

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Porter baptized into Christ?

*Parent:* I do.

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

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P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Porter in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Sponsors:* I do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Porter and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**C: We do.**

### **Profession of Faith**

P: 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 defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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 to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

## Thanksgiving at the Font

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters: 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. At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## BAPTISM

P: Connor Jose Evra (to be know in the future as Porter Paul Genthner), I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

Sustain Porter with 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.

**C: Amen.**

P: Connor/Porter, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C: Amen.**

## WELCOME

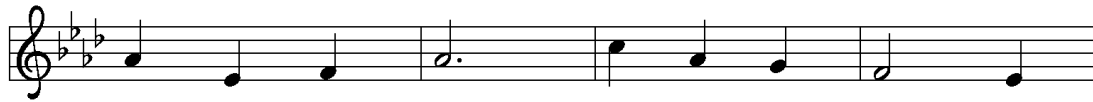
Cong. Rep: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

**Gathering Hymn: ELW 731 *Earth and All Stars***

## Earth and All Stars!



1	Earth	and	all	stars!	Loud	rush - ing	plan - ets!
2	Trum - pet	and	pipes!	Loud	clash - ing	cym - bals!	
3	En - gines	and	steel!	Loud	pound - ing	ham - mers!	
4	Class-rooms	and	labs!	Loud	boil - ing	test tubes!	
5	Knowl-edge	and	truth!	Loud	sound - ing	wis - dom!	



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Hail,	wind,	and	rain!	Loud	blow - ing	snow - storm!
Harp,	lute,	and	lyre!	Loud	hum - ming	cel - los!
Lime - stone	and	beams!	Loud	build - ing	work - ers!	
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*Refrain*

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Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922–1987

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**GREETING** (Please stand if you are able)

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

**C: And also with you.**

P: You are the treasured people of the LORD,

**C: a people holy to the Lord our God.**

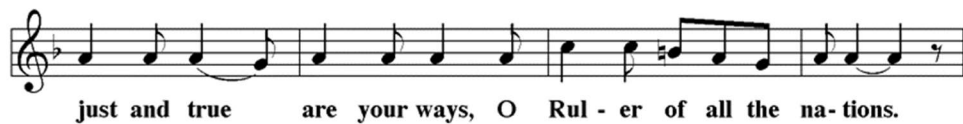
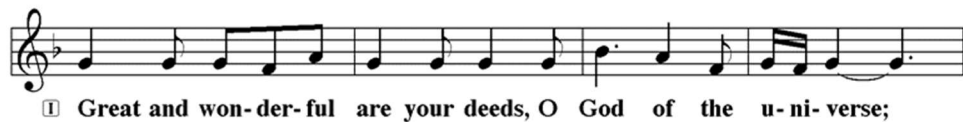
P: Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

**C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

P: One does not live by bread alone,

**C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

**SCRIPTURE SONG**



## Prayer of the Day:

L: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*(The Congregation is seated after the prayer)*

## First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11

*God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.*

L: A reading from Ezekiel, the Thirty-third chapter.

<sup>7</sup>So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

<sup>10</sup>Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

## Psalm: Psalm 119:33-40

L: <sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

**C: <sup>34</sup>Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.**

L: <sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

**C: <sup>36</sup>Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

L: <sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

**C: <sup>38</sup>Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.**

L: <sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

**C: <sup>40</sup>Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.**

## Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

*The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.*

L: A reading from Romans, the Thirteenth chapter.

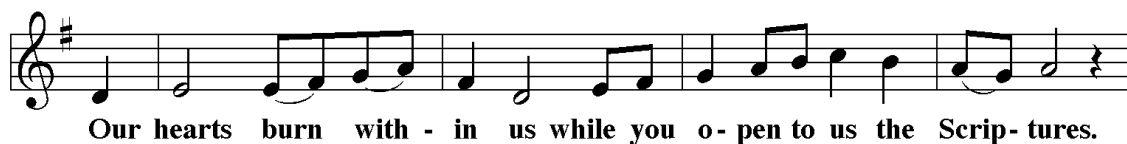
<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**Gospel Acclamation (Please stand if you are able)**



## The Gospel – Matthew 18:15-20

*Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.*

P: The Gospel according to Matthew.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you. O Christ.**

**(Please be seated)**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**



# Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his  
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version

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## RESPONSE TO THE WORD: CREED AND CONFESSION

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**C: pray in the Holy Spirit.**

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

**C: Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## OFFERING

Choir Anthem: *Forever Blest is He - Handel*

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;  
 ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.  
 Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;  
 yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

### Offering Prayer

P: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*A brief silence.*

P: Hold us accountable, O God. Show your church where repentance is needed and lead us in paths of intentional compassion and listening. Help us extend hands of reconciliation and care, especially in relationships with other Christians and people of other faiths. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Reveal your miracles to us, O God. Move us to cherish you as we behold the wonders of creation. Renew the seas and the soil, the forests and the creatures that live in them. Turn us to ways of living that seek Earth's thriving. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Inspire us to lead with honor, O God. Guide judges and legislators, police, and government officials to create and uphold just laws. Move us to treat all people with dignity and guide our conversations with one another. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Help us comfort those who suffer, O God. Reassure any who are harmed by the wicked acts of others. Bring peace to all who are vulnerable, frightened, despairing, or sick (especially). Guard their waking and their sleeping. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Awaken us, O God. Challenge and encourage your people to value the vocation to which each is called. We pray for all discerning new possibilities or changing employment (especially). In all our diverse callings, teach us to love our neighbor above all else. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: Be our hope, O God. We remember with thanksgiving your disciples who died in faith (especially). May their trust in your promise be our protection and our hope. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C: 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

## BLESSING

P: The God of glory, ✝ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**



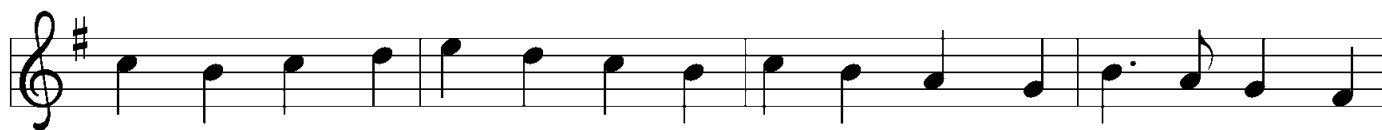
# Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for-ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."  
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 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free."

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Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, God is at work in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Postlude:



God's work.  
Our hands.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**BAPTISMS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY**

September	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS
<b>10</b>			Ben F. Naska, Annabel Williams
<b>12</b>	Bob Fox, Barb Naska		
<b>14</b>	Dot Peterman, Bonnie Pyne DePortillo	Karen & Hans Rilling (60)	

<b><u>THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES</u></b>		
<b>Sunday, September 10</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>  10:45 – 11:45 AM 12:00 PM	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> Connor Jose Evra Baptism (aka Porter Paul Genthner) God's Work Our Hands Card Project PALM Picnic in the Shed
Monday, September 11	7:30 PM	Church Council meeting
Tuesday, September 12	9:00 AM	<i>Care-A-Lot first day of school!</i>
Wednesday, September 13	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Thursday, September 14		No Office hours
<b><u>UPCOMING ACTIVITIES</u></b>		
<b>Sunday, September 17</b> (communion)	<b>9:30 AM</b>  After Worship	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> <i>Welcome Back Care-a-lot</i> Lemonade on the Lawn
Friday, September 15	10:00 AM	WELCA Meeting in Sanctuary
Wednesday, September 20	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Thursday, September 21	12:00 PM-3:00 PM 12:30 PM	Office hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim
<b>Sunday, September 24</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>  <b>5:00 - 5:30 PM</b> <b>5:30 - 7:30 PM</b>	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> Confirmation @ Durham Fellowship Meal Lessons/games
Wednesday, September 27	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's



**September Outreach** - Our Outreach envelopes for September have been designated for *Lutheran Disaster Response* for Maui wildfire relief.



**WELCA** will meet in the sanctuary on *Friday Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 am*. We will review what is happening in WELCA on the synodical and churchwide level. There is a lot going on. We will also look at what we are doing and what we would like to accomplish in the coming year. Helen will lead a brief Bible study taken from our WELCA's gather magazine. For those who wish, we will go out for lunch following the meeting.



Keep in your  
PRAYERS

**For Healing of those in our Congregation:**

Joanne & David Antoni; Brian Ashmore; Esther Crouse; Helen Dungan; Frank Erceg; Kenneth Hager; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Wes Simmons; Ed Xander; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

**For Healing of Friends and Family:**

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Anthony Beck; Jason Bigley; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Nancy Davis; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Cindy Gilligan; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Josephine Gimelson & family; Baree Lee Goodman; Penni Griffith; Ashton Hales; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Jim McAnally; Letitia McCrea; Sue Odor; Cindy Oswald; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Jean Pratt; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Paul Sauter; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Pat Stangil; Kay Stokes; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Kelly Walsh; Henry Wong and Scotty Yurconis.

**For those who are Homebound:**

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; and Silas Rodenbach.

**For families and friends grieving the loss of:**

Stan Aagaard; Michael Barats; Joann Gary; Betty Kreitz; Lani Schlegel; Don Seipt; Marilyn Seipt; Hal Taylor; Ann Valent

If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at:

[PrayerChain@durhamlutheran.org](mailto:PrayerChain@durhamlutheran.org)

**Helping in Worship**

Preacher	Rev. James Heckman
Choir Director / Organist	Carolyn Williams
Greeter(s)	Helen Dungan
Altar	Barb Naska & Dot Peterman
Acolyte	
Lector	Mary Crouse
Head / Communion Usher	Bob Fox
Council Counting Team	Mark Harwick & Cathy Muller
Administration & Technology	Ken Anderson
Custodian	Dianna Streletz

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## WELCOME

Cong. Rep: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our Father in heaven.

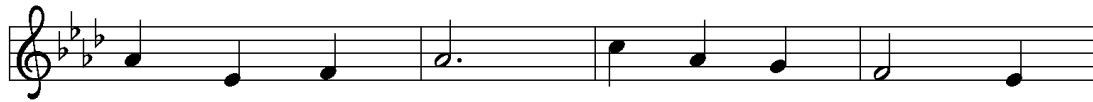
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**Gathering Hymn: ELW 731 *Earth and All Stars***

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**GREETING** (Please stand if you are able)

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

**C: And also with you.**

P: You are the treasured people of the LORD,

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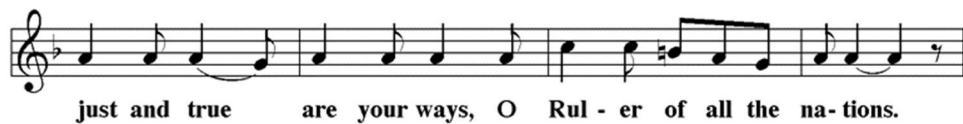
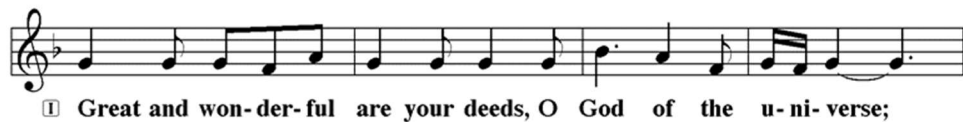
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**SCRIPTURE SONG**



## Prayer of the Day:

L: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*(The Congregation is seated after the prayer)*

## First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11

*God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.*

L: A reading from Ezekiel, the Thirty-third chapter.

<sup>7</sup>So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

<sup>10</sup>Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

## Psalm: Psalm 119:33-40

L: <sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

**C: <sup>34</sup>Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.**

L: <sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

**C: <sup>36</sup>Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

L: <sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

**C: <sup>38</sup>Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.**

L: <sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

**C: <sup>40</sup>Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.**

## Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

*The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.*

L: A reading from Romans, the Thirteenth chapter.

