

	———— GATHERING ————	
Prelude		
Welcome		
Gathering Song	Baptized in Water	ELW 456

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for all that God has done for us. Let us pray:

Leader begins pouring water into the font.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve behold Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land.

Into the desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

And by the baptism of Christ's death and resurrection, you have opened the floodgates of your reconciling love.

Throughout time and space, your living water has filled us to overflowing, pointing us to your abundant work. And so, in gratitude, we respond together:

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us, here, with your Spirit; open our eyes to what you have done for us, and help us recognize your work among us.

To you we give all honor and glory and praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen!

GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Good and gracious God, we give you thanks, for you have done great things for us. Train our eyes to recognize the work of your Spirit among us, and give us faith to trust that in you, all things are being made new. This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



STORYTELLING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

In preparation to receive God's Word, we light the Christ candle and pray for illumination from God's word. Take a moment for silent reflection.

READINGS: ISAIAH 43:16-19a; PSALM 126; 2 CORINTHIANS 5:14-17

In response to the readings:

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation ELW pg. 151

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 28:16-20

The Gospel is announced:

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 28th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN LISTEN, GOD IS CALLING ELW 513

Refrain is sung twice each time; first in Swahili, then in English.

Apostle's Creed ELW pg. 105

Response to "Lord in your mercy" is "hear our prayer."

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!

And also with you!

Congregation is invited to share a sign of peace with others.

OFFERING AND SYNOD ASSEMBLY REPORT

OFFERING PRAYER

Great Thanksgiving ELW pg. 152

PREFACE

Holy, Holy, Holy ELW pg. 153

FUCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Together we receive God's gift of love given to us in the sacrament of communion. All are welcome at the table, where Christ is our host.

Receive the bread with open hands, and receive either the wine (red liquid) or juice (clear liquid). If you do not desire to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest as an indication to the server.

LAMB OF GOD ELW pg. 154

 SENDING	
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BLESSING

SENDING SONG THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE ELW 677

Announcements and Farewell/Godspeed of Roger Luft

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God *is* doing a new thing through you as the living body of Christ. So go in peace, and share the good news.

Thanks be to God!

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