

# First Lutheran Church, Morris MN

## Order of Worship for Sunday, October 4, 2020—Affirmation of Baptism Service

### Gathering

*“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” —Matthew 18:20*

#### Welcoming and Announcements

#### Confession & Forgiveness

*In the name of the Father, and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.*

*Gracious God, whose grace is from everlasting to everlasting, and yet new every morning, we come before you seeking your pardon and peace. **Have mercy on us and grant us your peace.***

*You asked for my hands that you could use them for your purpose. **I gave them for a moment and withdrew for the work was hard.***

*You asked for my mouth to speak against injustice. **I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.***

*You asked for my eyes to see the pain of others. **I closed them for I did not want to know.***

*You asked for my life that you might work through me. **I gave you a fraction of my life so that I might not get involved.***

*God, forgive me for calculated efforts to serve you only when it is convenient to serve, only in places where it is safe to serve you. **Gracious God, forgive me, renew me, and make me your instrument, that I may walk the way of your cross through this world.***

*(take a moment of silence for your own time of conversation and confession with God)*

*As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our sins from us. In mercy, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake, God forgives us all our sins. In Jesus, we are made new, we are made clean, we are made whole. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, he gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **Amen.***

*The peace of the Lord be with you, always. **And also with you.***

#### Hymn: “Sing to the Lord of Harvest” #694

1. Sing to the Lord of harvest your songs of love and praise;  
with joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise;  
by him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;  
sing to the Lord of harvest a joyous song of love.
2. God makes the clouds drop fatness, the deserts bloom and spring  
the hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing.  
God fills them with his fullness, all things with large increase,  
and crowns the year with goodness, with plenty and with peace.
3. Bring to this sacred altar the gifts his goodness gave,  
the golden sheaves of harvest, the souls Christ died to save.  
Your hearts lay down before him when at his feet you fall,  
and with your lives adore him who gave his life for all.

### 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

*Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

## **Word** Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. <sup>2</sup> Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. <sup>3</sup> For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. <sup>4</sup> Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. <sup>5</sup> I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. <sup>6</sup> Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended

### Reading: Psalm 118:1-9, 21-24

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; **his steadfast love endures forever!**

Let Israel say, "**His steadfast love endures forever.**"

Let the house of Aaron say, "**His steadfast love endures forever.**"

Let those who fear the LORD say, "**His steadfast love endures forever.**"

Out of my distress I called on the LORD; **the LORD answered me and set me in a broad place.**

With the LORD on my side I do not fear. **What can mortals do to me?**

The LORD is on my side to help me; **I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.**

It is better to take refuge in the LORD **than to put confidence in mortals.**

It is better to take refuge in the LORD **than to put confidence in princes.**

I thank you that you have answered me **and have become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected **has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the LORD's doing; **it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the LORD has made; **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

### Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

<sup>4</sup> even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup> Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup> More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in

order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Gospel:** Matthew 7:24-29 (response after announcement of Gospel: **Glory to you, O Lord**)

<sup>24</sup> “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. <sup>26</sup> And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!” <sup>28</sup> Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, <sup>29</sup> for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

(response after reading of Gospel: **Praise to you, O Christ**)

## **Message**

**Hymn:** “Borning Cry” #732

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| <p>1. I was there to hear your borning cry,<br/>I'll be there when you are old.<br/>I rejoiced the day you were baptized,<br/>To see your life unfold.<br/>I was there when you were but a child,<br/>With a faith to suit you well;<br/>In a blaze of light you wandered off<br/>To find where demons dwell.</p> <p>3. In the middle ages of your life,<br/>Not too old, no longer young,<br/>I'll be there to guide you through the night,<br/>Complete what I've begun.<br/>When the evening gently closes in,<br/>And you shut your weary eyes,<br/>I'll be there as I have always been<br/>With just one more surprise.</p> | <p>2. When you heard the wonder of the Word<br/>I was there to cheer you on;<br/>You were raised to praise the living God,<br/>To whom you now belong.<br/>If you find someone to share your time<br/>And you join your hearts as one,<br/>I'll be there to make your verses rhyme<br/>From dusk 'till rising sun.</p> <p>4. I was there to hear your borning cry,<br/>I'll be there when you are old.<br/>I rejoiced the day you were baptized,<br/>To see your life unfold.</p> |
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## **Affirmation of Baptism**

*Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these brothers and this sister, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.*

**Amen.**

## Profession of Faith

*I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that deft God? **I renounce them.***

*Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? **I renounce them.***

*Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? **I renounce them.***

*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,  
he 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.**

## Affirmation in the Presence of the Assembly

*You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth? each person responses: **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.***

*People of God, do you promise to support these brothers and sister and pray for them in their life in Christ? **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.***

*Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.*

*Stir up in \_\_\_\_\_ the gift of your Holy Spirit, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.***

*Let us rejoice with these brothers and this sister in Christ. **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.***

## Congregational Response “Baptized in Water” #456

1. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:  
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,  
faithfully now God’s praise we sing.
2. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
dead in the tomb of Christ our king:  
one with his rising, freed and forgiven;  
thankfully now God’s praise we sing.

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## Offering “As the Grains of Wheat” #465

**Refrain: As the grain of wheat once scattered on the hill  
were gathered into one to become our bread;  
so may all your people from all the ends of earth  
be gathered into one in you.**

As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,  
may we share the presence of your love. **Refrain**

Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come,  
when all creation shares this feast this you. **Refrain**

## Prayers

### The Great Thanksgiving

*The Lord be with you. And also with you.*

*Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.*

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

### Proper Preface

*“Holy, Holy, Holy” pg 144 (red hymnal)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

### Words of Institution

### Lord’s Prayer

### Communion Distribution

### Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

### Benediction

# Sending

Hymn: "Faith of our Fathers" #813

1. Faith of our fathers, living still  
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.  
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
whene'er we hear that glorious word.  
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,  
we will be true to you till death.
2. Faith of our mothers, daring faith,  
your work for Christ is love revealed,  
spreading God's word from pole to pole,  
making love known and freedom real.  
Faith of our mothers, holy faith,  
we will be true to you till death.
3. Faith of our sisters, brothers, too  
who still must bear oppression's might,  
raising on high, in prisons dark,  
the cross of Christ still burning bright.  
Faith for today, O living faith,  
we will be true to you till death.
4. Faith born of God, oh, call us yet,  
bind us with all who follow you,  
sharing the struggle of your cross  
until the world is made anew.  
Faith born of God, O living faith,  
we will be true to you till death.

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

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## Remember in your prayers

Randee Hokanson, Mick Rose, those affected by COVID-19, those who serve in the military, families of victims of war, terrorism and violence, those in our nursing homes and those who are homebound. Continue to pray for the overseas missionary we support, Pastor Alex LaChappelle serving as a pastor of Nairobi International Lutheran in Kenya, Africa. Note: you may honor a loved one and support Pastor LaChappelle in Kenya. Contact the church office for information.

## *Fall 2020 Confirmation Students and their Confirmation Bible verse*

*Tyler Schneider*

“The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.” —Exodus 14: 14

*Cowan Mortenson*

“I can do all things through him who strengthens me.” —Philippians 4:13

*Jason Christians*

“I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.” —Joshua 1:9

*Owen Hentges*

“Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.” —Isaiah 41:10

*Ruby Swenson*

“Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.” Isaiah 41: 10

*Owen Anderson*

“In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for ‘God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’” —1 Peter 5: 5