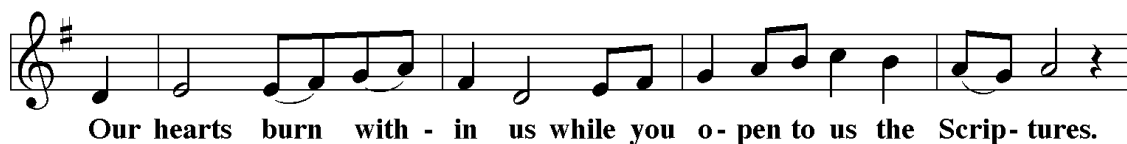
<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**Gospel Acclamation (Please stand if you are able)**



## The Gospel – Matthew 18:15-20

*Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.*

P: The Gospel according to Matthew.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you. O Christ.**

**(Please be seated)**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**



# Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his  
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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## RESPONSE TO THE WORD: CREED AND CONFESSION

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**C: pray in the Holy Spirit.**

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

**C: Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## OFFERING

Choir Anthem: *Forever Blest is He - Handel*

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;  
 ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.  
 Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;  
 yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

### Offering Prayer

P: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*A brief silence.*

P: Hold us accountable, O God. Show your church where repentance is needed and lead us in paths of intentional compassion and listening. Help us extend hands of reconciliation and care, especially in relationships with other Christians and people of other faiths. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Reveal your miracles to us, O God. Move us to cherish you as we behold the wonders of creation. Renew the seas and the soil, the forests and the creatures that live in them. Turn us to ways of living that seek Earth's thriving. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**



P: Inspire us to lead with honor, O God. Guide judges and legislators, police, and government officials to create and uphold just laws. Move us to treat all people with dignity and guide our conversations with one another. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Help us comfort those who suffer, O God. Reassure any who are harmed by the wicked acts of others. Bring peace to all who are vulnerable, frightened, despairing, or sick (especially). Guard their waking and their sleeping. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Awaken us, O God. Challenge and encourage your people to value the vocation to which each is called. We pray for all discerning new possibilities or changing employment (especially). In all our diverse callings, teach us to love our neighbor above all else. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: Be our hope, O God. We remember with thanksgiving your disciples who died in faith (especially). May their trust in your promise be our protection and our hope. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C: 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

## BLESSING

P: The God of glory, ✝ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**



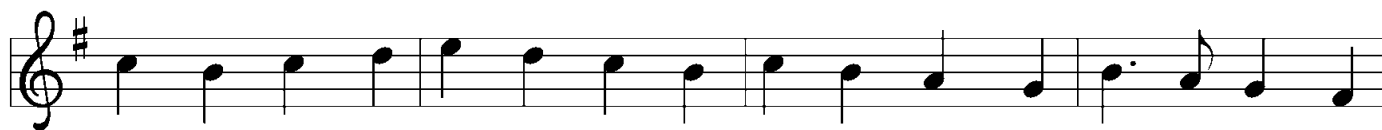
# Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for-ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



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Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, God is at work in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Postlude:



God's work.  
Our hands.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**BAPTISMS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY**

September	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS
<b>10</b>			Ben F. Naska, Annabel Williams
<b>12</b>	Bob Fox, Barb Naska		
<b>14</b>	Dot Peterman, Bonnie Pyne DePortillo	Karen & Hans Rilling (60)	

<b><u>THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES</u></b>		
<b>Sunday, September 10</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>  10:45 – 11:45 AM 12:00 PM	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> Connor Jose Evra Baptism (aka Porter Paul Genthner) God's Work Our Hands Card Project PALM Picnic in the Shed
Monday, September 11	7:30 PM	Church Council meeting
Tuesday, September 12	9:00 AM	<i>Care-A-Lot first day of school!</i>
Wednesday, September 13	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Thursday, September 14		No Office hours
<b><u>UPCOMING ACTIVITIES</u></b>		
<b>Sunday, September 17</b> (communion)	<b>9:30 AM</b>  After Worship	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> <i>Welcome Back Care-a-lot</i> Lemonade on the Lawn
Friday, September 15	10:00 AM	WELCA Meeting in Sanctuary
Wednesday, September 20	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Thursday, September 21	12:00 PM-3:00 PM 12:30 PM	Office hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim
<b>Sunday, September 24</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>  <b>5:00 - 5:30 PM</b> <b>5:30 - 7:30 PM</b>	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> Confirmation @ Durham Fellowship Meal Lessons/games
Wednesday, September 27	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's



**September Outreach** - Our Outreach envelopes for September have been designated for *Lutheran Disaster Response* for Maui wildfire relief.



**WELCA** will meet in the sanctuary on *Friday Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 am*. We will review what is happening in WELCA on the synodical and churchwide level. There is a lot going on. We will also look at what we are doing and what we would like to accomplish in the coming year. Helen will lead a brief Bible study taken from our WELCA's gather magazine. For those who wish, we will go out for lunch following the meeting.



Keep in your  
PRAYERS

**For Healing of those in our Congregation:**

Joanne & David Antoni; Brian Ashmore; Esther Crouse; Helen Dungan; Frank Erceg; Kenneth Hager; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Wes Simmons; Ed Xander; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

**For Healing of Friends and Family:**

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Anthony Beck; Jason Bigley; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Nancy Davis; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Cindy Gilligan; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Josephine Gimelson & family; Baree Lee Goodman; Penni Griffith; Ashton Hales; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Jim McAnally; Letitia McCrea; Sue Odor; Cindy Oswald; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Jean Pratt; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Paul Sauter; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Pat Stangil; Kay Stokes; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Kelly Walsh; Henry Wong and Scotty Yurconis.

**For those who are Homebound:**

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; and Silas Rodenbach.

**For families and friends grieving the loss of:**

Stan Aagaard; Michael Barats; Joann Gary; Betty Kreitz; Lani Schlegel; Don Seipt; Marilyn Seipt; Hal Taylor; Ann Valent

If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at:

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**Helping in Worship**

Preacher	Rev. James Heckman
Choir Director / Organist	Carolyn Williams
Greeter(s)	Helen Dungan
Altar	Barb Naska & Dot Peterman
Acolyte	
Lector	Mary Crouse
Head / Communion Usher	Bob Fox
Council Counting Team	Mark Harwick & Cathy Muller
Administration & Technology	Ken Anderson
Custodian	Dianna Streletz

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Porter baptized into Christ?

*Parent:* I do.

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Parent:* I do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Porter in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Sponsors:* I do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Porter and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**C: We do.**

### **Profession of Faith**

P: 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 defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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 to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

## Thanksgiving at the Font

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters: 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. At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## BAPTISM

P: Connor Jose Evra (to be know in the future as Porter Paul Genthner), I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

Sustain Porter with 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.

**C: Amen.**

P: Connor/Porter, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

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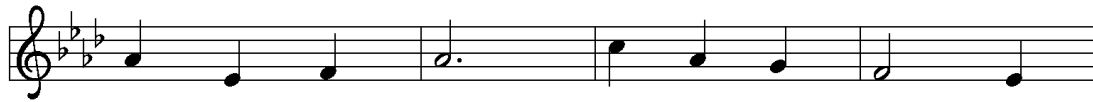
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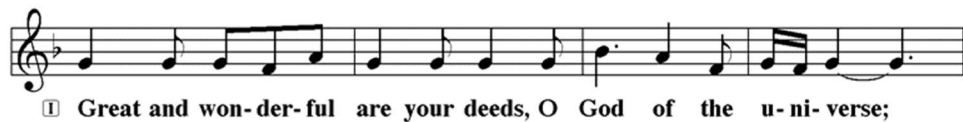
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L: A reading from Ezekiel, the Thirty-third chapter.

<sup>7</sup>So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

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L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

## Psalm: Psalm 119:33-40

L: <sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

**C: <sup>34</sup>Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.**

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**C: <sup>38</sup>Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.**

L: <sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

**C: <sup>40</sup>Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.**

## Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

*The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.*

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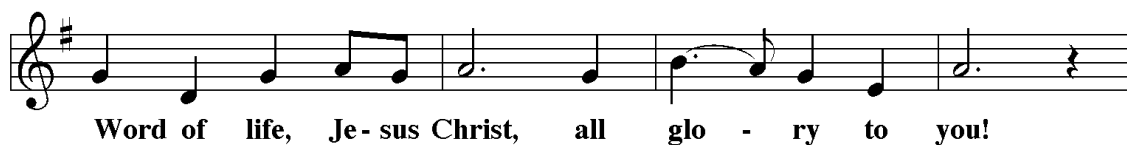
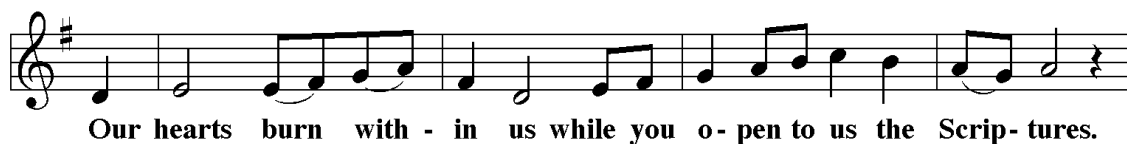
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<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**Gospel Acclamation (Please stand if you are able)**



## The Gospel – Matthew 18:15-20

*Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.*

P: The Gospel according to Matthew.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

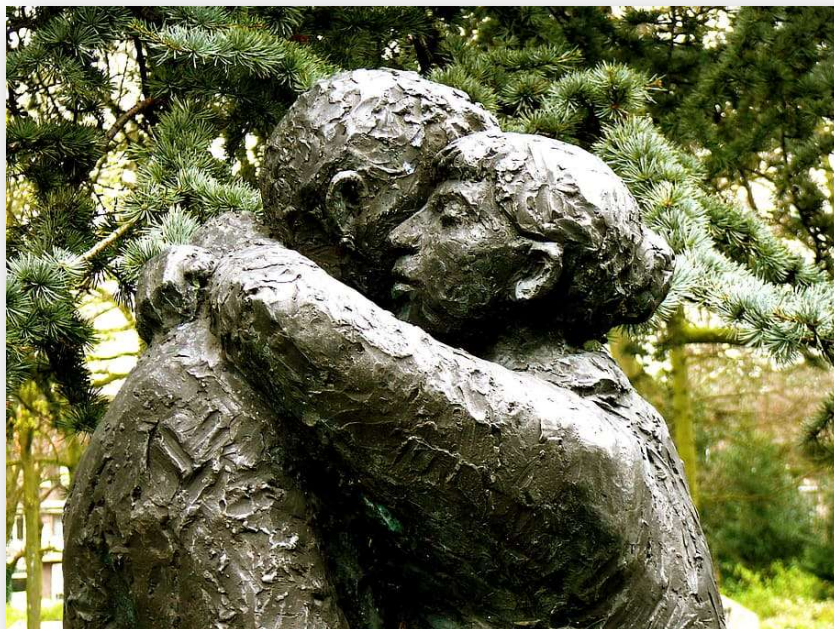
P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you. O Christ.**

**(Please be seated)**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**



# Baptized in Water

1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his  
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Seward, b. 1932

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version

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## RESPONSE TO THE WORD: CREED AND CONFESSION

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**C: pray in the Holy Spirit.**

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

**C: Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## OFFERING

Choir Anthem: *Forever Blest is He - Handel*

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;  
 ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.  
 Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;  
 yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

### Offering Prayer

P: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*A brief silence.*

P: Hold us accountable, O God. Show your church where repentance is needed and lead us in paths of intentional compassion and listening. Help us extend hands of reconciliation and care, especially in relationships with other Christians and people of other faiths. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Reveal your miracles to us, O God. Move us to cherish you as we behold the wonders of creation. Renew the seas and the soil, the forests and the creatures that live in them. Turn us to ways of living that seek Earth's thriving. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Inspire us to lead with honor, O God. Guide judges and legislators, police, and government officials to create and uphold just laws. Move us to treat all people with dignity and guide our conversations with one another. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Help us comfort those who suffer, O God. Reassure any who are harmed by the wicked acts of others. Bring peace to all who are vulnerable, frightened, despairing, or sick (especially). Guard their waking and their sleeping. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Awaken us, O God. Challenge and encourage your people to value the vocation to which each is called. We pray for all discerning new possibilities or changing employment (especially). In all our diverse callings, teach us to love our neighbor above all else. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: Be our hope, O God. We remember with thanksgiving your disciples who died in faith (especially). May their trust in your promise be our protection and our hope. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C: 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

