*P Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light.*

**C Amen.**

## **Words of Institution**

### **Lord's Prayer**

*P Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:*

**C: 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.**

## Communion

(All baptized Christians are invited to come to the Lord's Table. Children who haven't had instruction are invited to come for a blessing. They're asked to fold their hands. Children who are receiving communion please extend your hands. Grape juice is available -- please say "Grape juice" to the server.)

Gluten Free Wafers are available upon request.

**COVID-19 instructions: Please come down the center aisle, pulpit side first, then lectern side. Please maintain social distancing. Receive the bread and wine and proceed to the side aisle, where you may remove your mask and eat/drink the bread and wine. For those with mobility issues, the bread and wine will be available at a side station near the side aisle.**

## Invitation to Communion

*P: These are the gifts of God for the people of God! Come, all is prepared.*

## Hymns During Communion

Hymns (purple) #139 **The trumpets sound, the angels sing**

1. *The trumpets sound, the angels sing, the feast is ready to begin.  
The gates of heav'n are open wide, and Jesus welcomes you inside.*

*~Refrain~*

***Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight. Come and revel in heaven's love and light. Take your place at the table of the King. The feast is ready to begin, the feast is ready to begin.***

2. *Tables are laden with good things; oh, taste the peace and joy he brings.  
He'll fill you up and with love divine; he'll turn your water into wine*

*~Refrain~*

3. *The hungry heart he satisfies, offers the poor his paradise.  
Now hear all heav'n and earth applaud the amazing goodness of the Lord.*

*~Refrain~*

Hymn (purple) #140 **There is a Redeemer**

1. *There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son, Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.*

*~Refrain~*

***Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son and sending your Spirit till the work on earth is done.***

2. *Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names, precious  
Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.*

*~Refrain~*

3. *When I stand in glory, I will see his face;  
there I'll serve my king forever, in that holy place.*

*~Refrain~*

**Hymn (cranberry)**

**#595 Jesus Loves Me**

1. *Jesus love me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.*

*~Refrain~*

**Yes, Jesus love me, yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.**

2. *Jesus love me! He who died heaven's gates to open wide;  
he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.*

*~Refrain~*

3. *Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way;  
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.*

*~Refrain~*

**Hymn (purple)**

**#1 A song of unity (2 times)**

*As a mother hen gathers her chicks, as an eagle lifts up her young, you have called  
to your table all people as one; God, we thank you for your presence here.*

*As we share in the bread and the wine, come to us, holy Jesus, in love.*

*Let the gift of your sacrifice open our eyes; we are one in your body and blood.*

**Prayer after Communion**

*P We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.  
Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the  
richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.*

**C Amen.**

**Dismissal of Homebound Communion**

*P Eternal God, whose glory is revealed in the crucified and risen Lord, bless those who go  
forth to share your word and sacrament with our sisters and brothers who are sick/  
homebound/imprisoned. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we  
bring this communion in the body and blood of your son, that we may all feast upon your  
abundant love made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**C Amen**

**Blessing**

*P God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you  
by name, + bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.*

**C Amen.**

(Please stand)

## SENDING

### **Sending Hymn** (purple)      **#14 Baptized and set free**

1. *We are people created, chosen by God. Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love. Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door to a Fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.*
2. *We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed. Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed. For whatever the need, God is greater indeed: endless Ocean, always deeper than all of our need.*
3. *We are nourished by water, all living things, and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings. As we journey toward home, may your presence be known: precious River, ever flowing, now carry us home.*
4. *Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song. All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong. Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free.*

### **Sending**

**P**      *Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.*

**C**      **Thanks be to God.**

### **PLEASE WAIT FOR USHERS TO EXIT YOU OUT OF PEWS.**

#### **Leaders in the Service**

**Pastor:** John Omans

**Pianist/Organist:** Jan Macklay

**Guitarist:** Mike Harvey

**Reader:** Sue Erdman

**Ushers:** Jeff & Ann Ruedy

**Communion Prep:** Ann Ruedy, Linda Sandberg

**Acolyte:** Kaden Garza

**Council Person:** Rhonda Behsmann

**Videographer:** Pam & Dominic Grunzke

**Facebook Live:** Curt Yess

**Baptism Soloist:** Debra Yess

**Thank you to all these members of St. John for offering their time and talents.**

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