

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD'S LOVE

GREETING (EZEKIEL 36:25-26)

"I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh."

WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER

✦CALL TO WORSHIP (BASED ON REVELATION 22:13,17)

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the Alpha and the Omega—the beginning and the end...."

People: ...Let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift."

✦SONG OF PRAISE

ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY, w/m by Brown and Roberts

CALL TO CONFESSION (LUKE 18:9-14)

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner.*)

PROCLAMATION OF GRACE (TITUS 3:4-7)

✦GRATEFUL RESPONSE

HYMN # 68 – *COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Andrea Lind

In the name of the whole Church of Jesus Christ, we promise to undertake with this family the Christian nurture of Andrea. We promise to guide and nurture her by word and deed, and with love and prayer, so as to strengthen her family ties with the household of faith and to encourage her to know and follow Christ.

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

✦PASSING OF THE PEACE

"May the peace of Christ be with you....And, also with you."

At this time, the congregation may greet each other and exchange signs of peace.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S LOVE

SCRIPTURE READING

ISAIAH 43:1-4a

Cheryl Rush, reader

Leader: Blessed are those who hear and keep what is written, in the light of Jesus, the Word made flesh.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

All children are invited to come to the front for the Children's Message. Afterwards, preschool and elementary-aged children may go to Children's Chapel.

(As the children come forward for the Children's message, ushers will collect any written prayer requests. Forms are located in the pew pockets near the center aisle. Please raise your hand to let the ushers know to collect your prayer request.)

✦SONG OF FAITH

HYMN # 680 – *BORNING CRY*

SCRIPTURE READING

LUKE 19:1-10

SERIES: ENCOUNTERS WITH CHRIST

SERMON

"ZACCHAEUS"

The Rev. Dr. Brad Busiek

WE EMBRACE GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING

OH, MY SOUL, w/m by Herms, Hall, and Nordeman

In response to God's love, we are invited to reflect on how we might give thanks to God through the sharing of our time, talents, and treasures. (During this time, offering plates will be passed down the pews. There is no obligation to give. You may also choose to indicate your presence or desire to connect by placing a blue connect form in the offering plate.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE IN THE WORLD

✦CHARGE AND BLESSING (JUDE 1-2)

✦GRATEFUL RESPONSE

HYMN # 719 – *GO MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING*

✦POSTLUDE

✦Those who would like to stand, are invited to stand.