## BLESSING

P: The God of glory, ✝ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**



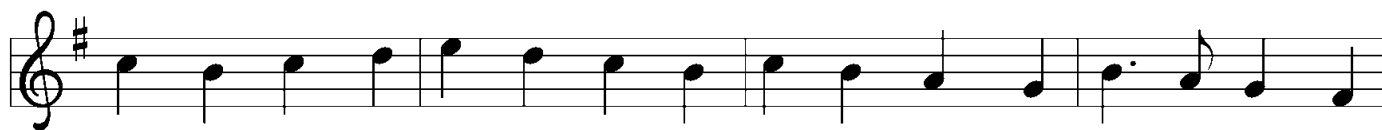
# Go, My Children, with My Blessing



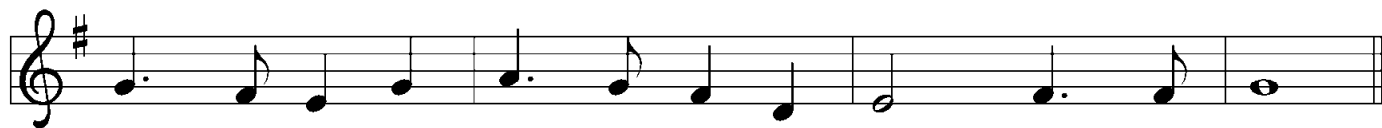
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 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for-ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



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Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, God is at work in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Postlude:



God's work.  
Our hands.



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**BAPTISMS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY**

September	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS
<b>10</b>			Ben F. Naska, Annabel Williams
<b>12</b>	Bob Fox, Barb Naska		
<b>14</b>	Dot Peterman, Bonnie Pyne DePortillo	Karen & Hans Rilling (60)	

<b><u>THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES</u></b>		
<b>Sunday, September 10</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>  10:45 – 11:45 AM 12:00 PM	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> Connor Jose Evra Baptism (aka Porter Paul Genthner) God's Work Our Hands Card Project PALM Picnic in the Shed
Monday, September 11	7:30 PM	Church Council meeting
Tuesday, September 12	9:00 AM	<i>Care-A-Lot first day of school!</i>
Wednesday, September 13	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Thursday, September 14		No Office hours
<b><u>UPCOMING ACTIVITIES</u></b>		
<b>Sunday, September 17</b> (communion)	<b>9:30 AM</b>  After Worship	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> <i>Welcome Back Care-a-lot</i> Lemonade on the Lawn
Friday, September 15	10:00 AM	WELCA Meeting in Sanctuary
Wednesday, September 20	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Thursday, September 21	12:00 PM-3:00 PM 12:30 PM	Office hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim
<b>Sunday, September 24</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>  <b>5:00 - 5:30 PM</b> <b>5:30 - 7:30 PM</b>	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> Confirmation @ Durham Fellowship Meal Lessons/games
Wednesday, September 27	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's



**September Outreach** - Our Outreach envelopes for September have been designated for *Lutheran Disaster Response* for Maui wildfire relief.



**WELCA** will meet in the sanctuary on *Friday Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 am*. We will review what is happening in WELCA on the synodical and churchwide level. There is a lot going on. We will also look at what we are doing and what we would like to accomplish in the coming year. Helen will lead a brief Bible study taken from our WELCA's gather magazine. For those who wish, we will go out for lunch following the meeting.



Keep in your  
PRAYERS

**For Healing of those in our Congregation:**

Joanne & David Antoni; Brian Ashmore; Esther Crouse; Helen Dungan; Frank Erceg; Kenneth Hager; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Wes Simmons; Ed Xander; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

**For Healing of Friends and Family:**

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Anthony Beck; Jason Bigley; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Nancy Davis; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Cindy Gilligan; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Josephine Gimelson & family; Baree Lee Goodman; Penni Griffith; Ashton Hales; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Jim McAnally; Letitia McCrea; Sue Odor; Cindy Oswald; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Jean Pratt; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Paul Sauter; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Pat Stangil; Kay Stokes; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Kelly Walsh; Henry Wong and Scotty Yurconis.

**For those who are Homebound:**

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; and Silas Rodenbach.

**For families and friends grieving the loss of:**

Stan Aagaard; Michael Barats; Joann Gary; Betty Kreitz; Lani Schlegel; Don Seipt; Marilyn Seipt; Hal Taylor; Ann Valent

If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at:

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**Helping in Worship**

Preacher	Rev. James Heckman
Choir Director / Organist	Carolyn Williams
Greeter(s)	Helen Dungan
Altar	Barb Naska & Dot Peterman
Acolyte	
Lector	Mary Crouse
Head / Communion Usher	Bob Fox
Council Counting Team	Mark Harwick & Cathy Muller
Administration & Technology	Ken Anderson
Custodian	Dianna Streletz

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Porter baptized into Christ?

*Parent:* I do.

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Parent:* I do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Porter in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Sponsors:* I do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Porter and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**C: We do.**

### **Profession of Faith**

P: 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 defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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 to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

## Thanksgiving at the Font

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters: 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. At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## BAPTISM

P: Connor Jose Evra (to be known in the future as Porter Paul Genthner), I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

Sustain Porter with 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.

**C: Amen.**

P: Connor/Porter, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C: Amen.**

## WELCOME

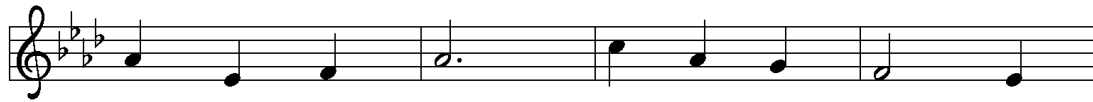
Cong. Rep: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

**Gathering Hymn: ELW 731 *Earth and All Stars***

## Earth and All Stars!



1	Earth	and	all	stars!	Loud	rush - ing	plan - ets!
2	Trum - pet	and	pipes!	Loud	clash - ing	cym - bals!	
3	En - gines	and	steel!	Loud	pound - ing	ham - mers!	
4	Class-rooms	and	labs!	Loud	boil - ing	test tubes!	
5	Knowl-edge	and	truth!	Loud	sound - ing	wis - dom!	



Sing	to the	Lord	a	new	song!
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Hail,	wind,	and	rain!	Loud	blow - ing	snow - storm!
Harp,	lute,	and	lyre!	Loud	hum - ming	cel - los!
Lime - stone	and	beams!	Loud	build - ing	work - ers!	
Ath - lete	and	band!	Loud	cheer - ing	peo - ple!	
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*Refrain*

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**GREETING** (Please stand if you are able)

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

**C: And also with you.**

P: You are the treasured people of the LORD,

**C: a people holy to the Lord our God.**

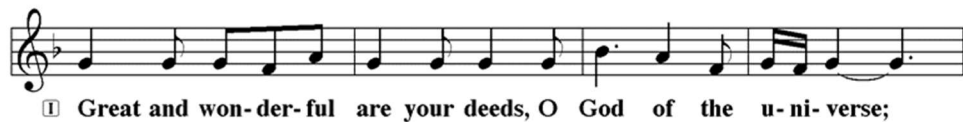
P: Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

**C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

P: One does not live by bread alone,

**C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

**SCRIPTURE SONG**



## Prayer of the Day:

L: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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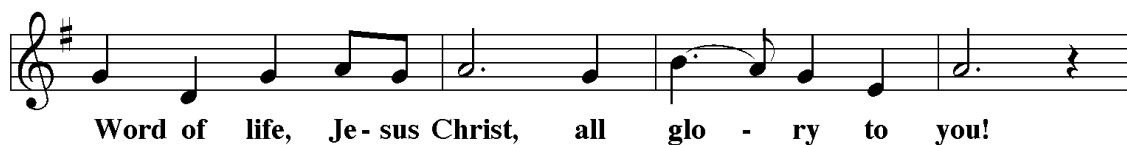
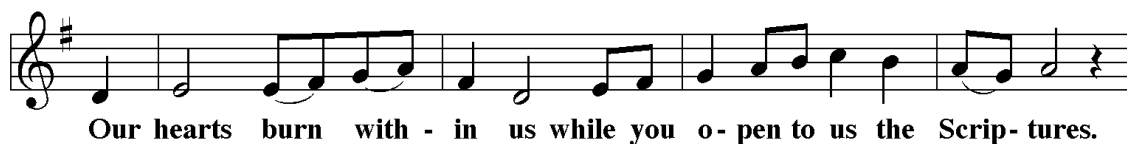
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L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**Gospel Acclamation (Please stand if you are able)**





## The Gospel – Matthew 18:15-20

*Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.*

P: The Gospel according to Matthew.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you. O Christ.**

**(Please be seated)**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**



# Baptized in Water



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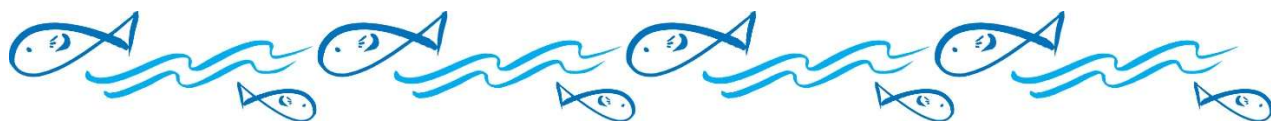
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## RESPONSE TO THE WORD: CREED AND CONFESSION

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**C: pray in the Holy Spirit.**

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

**C: Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## OFFERING

Choir Anthem: *Forever Blest is He - Handel*

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;  
 ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.  
 Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;  
 yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

### Offering Prayer

P: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*A brief silence.*

P: Hold us accountable, O God. Show your church where repentance is needed and lead us in paths of intentional compassion and listening. Help us extend hands of reconciliation and care, especially in relationships with other Christians and people of other faiths. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Reveal your miracles to us, O God. Move us to cherish you as we behold the wonders of creation. Renew the seas and the soil, the forests and the creatures that live in them. Turn us to ways of living that seek Earth's thriving. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Inspire us to lead with honor, O God. Guide judges and legislators, police, and government officials to create and uphold just laws. Move us to treat all people with dignity and guide our conversations with one another. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Help us comfort those who suffer, O God. Reassure any who are harmed by the wicked acts of others. Bring peace to all who are vulnerable, frightened, despairing, or sick (especially). Guard their waking and their sleeping. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Awaken us, O God. Challenge and encourage your people to value the vocation to which each is called. We pray for all discerning new possibilities or changing employment (especially). In all our diverse callings, teach us to love our neighbor above all else. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: Be our hope, O God. We remember with thanksgiving your disciples who died in faith (especially). May their trust in your promise be our protection and our hope. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C: 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

## BLESSING

P: The God of glory, ✝ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**



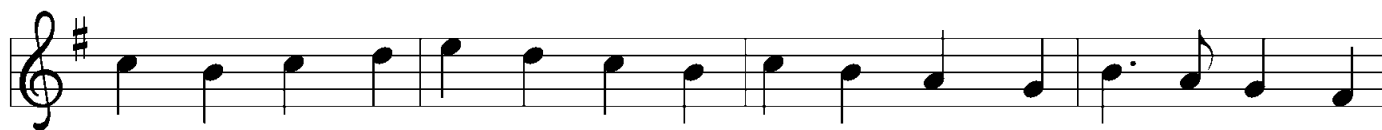
# Go, My Children, with My Blessing



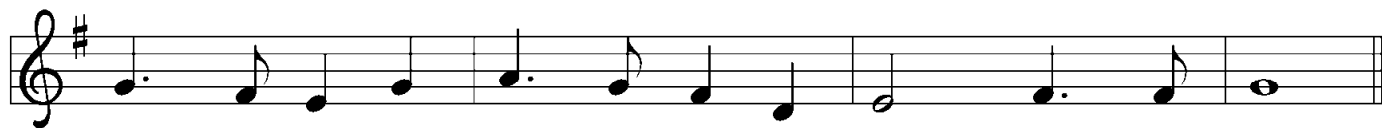
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Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for-ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



