

GATHERING MUSIC "Baptized and Set Free" with "Children of the Heavenly Father"
setting by Anne Krentz Organ

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen! Hallelujah! **He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!**
Death is not the final word. **We will not fear it anymore.**
Christ is risen! Hallelujah! **He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, fountain of living water,
source of mercy, tender and mighty,
you are clothed with majesty and splendor.
Your steadfast love fills the earth.
Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your love flows through water,
satisfying the thirst of all living things,
sustaining life in this community,
nourishing and delighting us.
We bless you for these gifts of water:
Fox River, Lake Michigan,
Illinois and Mississippi Rivers.
Your steadfast love fills the earth.
Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your love flows through water,
a sign of your saving power:
Noah and the animals survive the flood,
Hagar discovers your well.
The Israelites escape through the sea,
and they drink from your gushing rock.
Naaman washes his leprosy away,
and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.
Your steadfast love fills the earth.
Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your love flows through the water of baptism
joined to your life-giving Word:
your well of mercy and cleansing flood,
your sea of deliverance from death into life,
your healing river washing sin away,
your living water springing up to eternal life.
Your steadfast love fills the earth.
Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Shower 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.
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.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

God of truth,
You have revealed yourself to people of every time, place and situation. **May we not put limits on where or how
Your Spirit might capture human hearts and spread the word of Your gospel far and wide, for the sake of our
risen Lord. Amen.**

1 Found - ed on faith, the church— a - live by grace—
 pro - claims the gos - pel here and ev - 'ry place.
 The word of God re - sounds through time and space:
 Al - le - lu - ia!

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Merla Billquist

The Holy Gospel according to St. LukeReading: **Luke 24:44-47****Glory to you, O Lord.**The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

44Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." 45Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 46and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, 47and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem."

PREACHING TEXT: Acts 8:26-39

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Pastor Trudy Stoffel

OFFERING

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SPECIAL MUSIC **“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” - arr. by Kim Robertson**
NETTLETON

Carolyn Story, harp

GENEROUS LIFE IN CHRIST TESTIMONIES

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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again 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 After each petition: God of truth, **Hear our prayer.**

LORD’S PRAYER

**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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
 2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
 3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
 4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
 Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
 and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
 All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
 For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
 As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
 Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
 end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
 pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
 one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

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DISMISSAL Go in peace, serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SENDING MUSIC "Shining Hour" Op. 128 No. 3 by Benjamin Goddard