



St. John Lutheran Church ELCA Waseca, MN

Young at Heart Worship

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September 29, 2024

Welcome to Worship! We are all God's children, and we come to worship with a childlike faith, open to possibilities and the Spirit's movement around us. Today's worship is designed to be interactive and full of opportunities for interaction and movement. All wiggles and noises are welcome as we praise God. And remember, God delights in your children, and so do we!

Prelude

Announcements

Welcome to Worship

P: This is the day the Lord has made!

C: **We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

Song (Purple) #68 I Was Glad

Greeting

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

C: **And also with you.**

We welcome each other to worship with a reminder that the Holy Trinity (Jesus, God, and the Holy Spirit - the Three in One) is here with all of us today.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

We remember our baptisms and thank God for promising to always be with us!

P: *Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.*

C: **Amen.**

P: People of God, in the baptismal waters we travel with Christ from death to life. Our past, our sin, our failure, our doubt, and our shame are washed away by this water. And we say, You, O God, wash us clean.

C: **You, O God, wash us clean.**

P: Our fear, our confusion, our need to be right, our hopelessness -- ALL are washed away by grace. And we say, You, O God, wash us clean.

C: **You, O God, wash us clean.**

P: Our pride, our hypocrisy, and other people's opinions of us no longer have the power to define us. And we say, You, O God, give us new life.

C: **You, O God, give us new life.**

P: The Spirit lives and moves through us now, a great and joyful mystery, so we may bring love and mercy into the world as the body of Christ. And we say, You, O God, give us new life.

C: **You, O God, give us new life.**

P: *Rejoice that God has claimed us in this baptismal grace, not by our own doing or believing but by God's mercy alone. And we say, You, O God, give us new life.*

C: **You, O God, give us new life.**

P: And so, as we begin worship, we give thanks to God for the gift of baptism that joins us together in Christ by the Spirit's power. Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. We praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Thanksgiving for Baptism adapted from a liturgy by Rev. Jessica Harren <https://pastorjess.com/congregational-renewal-stories-and-resources/thanksgiving-for-baptism>

Prayer of the Day

P: Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C Amen.**

Song of Praise (purple) #149 We Bow Down (x2)

We Learn From Jesus

Mark 9: 38-50

³⁸ John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone throwing demons out in your name, and we tried to stop him because he wasn't following us."

³⁹ Jesus replied, "Don't stop him. No one who does powerful acts in my name can quickly turn around and curse me. ⁴⁰ Whoever isn't against us is for us. ⁴¹ I assure you that whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will certainly be rewarded.

Whoever is not against us is for us. - Jesus

⁴² "As for whoever causes these little ones who believe in me to trip and fall into sin, it would be better for them to have a huge stone hung around their necks and to be thrown into the lake. ⁴³ If your hand causes you to fall into sin, chop it off. It's better for you to enter into life crippled than to go away with two hands into the fire of hell, which can't be put out. ⁴⁵ If your foot causes you to fall into sin, chop it off. It's better for you to enter life lame than to be thrown into hell with two feet. ⁴⁷ If your eye causes you to fall into sin, tear it out. It's better for you to enter God's kingdom with one eye than to be thrown into hell with two. ⁴⁸ That's a place *where worms don't die and the fire never goes out.*

What causes you to trip?

⁴⁹ Everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰ Salt is good; but if salt loses its saltiness, how will it become salty again? Maintain salt among yourselves and keep peace with each other."

Living a salty life

Song (purple) #137 The Summons

Prayers of the People (purple) #92 Lord Listen to Your Children Pray

Sticky Prayers

The word "Amen" means "Truly!" or "May it be so!"

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

When we say "Peace be with you" or even just "peace" we are also saying "Jesus is with you."

Offering (purple) #13 Awesome God

Prayer after Offering

(Repeat after Pastor Kristen)

C: Dear God, thank you for giving us everything we need. Help us to use these gifts to love and serve others. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Blessing

(Repeat after Pastor Kristen)

P: May the Lord bless and keep you **C: May the Lord bless and keep you**

P: May God's face shine upon you **C: May God's face shine upon you**

P: May God's blessing go with you **C: May God's blessing go with you**

P: And give you peace **C: And give you peace**

P: And all God's children said **C: AMEN!**

Song (purple) #147 We are Called

Sending

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Leaders in the Service

Pastor: Kristen Venne

Pianist/Organist: Al Tonn

No Acolyte:

No Reader:

Council: Kyle Gallagher

Ushers: Phil & Brenda Langerud

Video: Merril Schultz

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