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## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, God is at work in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Postlude:



God's work.  
Our hands.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**BAPTISMS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY**

September	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS
<b>10</b>			Ben F. Naska, Annabel Williams
<b>12</b>	Bob Fox, Barb Naska		
<b>14</b>	Dot Peterman, Bonnie Pyne DePortillo	Karen & Hans Rilling (60)	

<b><u>THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES</u></b>		
<b>Sunday, September 10</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>  10:45 – 11:45 AM 12:00 PM	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> Connor Jose Evra Baptism (aka Porter Paul Genthner) God's Work Our Hands Card Project PALM Picnic in the Shed
Monday, September 11	7:30 PM	Church Council meeting
Tuesday, September 12	9:00 AM	<i>Care-A-Lot first day of school!</i>
Wednesday, September 13	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Thursday, September 14		No Office hours
<b><u>UPCOMING ACTIVITIES</u></b>		
<b>Sunday, September 17</b> (communion)	<b>9:30 AM</b>  After Worship	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> <i>Welcome Back Care-a-lot</i> Lemonade on the Lawn
Friday, September 15	10:00 AM	WELCA Meeting in Sanctuary
Wednesday, September 20	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Thursday, September 21	12:00 PM-3:00 PM 12:30 PM	Office hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim
<b>Sunday, September 24</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>  <b>5:00 - 5:30 PM</b> <b>5:30 - 7:30 PM</b>	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> Confirmation @ Durham Fellowship Meal Lessons/games
Wednesday, September 27	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's





**September Outreach** - Our Outreach envelopes for September have been designated for *Lutheran Disaster Response* for Maui wildfire relief.



**WELCA** will meet in the sanctuary on *Friday Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 am*. We will review what is happening in WELCA on the synodical and churchwide level. There is a lot going on. We will also look at what we are doing and what we would like to accomplish in the coming year. Helen will lead a brief Bible study taken from our WELCA's gather magazine. For those who wish, we will go out for lunch following the meeting.



Keep in your  
PRAYERS

**For Healing of those in our Congregation:**

Joanne & David Antoni; Brian Ashmore; Esther Crouse; Helen Dungan; Frank Erceg; Kenneth Hager; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Wes Simmons; Ed Xander; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

**For Healing of Friends and Family:**

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Anthony Beck; Jason Bigley; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Nancy Davis; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Cindy Gilligan; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Josephine Gimelson & family; Baree Lee Goodman; Penni Griffith; Ashton Hales; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Jim McAnally; Letitia McCrea; Sue Odor; Cindy Oswald; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Jean Pratt; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Paul Sauter; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Pat Stangil; Kay Stokes; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Kelly Walsh; Henry Wong and Scotty Yurconis.

**For those who are Homebound:**

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; and Silas Rodenbach.

**For families and friends grieving the loss of:**

Stan Aagaard; Michael Barats; Joann Gary; Betty Kreitz; Lani Schlegel; Don Seipt; Marilyn Seipt; Hal Taylor; Ann Valent

If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at:

[PrayerChain@durhamlutheran.org](mailto:PrayerChain@durhamlutheran.org)

**Helping in Worship**

Preacher	Rev. James Heckman
Choir Director / Organist	Carolyn Williams
Greeter(s)	Helen Dungan
Altar	Barb Naska & Dot Peterman
Acolyte	
Lector	Mary Crouse
Head / Communion Usher	Bob Fox
Council Counting Team	Mark Harwick & Cathy Muller
Administration & Technology	Ken Anderson
Custodian	Dianna Streletz



P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Porter baptized into Christ?

*Parent:* I do.

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Parent:* I do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Porter in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Sponsors:* I do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Porter and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**C: We do.**

### **Profession of Faith**

P: 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 defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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 to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

## Thanksgiving at the Font

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters: 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. At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## BAPTISM

P: Connor Jose Evra (to be know in the future as Porter Paul Genthner), I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

Sustain Porter with 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.

**C: Amen.**

P: Connor/Porter, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C: Amen.**

## WELCOME

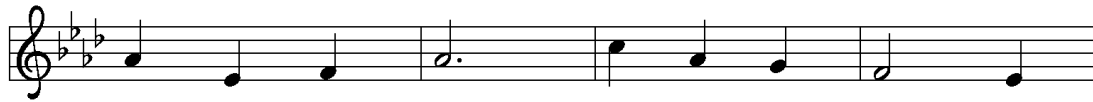
Cong. Rep: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

**Gathering Hymn: ELW 731 *Earth and All Stars***

## Earth and All Stars!



1	Earth	and	all	stars!	Loud	rush - ing	plan - ets!
2	Trum - pet	and	pipes!	Loud	clash - ing	cym - bals!	
3	En - gines	and	steel!	Loud	pound - ing	ham - mers!	
4	Class-rooms	and	labs!	Loud	boil - ing	test tubes!	
5	Knowl-edge	and	truth!	Loud	sound - ing	wis - dom!	



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Hail,	wind,	and	rain!	Loud	blow - ing	snow - storm!
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God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

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**GREETING** (Please stand if you are able)

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

**C: And also with you.**

P: You are the treasured people of the LORD,

**C: a people holy to the Lord our God.**

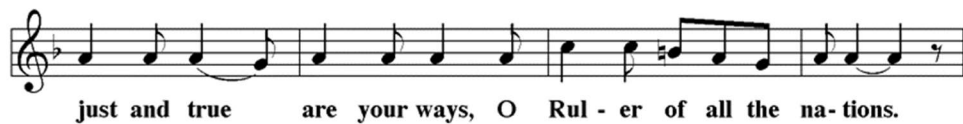
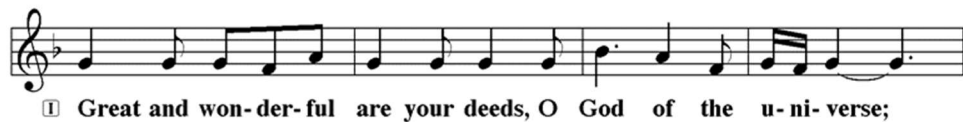
P: Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

**C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

P: One does not live by bread alone,

**C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

**SCRIPTURE SONG**



## Prayer of the Day:

L: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*(The Congregation is seated after the prayer)*

## First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11

*God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.*

L: A reading from Ezekiel, the Thirty-third chapter.

<sup>7</sup>So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

<sup>10</sup>Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

## Psalm: Psalm 119:33-40

L: <sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

**C: <sup>34</sup>Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.**

L: <sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

**C: <sup>36</sup>Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

L: <sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

**C: <sup>38</sup>Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.**

L: <sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

**C: <sup>40</sup>Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.**

## Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

*The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.*

L: A reading from Romans, the Thirteenth chapter.

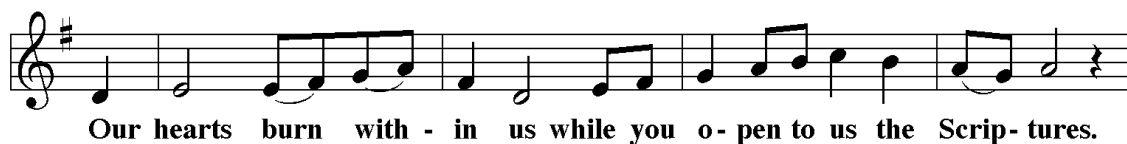
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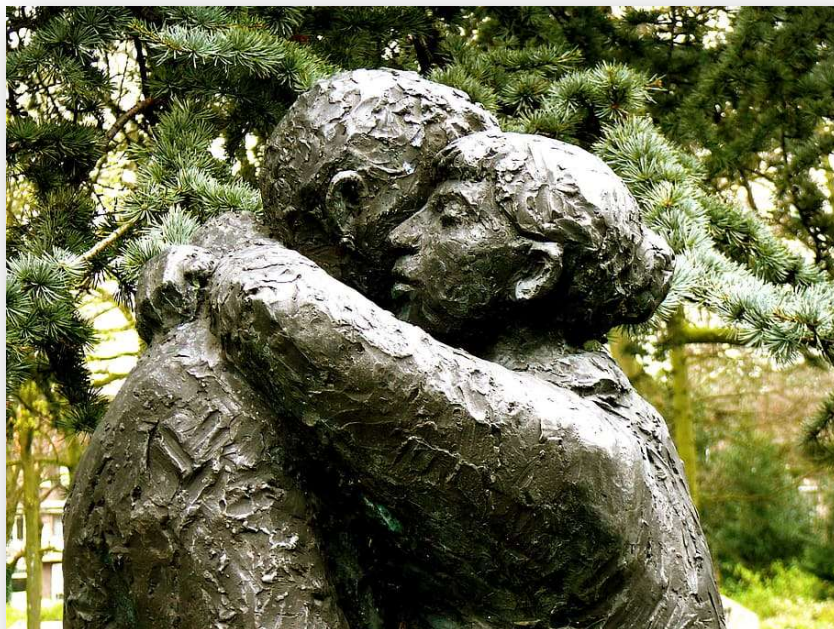
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSING

P: The God of glory, ✝ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**



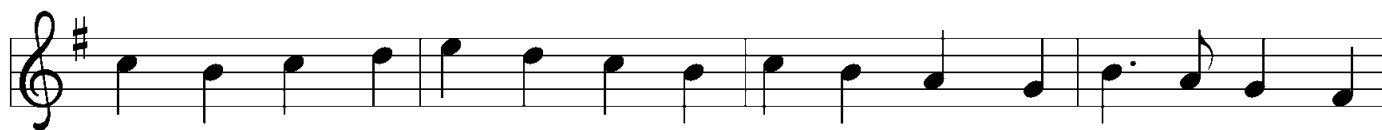
# Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.  
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Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for-ev - er.  
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## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, God is at work in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Postlude:



God's work.  
Our hands.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**BAPTISMS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY**

September	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS
<b>10</b>			Ben F. Naska, Annabel Williams
<b>12</b>	Bob Fox, Barb Naska		
<b>14</b>	Dot Peterman, Bonnie Pyne DePortillo	Karen & Hans Rilling (60)	

<b><u>THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES</u></b>		
<b>Sunday, September 10</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>  10:45 – 11:45 AM 12:00 PM	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> Connor Jose Evra Baptism (aka Porter Paul Genthner) God's Work Our Hands Card Project PALM Picnic in the Shed
Monday, September 11	7:30 PM	Church Council meeting
Tuesday, September 12	9:00 AM	<i>Care-A-Lot first day of school!</i>
Wednesday, September 13	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Thursday, September 14		No Office hours
<b><u>UPCOMING ACTIVITIES</u></b>		
<b>Sunday, September 17</b> (communion)	<b>9:30 AM</b>  After Worship	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> <i>Welcome Back Care-a-lot</i> Lemonade on the Lawn
Friday, September 15	10:00 AM	WELCA Meeting in Sanctuary
Wednesday, September 20	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Thursday, September 21	12:00 PM-3:00 PM 12:30 PM	Office hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim
<b>Sunday, September 24</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>  <b>5:00 - 5:30 PM</b> <b>5:30 - 7:30 PM</b>	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> Confirmation @ Durham Fellowship Meal Lessons/games
Wednesday, September 27	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's



**September Outreach** - Our Outreach envelopes for September have been designated for *Lutheran Disaster Response* for Maui wildfire relief.



