

GATHERING MUSIC

**FREU DICH SEHR, Tune 1551 Setting by Paul Manz**

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.**

Loving God,  
You showed Your followers that their salvation didn't depend upon culture or traditions, but on the grace freely offered by Your Spirit. **Show us the same open vision of mercy offered to all, regardless of background or practice, for the sake of the whole world. 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

Christy Heins

**The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke**Reading: **Luke 2:29-32****Glory to you, O Lord.**The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

29"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
 according to your word;  
 30for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
 31which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
 32a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
 and for glory to your people Israel."

PREACHING TEXT: Acts 15:1-18

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

SERMON

Pastor Trudy Stoffel

## OFFERING

*Through your donations we are able to support the ministries of Geneva Lutheran Church including in-person & online Sunday School and Communion services for folks 65+.*

*Ten percent of all offerings go beyond our walls to support our community locally, nationally and internationally.*

*There are many ways you can give - put a check in the mail, text: 630-528-2407 with a dollar amount or give online <https://bit.ly/3jErAR5>*

## SPECIAL MUSIC

**“Prelude in C Major” by J.S. Bach**

Melissa Proulx, violin

## GENEROUS LIFE IN CHRIST TESTIMONIES

*We welcome Samuel John Edward Barnett, son of Joshua Barnett & Randi Luxmore, and Ethan John Hess, son of Jena & Michael Hess who joined us through the waters of baptism on May 1.*

People of God, do you promise to support Samuel and Ethan and their families and pray for their new lives in Christ? **We do.**

## APOSTLES CREED

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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 all, **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 Signs and won - ders lead the danc - ing from the heart God frees from fear:  
 2 Hope and free - dom join the cir - cle: Mar - y to the gar - den came,  
 3 Cast a - side all fear and hid - ing; hand in hand we dance the round.



wings of an - gels greet the mai - den, and God finds a dwell - ing here;  
 saw the ra - diance of the mar - vel, heard the Ris - en call her name;  
 God is with us, Christ, a - bid - ing, and the Spir - it's gifts a - bound.



bold - ly may we lift our hands, bow the head, and voice A - men;  
 bold - ly may we heed Christ's call, step be - yond the gar - den wall:  
 Called by God to ho - li - ness, let us bold - ly serve and bless;



thus does glo - ry shine at mid - night: o - pen hearts in - vite the star - light.  
 beau - ti - ful the feet pro - ceed - ing with good news of death's de - feat - ing.  
 and to hearts that sigh and hun - ger may our lives dance signs and won - ders.

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DISMISSAL

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

SENDING MUSIC

**"Prelude in F Major" from Eight Little Prelude & Fugues by J.S. Bach**