**WELCA** will meet in the sanctuary on *Friday Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 am*. We will review what is happening in WELCA on the synodical and churchwide level. There is a lot going on. We will also look at what we are doing and what we would like to accomplish in the coming year. Helen will lead a brief Bible study taken from our WELCA's gather magazine. For those who wish, we will go out for lunch following the meeting.



Keep in your  
PRAYERS

**For Healing of those in our Congregation:**

Joanne & David Antoni; Brian Ashmore; Esther Crouse; Helen Dungan; Frank Erceg; Kenneth Hager; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Wes Simmons; Ed Xander; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

**For Healing of Friends and Family:**

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Anthony Beck; Jason Bigley; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Nancy Davis; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Cindy Gilligan; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Josephine Gimelson & family; Baree Lee Goodman; Penni Griffith; Ashton Hales; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Jim McAnally; Letitia McCrea; Sue Odor; Cindy Oswald; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Jean Pratt; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Paul Sauter; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Pat Stangil; Kay Stokes; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Kelly Walsh; Henry Wong and Scotty Yurconis.

**For those who are Homebound:**

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; and Silas Rodenbach.

**For families and friends grieving the loss of:**

Stan Aagaard; Michael Barats; Joann Gary; Betty Kreitz; Lani Schlegel; Don Seipt; Marilyn Seipt; Hal Taylor; Ann Valent

If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at:

[PrayerChain@durhamlutheran.org](mailto:PrayerChain@durhamlutheran.org)

**Helping in Worship**

Preacher	Rev. James Heckman
Choir Director / Organist	Carolyn Williams
Greeter(s)	Helen Dungan
Altar	Barb Naska & Dot Peterman
Acolyte	
Lector	Mary Crouse
Head / Communion Usher	Bob Fox
Council Counting Team	Mark Harwick & Cathy Muller
Administration & Technology	Ken Anderson
Custodian	Dianna Streletz

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Porter baptized into Christ?

*Parent:* I do.

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Parent:* I do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Porter in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Sponsors:* I do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Porter and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**C: We do.**

### **Profession of Faith**

P: 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 defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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 to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

## Thanksgiving at the Font

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters: 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. At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## BAPTISM

P: Connor Jose Evra (to be known in the future as Porter Paul Genthner), I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

Sustain Porter with 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.

**C: Amen.**

P: Connor/Porter, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C: Amen.**

## WELCOME

Cong. Rep: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our Father in heaven.

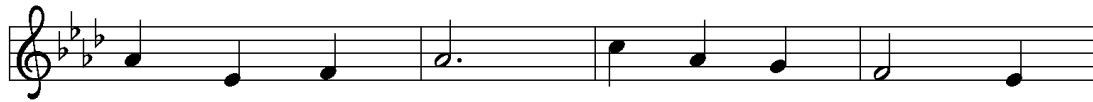
Let us welcome the newly baptized.



**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

**Gathering Hymn: ELW 731 *Earth and All Stars***

## Earth and All Stars!



1	Earth	and	all	stars!	Loud	rush - ing	plan - ets!
2	Trum - pet	and	pipes!	Loud	clash - ing	cym - bals!	
3	En - gines	and	steel!	Loud	pound - ing	ham - mers!	
4	Class-rooms	and	labs!	Loud	boil - ing	test tubes!	
5	Knowl-edge	and	truth!	Loud	sound - ing	wis - dom!	



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Hail,	wind,	and	rain!	Loud	blow - ing	snow - storm!
Harp,	lute,	and	lyre!	Loud	hum - ming	cel - los!
Lime - stone	and	beams!	Loud	build - ing	work - ers!	
Ath - lete	and	band!	Loud	cheer - ing	peo - ple!	
Daugh - ter	and	son!	Loud	pray - ing	mem - bers!	



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*Refrain*

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**GREETING** (Please stand if you are able)

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

**C: And also with you.**

P: You are the treasured people of the LORD,

**C: a people holy to the Lord our God.**

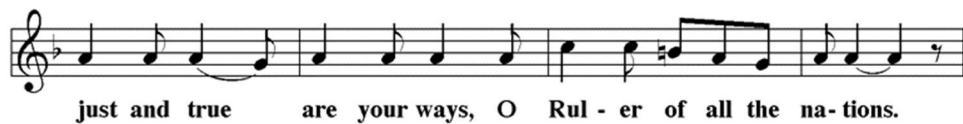
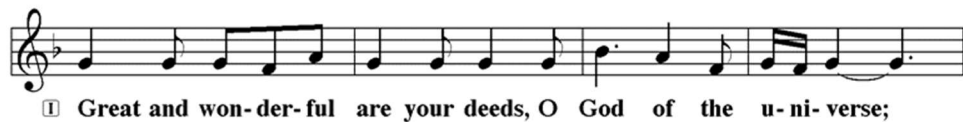
P: Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

**C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

P: One does not live by bread alone,

**C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

**SCRIPTURE SONG**



## Prayer of the Day:

L: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*(The Congregation is seated after the prayer)*

## First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11

*God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.*

L: A reading from Ezekiel, the Thirty-third chapter.

<sup>7</sup>So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

<sup>10</sup>Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

## Psalm: Psalm 119:33-40

L: <sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

**C: <sup>34</sup>Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.**

L: <sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

**C: <sup>36</sup>Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

L: <sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

**C: <sup>38</sup>Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.**

L: <sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

**C: <sup>40</sup>Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.**

## Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

*The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.*

L: A reading from Romans, the Thirteenth chapter.

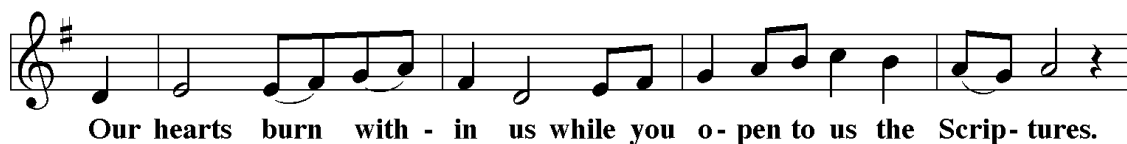
<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: The Word of the Lord.

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**Gospel Acclamation (Please stand if you are able)**



## The Gospel – Matthew 18:15-20

*Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.*

P: The Gospel according to Matthew.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you. O Christ.**

**(Please be seated)**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**



# Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his  
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

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**C: 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

## BLESSING

P: The God of glory, ✝ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**



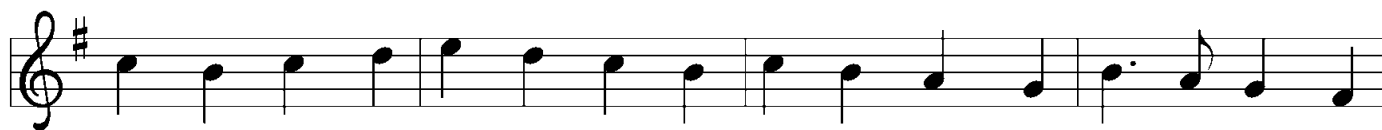
# Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.  
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 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for-ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



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P: Go in peace, God is at work in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Postlude:



God's work.  
Our hands.

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Wednesday, September 13	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Thursday, September 14		No Office hours
<b><u>UPCOMING ACTIVITIES</u></b>		
<b>Sunday, September 17</b> (communion)	<b>9:30 AM</b>  After Worship	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> <i>Welcome Back Care-a-lot</i> Lemonade on the Lawn
Friday, September 15	10:00 AM	WELCA Meeting in Sanctuary
Wednesday, September 20	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Thursday, September 21	12:00 PM-3:00 PM 12:30 PM	Office hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim
<b>Sunday, September 24</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>  <b>5:00 - 5:30 PM</b> <b>5:30 - 7:30 PM</b>	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> Confirmation @ Durham Fellowship Meal Lessons/games
Wednesday, September 27	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's



**September Outreach** - Our Outreach envelopes for September have been designated for *Lutheran Disaster Response* for Maui wildfire relief.



**WELCA** will meet in the sanctuary on *Friday Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 am*. We will review what is happening in WELCA on the synodical and churchwide level. There is a lot going on. We will also look at what we are doing and what we would like to accomplish in the coming year. Helen will lead a brief Bible study taken from our WELCA's gather magazine. For those who wish, we will go out for lunch following the meeting.



Keep in your  
PRAYERS

**For Healing of those in our Congregation:**

Joanne & David Antoni; Brian Ashmore; Esther Crouse; Helen Dungan; Frank Erceg; Kenneth Hager; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Wes Simmons; Ed Xander; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

**For Healing of Friends and Family:**

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Anthony Beck; Jason Bigley; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Nancy Davis; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Cindy Gilligan; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Josephine Gimelson & family; Baree Lee Goodman; Penni Griffith; Ashton Hales; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Jim McAnally; Letitia McCrea; Sue Odor; Cindy Oswald; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Jean Pratt; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Paul Sauter; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Pat Stangil; Kay Stokes; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Kelly Walsh; Henry Wong and Scotty Yurconis.

**For those who are Homebound:**

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; and Silas Rodenbach.

**For families and friends grieving the loss of:**

Stan Aagaard; Michael Barats; Joann Gary; Betty Kreitz; Lani Schlegel; Don Seipt; Marilyn Seipt; Hal Taylor; Ann Valent

If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at:

[PrayerChain@durhamlutheran.org](mailto:PrayerChain@durhamlutheran.org)

**Helping in Worship**

Preacher	Rev. James Heckman
Choir Director / Organist	Carolyn Williams
Greeter(s)	Helen Dungan
Altar	Barb Naska & Dot Peterman
Acolyte	
Lector	Mary Crouse
Head / Communion Usher	Bob Fox
Council Counting Team	Mark Harwick & Cathy Muller
Administration & Technology	Ken Anderson
Custodian	Dianna Streletz

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Porter baptized into Christ?

*Parent:* I do.

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Parent:* I do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Porter in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Sponsors:* I do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Porter and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**C: We do.**

### **Profession of Faith**

P: 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 defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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 to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

## Thanksgiving at the Font

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters: 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. At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## BAPTISM

P: Connor Jose Evra (to be known in the future as Porter Paul Genthner), I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

Sustain Porter with 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.

**C: Amen.**

P: Connor/Porter, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C: Amen.**

## WELCOME

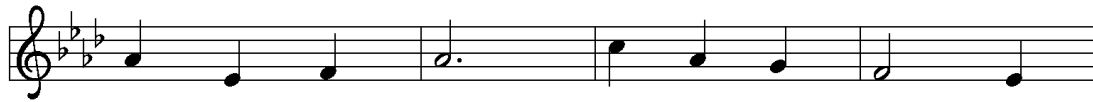
Cong. Rep: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

**Gathering Hymn: ELW 731 *Earth and All Stars***

## Earth and All Stars!



1	Earth	and	all	stars!	Loud	rush - ing	plan - ets!
2	Trum - pet	and	pipes!	Loud	clash - ing	cym - bals!	
3	En - gines	and	steel!	Loud	pound - ing	ham - mers!	
4	Class-rooms	and	labs!	Loud	boil - ing	test tubes!	
5	Knowl-edge	and	truth!	Loud	sound - ing	wis - dom!	



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Hail,	wind,	and	rain!	Loud	blow - ing	snow - storm!
Harp,	lute,	and	lyre!	Loud	hum - ming	cel - los!
Lime - stone	and	beams!	Loud	build - ing	work - ers!	
Ath - lete	and	band!	Loud	cheer - ing	peo - ple!	
Daugh - ter	and	son!	Loud	pray - ing	mem - bers!	



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**GREETING** (Please stand if you are able)

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

**C: And also with you.**

P: You are the treasured people of the LORD,

**C: a people holy to the Lord our God.**

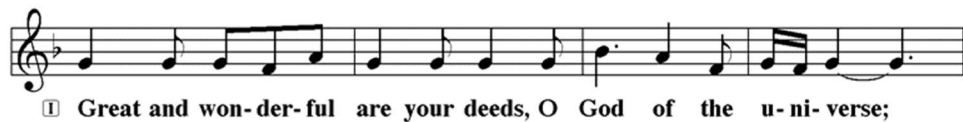
P: Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

**C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

P: One does not live by bread alone,

**C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

**SCRIPTURE SONG**





## Prayer of the Day:

L: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*(The Congregation is seated after the prayer)*

## First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11

*God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.*

L: A reading from Ezekiel, the Thirty-third chapter.

<sup>7</sup>So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

<sup>10</sup>Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

## Psalm: Psalm 119:33-40

L: <sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

**C: <sup>34</sup>Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.**

L: <sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

**C: <sup>36</sup>Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

L: <sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

**C: <sup>38</sup>Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.**

L: <sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

**C: <sup>40</sup>Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.**

## Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

*The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.*

L: A reading from Romans, the Thirteenth chapter.

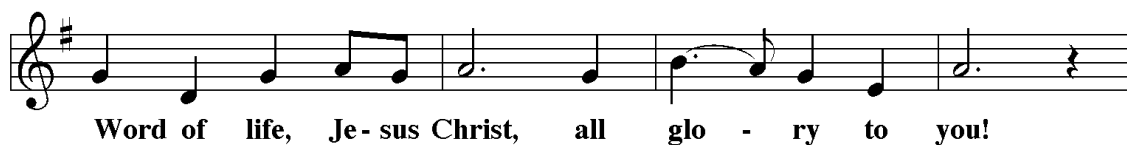
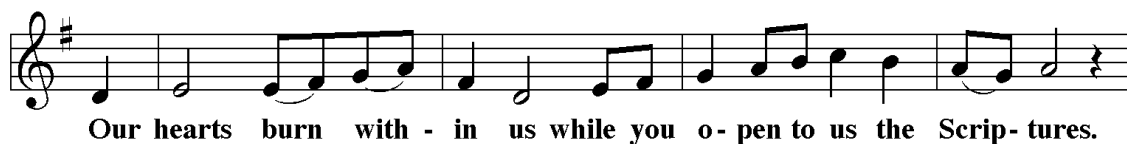
<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**Gospel Acclamation (Please stand if you are able)**



## The Gospel – Matthew 18:15-20

*Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.*

P: The Gospel according to Matthew.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

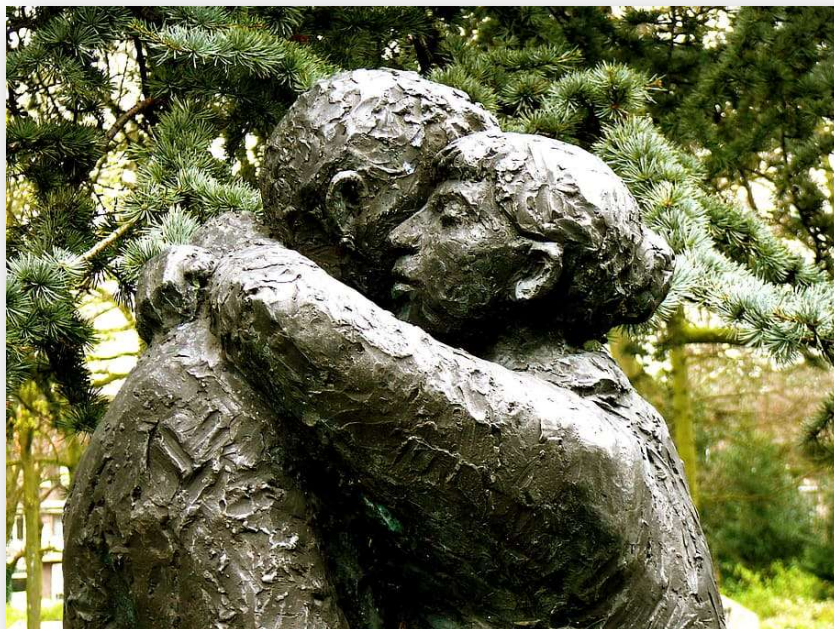
P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you. O Christ.**

**(Please be seated)**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**



# Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his  
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

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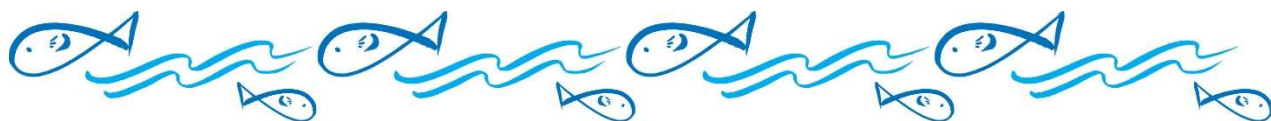
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## RESPONSE TO THE WORD: CREED AND CONFESSION

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**C: pray in the Holy Spirit.**

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

**C: Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## OFFERING

Choir Anthem: *Forever Blest is He - Handel*

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;  
 ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.  
 Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;  
 yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

### Offering Prayer

P: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*A brief silence.*

P: Hold us accountable, O God. Show your church where repentance is needed and lead us in paths of intentional compassion and listening. Help us extend hands of reconciliation and care, especially in relationships with other Christians and people of other faiths. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Reveal your miracles to us, O God. Move us to cherish you as we behold the wonders of creation. Renew the seas and the soil, the forests and the creatures that live in them. Turn us to ways of living that seek Earth's thriving. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Inspire us to lead with honor, O God. Guide judges and legislators, police, and government officials to create and uphold just laws. Move us to treat all people with dignity and guide our conversations with one another. Merciful God,

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P: Help us comfort those who suffer, O God. Reassure any who are harmed by the wicked acts of others. Bring peace to all who are vulnerable, frightened, despairing, or sick (especially). Guard their waking and their sleeping. Merciful God,

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P: Awaken us, O God. Challenge and encourage your people to value the vocation to which each is called. We pray for all discerning new possibilities or changing employment (especially). In all our diverse callings, teach us to love our neighbor above all else. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: Be our hope, O God. We remember with thanksgiving your disciples who died in faith (especially). May their trust in your promise be our protection and our hope. Merciful God,

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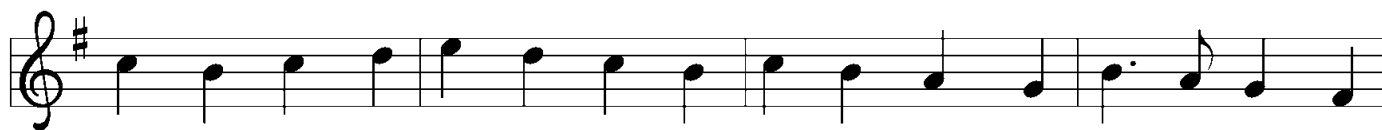
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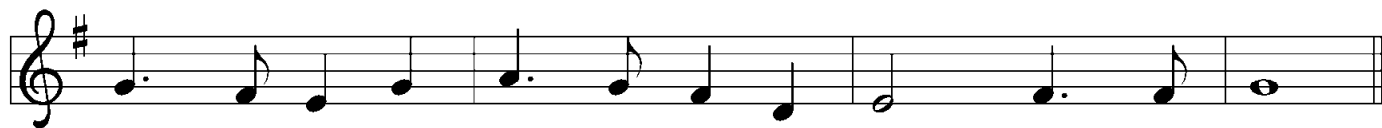
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Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Parent:* I do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Porter in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Sponsors:* I do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Porter and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**C: We do.**

### **Profession of Faith**

P: 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 defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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 to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

## Thanksgiving at the Font

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters: 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. At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## BAPTISM

P: Connor Jose Evra (to be known in the future as Porter Paul Genthner), I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

Sustain Porter with 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.

**C: Amen.**

P: Connor/Porter, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C: Amen.**

## WELCOME

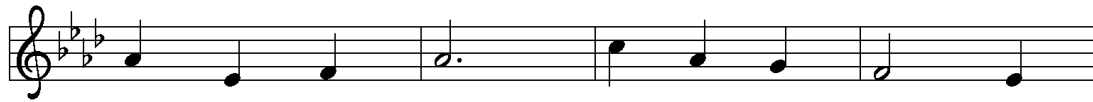
Cong. Rep: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

**Gathering Hymn: ELW 731 *Earth and All Stars***

## Earth and All Stars!



1	Earth	and	all	stars!	Loud	rush - ing	plan - ets!
2	Trum - pet	and	pipes!	Loud	clash - ing	cym - bals!	
3	En - gines	and	steel!	Loud	pound - ing	ham - mers!	
4	Class-rooms	and	labs!	Loud	boil - ing	test tubes!	
5	Knowl-edge	and	truth!	Loud	sound - ing	wis - dom!	



Sing	to the	Lord	a	new	song!
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Hail,	wind,	and	rain!	Loud	blow - ing	snow - storm!
Harp,	lute,	and	lyre!	Loud	hum - ming	cel - los!
Lime - stone	and	beams!	Loud	build - ing	work - ers!	
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*Refrain*

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**GREETING** (Please stand if you are able)

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

**C: And also with you.**

P: You are the treasured people of the LORD,

**C: a people holy to the Lord our God.**

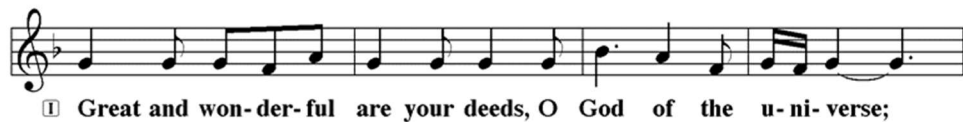
P: Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

**C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

P: One does not live by bread alone,

**C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

**SCRIPTURE SONG**



## Prayer of the Day:

L: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*(The Congregation is seated after the prayer)*

## First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11

*God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.*

L: A reading from Ezekiel, the Thirty-third chapter.

<sup>7</sup>So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

<sup>10</sup>Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

## Psalm: Psalm 119:33-40

L: <sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

**C: <sup>34</sup>Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.**

L: <sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

**C: <sup>36</sup>Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

L: <sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

**C: <sup>38</sup>Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.**

L: <sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

**C: <sup>40</sup>Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.**

## Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

*The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.*

L: A reading from Romans, the Thirteenth chapter.

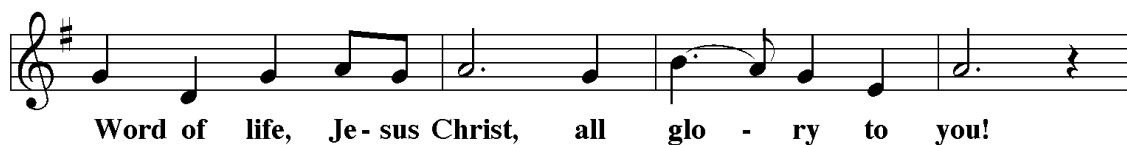
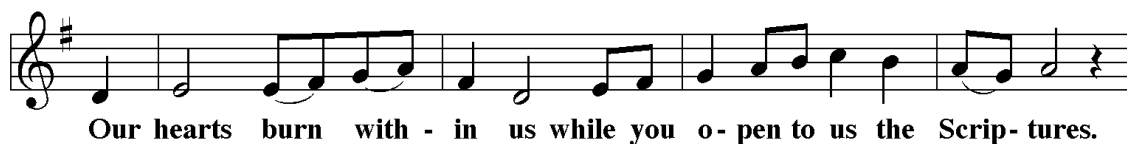
<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**Gospel Acclamation (Please stand if you are able)**





## The Gospel – Matthew 18:15-20

*Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.*

P: The Gospel according to Matthew.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you. O Christ.**

**(Please be seated)**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**



# Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his  
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version

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## RESPONSE TO THE WORD: CREED AND CONFESSION

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**C: pray in the Holy Spirit.**

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

**C: Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## OFFERING

Choir Anthem: *Forever Blest is He - Handel*

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;  
 ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.  
 Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;  
 yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

### Offering Prayer

P: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*A brief silence.*

P: Hold us accountable, O God. Show your church where repentance is needed and lead us in paths of intentional compassion and listening. Help us extend hands of reconciliation and care, especially in relationships with other Christians and people of other faiths. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Reveal your miracles to us, O God. Move us to cherish you as we behold the wonders of creation. Renew the seas and the soil, the forests and the creatures that live in them. Turn us to ways of living that seek Earth's thriving. Merciful God,

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P: Inspire us to lead with honor, O God. Guide judges and legislators, police, and government officials to create and uphold just laws. Move us to treat all people with dignity and guide our conversations with one another. Merciful God,

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P: Help us comfort those who suffer, O God. Reassure any who are harmed by the wicked acts of others. Bring peace to all who are vulnerable, frightened, despairing, or sick (especially). Guard their waking and their sleeping. Merciful God,

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P: Awaken us, O God. Challenge and encourage your people to value the vocation to which each is called. We pray for all discerning new possibilities or changing employment (especially). In all our diverse callings, teach us to love our neighbor above all else. Merciful God,

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*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: Be our hope, O God. We remember with thanksgiving your disciples who died in faith (especially). May their trust in your promise be our protection and our hope. Merciful God,

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P: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C: 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

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# Go, My Children, with My Blessing



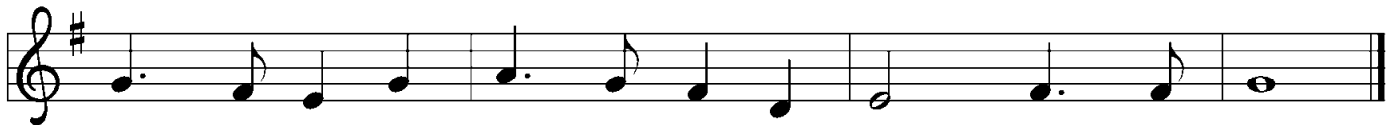
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 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
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Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for-ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



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## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, God is at work in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Postlude:



God's work.  
Our hands.

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<b>12</b>	Bob Fox, Barb Naska		
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P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

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P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Porter in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Sponsors:* I do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Porter and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**C: We do.**

### **Profession of Faith**

P: 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 defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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 to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

## Thanksgiving at the Font

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters: 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. At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## BAPTISM

P: Connor Jose Evra (to be known in the future as Porter Paul Genthner), I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

Sustain Porter with 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.

**C: Amen.**

P: Connor/Porter, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C: Amen.**

## WELCOME

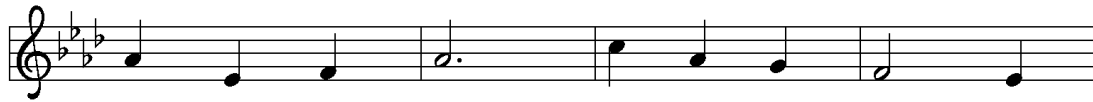
Cong. Rep: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

**Gathering Hymn: ELW 731 *Earth and All Stars***

## Earth and All Stars!



1	Earth	and	all	stars!	Loud	rush - ing	plan - ets!
2	Trum - pet	and	pipes!	Loud	clash - ing	cym - bals!	
3	En - gines	and	steel!	Loud	pound - ing	ham - mers!	
4	Class-rooms	and	labs!	Loud	boil - ing	test tubes!	
5	Knowl-edge	and	truth!	Loud	sound - ing	wis - dom!	



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Hail,	wind,	and	rain!	Loud	blow - ing	snow - storm!
Harp,	lute,	and	lyre!	Loud	hum - ming	cel - los!
Lime - stone	and	beams!	Loud	build - ing	work - ers!	
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*Refrain*

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Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922–1987

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**GREETING** (Please stand if you are able)

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

**C: And also with you.**

P: You are the treasured people of the LORD,

**C: a people holy to the Lord our God.**

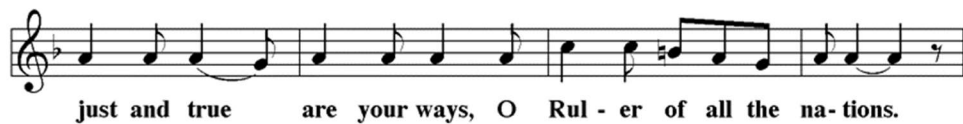
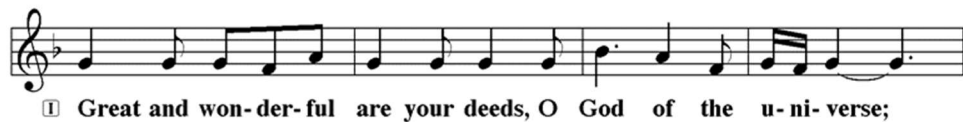
P: Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

**C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

P: One does not live by bread alone,

**C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

**SCRIPTURE SONG**



## Prayer of the Day:

L: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*(The Congregation is seated after the prayer)*

## First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11

*God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.*

L: A reading from Ezekiel, the Thirty-third chapter.

<sup>7</sup>So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

<sup>10</sup>Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

## Psalm: Psalm 119:33-40

L: <sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

**C: <sup>34</sup>Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.**

L: <sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

**C: <sup>36</sup>Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

L: <sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

**C: <sup>38</sup>Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.**

L: <sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

**C: <sup>40</sup>Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.**

## Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

*The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.*

L: A reading from Romans, the Thirteenth chapter.

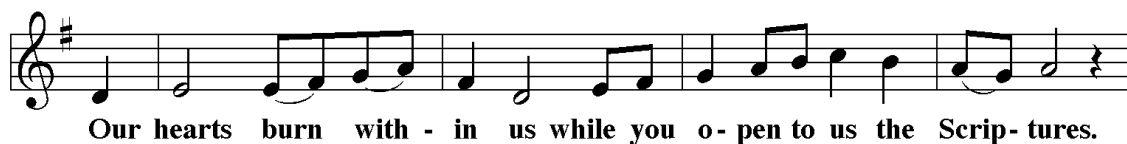
<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**Gospel Acclamation (Please stand if you are able)**



## The Gospel – Matthew 18:15-20

*Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.*

P: The Gospel according to Matthew.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you. O Christ.**

**(Please be seated)**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**



# Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his  
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
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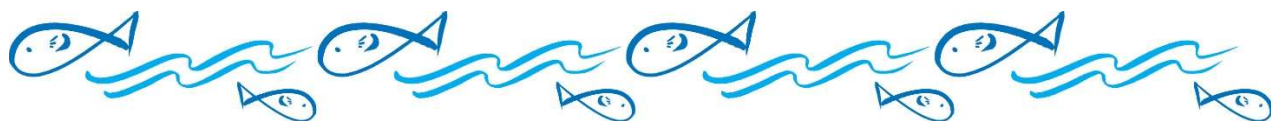
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## RESPONSE TO THE WORD: CREED AND CONFESSION

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**C: pray in the Holy Spirit.**

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

**C: Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## OFFERING

Choir Anthem: *Forever Blest is He - Handel*

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;  
 ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.  
 Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;  
 yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

### Offering Prayer

P: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*A brief silence.*

P: Hold us accountable, O God. Show your church where repentance is needed and lead us in paths of intentional compassion and listening. Help us extend hands of reconciliation and care, especially in relationships with other Christians and people of other faiths. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Reveal your miracles to us, O God. Move us to cherish you as we behold the wonders of creation. Renew the seas and the soil, the forests and the creatures that live in them. Turn us to ways of living that seek Earth's thriving. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Inspire us to lead with honor, O God. Guide judges and legislators, police, and government officials to create and uphold just laws. Move us to treat all people with dignity and guide our conversations with one another. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Help us comfort those who suffer, O God. Reassure any who are harmed by the wicked acts of others. Bring peace to all who are vulnerable, frightened, despairing, or sick (especially). Guard their waking and their sleeping. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Awaken us, O God. Challenge and encourage your people to value the vocation to which each is called. We pray for all discerning new possibilities or changing employment (especially). In all our diverse callings, teach us to love our neighbor above all else. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: Be our hope, O God. We remember with thanksgiving your disciples who died in faith (especially). May their trust in your promise be our protection and our hope. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C: 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

## BLESSING

P: The God of glory, ✝ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**



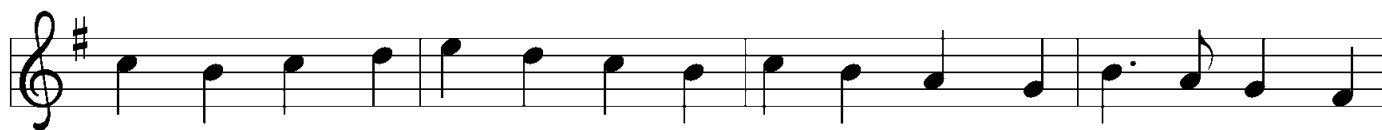
# Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for-ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."  
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Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, God is at work in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Postlude:



God's work.  
Our hands.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**BAPTISMS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY**

September	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS
<b>10</b>			Ben F. Naska, Annabel Williams
<b>12</b>	Bob Fox, Barb Naska		
<b>14</b>	Dot Peterman, Bonnie Pyne DePortillo	Karen & Hans Rilling (60)	

<b><u>THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES</u></b>		
<b>Sunday, September 10</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>  10:45 – 11:45 AM 12:00 PM	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> Connor Jose Evra Baptism (aka Porter Paul Genthner) God's Work Our Hands Card Project PALM Picnic in the Shed
Monday, September 11	7:30 PM	Church Council meeting
Tuesday, September 12	9:00 AM	<i>Care-A-Lot first day of school!</i>
Wednesday, September 13	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Thursday, September 14		No Office hours
<b><u>UPCOMING ACTIVITIES</u></b>		
<b>Sunday, September 17</b> (communion)	<b>9:30 AM</b>  After Worship	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> <i>Welcome Back Care-a-lot</i> Lemonade on the Lawn
Friday, September 15	10:00 AM	WELCA Meeting in Sanctuary
Wednesday, September 20	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Thursday, September 21	12:00 PM-3:00 PM 12:30 PM	Office hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim
<b>Sunday, September 24</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>  <b>5:00 - 5:30 PM</b> <b>5:30 - 7:30 PM</b>	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> Confirmation @ Durham Fellowship Meal Lessons/games
Wednesday, September 27	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's



**September Outreach** - Our Outreach envelopes for September have been designated for *Lutheran Disaster Response* for Maui wildfire relief.



**WELCA** will meet in the sanctuary on *Friday Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 am*. We will review what is happening in WELCA on the synodical and churchwide level. There is a lot going on. We will also look at what we are doing and what we would like to accomplish in the coming year. Helen will lead a brief Bible study taken from our WELCA's gather magazine. For those who wish, we will go out for lunch following the meeting.



Keep in your  
PRAYERS

**For Healing of those in our Congregation:**

Joanne & David Antoni; Brian Ashmore; Esther Crouse; Helen Dungan; Frank Erceg; Kenneth Hager; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Wes Simmons; Ed Xander; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

**For Healing of Friends and Family:**

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Anthony Beck; Jason Bigley; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Nancy Davis; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Cindy Gilligan; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Josephine Gimelson & family; Baree Lee Goodman; Penni Griffith; Ashton Hales; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Jim McAnally; Letitia McCrea; Sue Odor; Cindy Oswald; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Jean Pratt; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Paul Sauter; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Pat Stangil; Kay Stokes; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Kelly Walsh; Henry Wong and Scotty Yurconis.

**For those who are Homebound:**

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; and Silas Rodenbach.

**For families and friends grieving the loss of:**

Stan Aagaard; Michael Barats; Joann Gary; Betty Kreitz; Lani Schlegel; Don Seipt; Marilyn Seipt; Hal Taylor; Ann Valent

If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at:

[PrayerChain@durhamlutheran.org](mailto:PrayerChain@durhamlutheran.org)

**Helping in Worship**

Preacher	Rev. James Heckman
Choir Director / Organist	Carolyn Williams
Greeter(s)	Helen Dungan
Altar	Barb Naska & Dot Peterman
Acolyte	
Lector	Mary Crouse
Head / Communion Usher	Bob Fox
Council Counting Team	Mark Harwick & Cathy Muller
Administration & Technology	Ken Anderson
Custodian	Dianna Streletz

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## WELCOME

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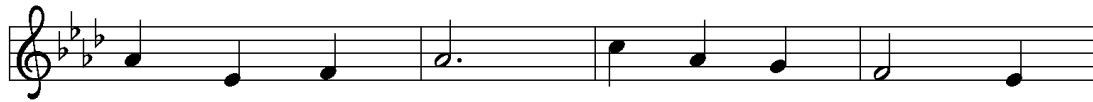
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**Gathering Hymn: ELW 731 *Earth and All Stars***

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**GREETING** (Please stand if you are able)

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

**C: And also with you.**

P: You are the treasured people of the LORD,

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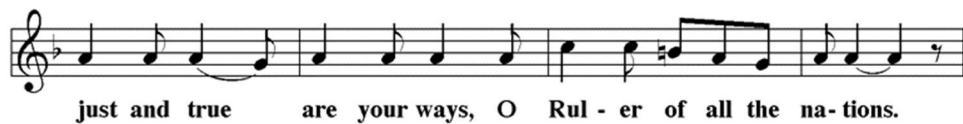
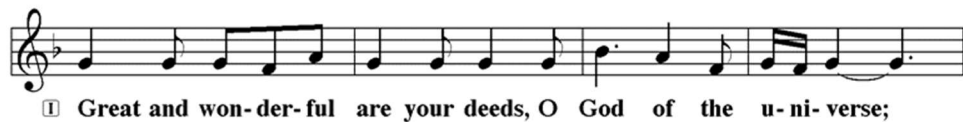
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P: One does not live by bread alone,

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**SCRIPTURE SONG**



## Prayer of the Day:

L: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*(The Congregation is seated after the prayer)*

## First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11

*God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.*

L: A reading from Ezekiel, the Thirty-third chapter.

<sup>7</sup>So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

<sup>10</sup>Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

## Psalm: Psalm 119:33-40

L: <sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

**C: <sup>34</sup>Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.**

L: <sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

**C: <sup>36</sup>Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

L: <sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

**C: <sup>38</sup>Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.**

L: <sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

**C: <sup>40</sup>Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.**

## Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

*The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.*

L: A reading from Romans, the Thirteenth chapter.

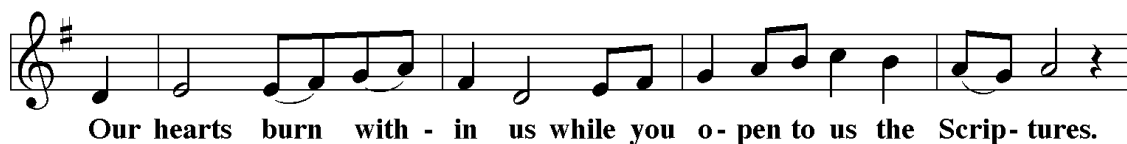
<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**Gospel Acclamation (Please stand if you are able)**



## The Gospel – Matthew 18:15-20

*Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.*

P: The Gospel according to Matthew.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you. O Christ.**

**(Please be seated)**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**



# Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his  
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
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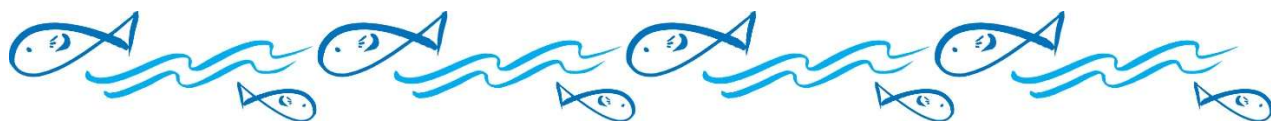
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## RESPONSE TO THE WORD: CREED AND CONFESSION

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**C: pray in the Holy Spirit.**

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

**C: Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## OFFERING

Choir Anthem: *Forever Blest is He - Handel*

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;  
 ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.  
 Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;  
 yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

### Offering Prayer

P: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*A brief silence.*

P: Hold us accountable, O God. Show your church where repentance is needed and lead us in paths of intentional compassion and listening. Help us extend hands of reconciliation and care, especially in relationships with other Christians and people of other faiths. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Reveal your miracles to us, O God. Move us to cherish you as we behold the wonders of creation. Renew the seas and the soil, the forests and the creatures that live in them. Turn us to ways of living that seek Earth's thriving. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**



P: Inspire us to lead with honor, O God. Guide judges and legislators, police, and government officials to create and uphold just laws. Move us to treat all people with dignity and guide our conversations with one another. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Help us comfort those who suffer, O God. Reassure any who are harmed by the wicked acts of others. Bring peace to all who are vulnerable, frightened, despairing, or sick (especially). Guard their waking and their sleeping. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Awaken us, O God. Challenge and encourage your people to value the vocation to which each is called. We pray for all discerning new possibilities or changing employment (especially). In all our diverse callings, teach us to love our neighbor above all else. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: Be our hope, O God. We remember with thanksgiving your disciples who died in faith (especially). May their trust in your promise be our protection and our hope. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C: 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

## BLESSING

P: The God of glory, ✝ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**



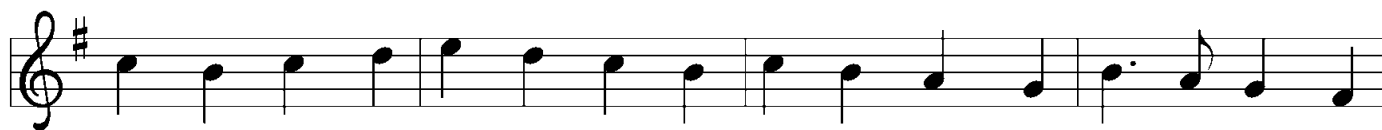
# Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for-ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



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Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, God is at work in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Postlude:



God's work.  
Our hands.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**BAPTISMS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY**

September	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS
<b>10</b>			Ben F. Naska, Annabel Williams
<b>12</b>	Bob Fox, Barb Naska		
<b>14</b>	Dot Peterman, Bonnie Pyne DePortillo	Karen & Hans Rilling (60)	

<b><u>THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES</u></b>		
<b>Sunday, September 10</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>  10:45 – 11:45 AM 12:00 PM	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> Connor Jose Evra Baptism (aka Porter Paul Genthner) God's Work Our Hands Card Project PALM Picnic in the Shed
Monday, September 11	7:30 PM	Church Council meeting
Tuesday, September 12	9:00 AM	<i>Care-A-Lot first day of school!</i>
Wednesday, September 13	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Thursday, September 14		No Office hours
<b><u>UPCOMING ACTIVITIES</u></b>		
<b>Sunday, September 17</b> (communion)	<b>9:30 AM</b>  After Worship	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> <i>Welcome Back Care-a-lot</i> Lemonade on the Lawn
Friday, September 15	10:00 AM	WELCA Meeting in Sanctuary
Wednesday, September 20	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Thursday, September 21	12:00 PM-3:00 PM 12:30 PM	Office hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim
<b>Sunday, September 24</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>  <b>5:00 - 5:30 PM</b> <b>5:30 - 7:30 PM</b>	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> Confirmation @ Durham Fellowship Meal Lessons/games
Wednesday, September 27	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's



**September Outreach** - Our Outreach envelopes for September have been designated for *Lutheran Disaster Response* for Maui wildfire relief.



**WELCA** will meet in the sanctuary on *Friday Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 am*. We will review what is happening in WELCA on the synodical and churchwide level. There is a lot going on. We will also look at what we are doing and what we would like to accomplish in the coming year. Helen will lead a brief Bible study taken from our WELCA's gather magazine. For those who wish, we will go out for lunch following the meeting.



Keep in your  
PRAYERS

**For Healing of those in our Congregation:**

Joanne & David Antoni; Brian Ashmore; Esther Crouse; Helen Dungan; Frank Erceg; Kenneth Hager; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Wes Simmons; Ed Xander; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

**For Healing of Friends and Family:**

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Anthony Beck; Jason Bigley; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Nancy Davis; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Cindy Gilligan; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Josephine Gimelson & family; Baree Lee Goodman; Penni Griffith; Ashton Hales; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Jim McAnally; Letitia McCrea; Sue Odor; Cindy Oswald; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Jean Pratt; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Paul Sauter; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Pat Stangil; Kay Stokes; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Kelly Walsh; Henry Wong and Scotty Yurconis.

**For those who are Homebound:**

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; and Silas Rodenbach.

**For families and friends grieving the loss of:**

Stan Aagaard; Michael Barats; Joann Gary; Betty Kreitz; Lani Schlegel; Don Seipt; Marilyn Seipt; Hal Taylor; Ann Valent

If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at:

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**Helping in Worship**

Preacher	Rev. James Heckman
Choir Director / Organist	Carolyn Williams
Greeter(s)	Helen Dungan
Altar	Barb Naska & Dot Peterman
Acolyte	
Lector	Mary Crouse
Head / Communion Usher	Bob Fox
Council Counting Team	Mark Harwick & Cathy Muller
Administration & Technology	Ken Anderson
Custodian	Dianna Streletz

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Porter baptized into Christ?

*Parent:* I do.

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Parent:* I do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Porter in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Sponsors:* I do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Porter and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**C: We do.**

### **Profession of Faith**

P: 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 defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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 to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

## Thanksgiving at the Font

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters: 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. At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## BAPTISM

P: Connor Jose Evra (to be known in the future as Porter Paul Genthner), I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

Sustain Porter with 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.

**C: Amen.**

P: Connor/Porter, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

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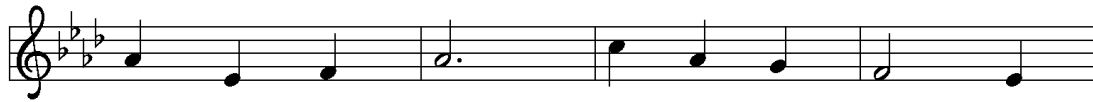
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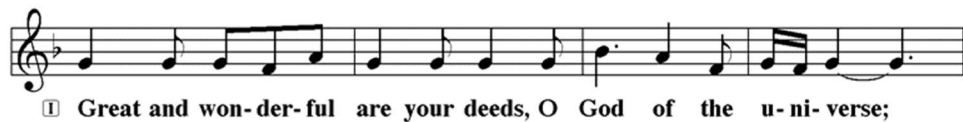
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L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

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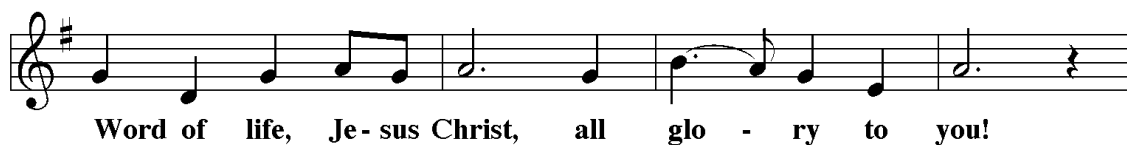
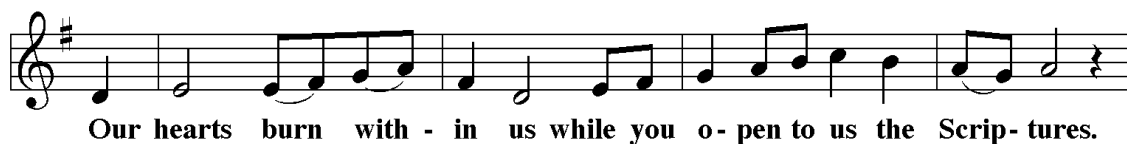
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L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**Gospel Acclamation (Please stand if you are able)**



## The Gospel – Matthew 18:15-20

*Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.*

P: The Gospel according to Matthew.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

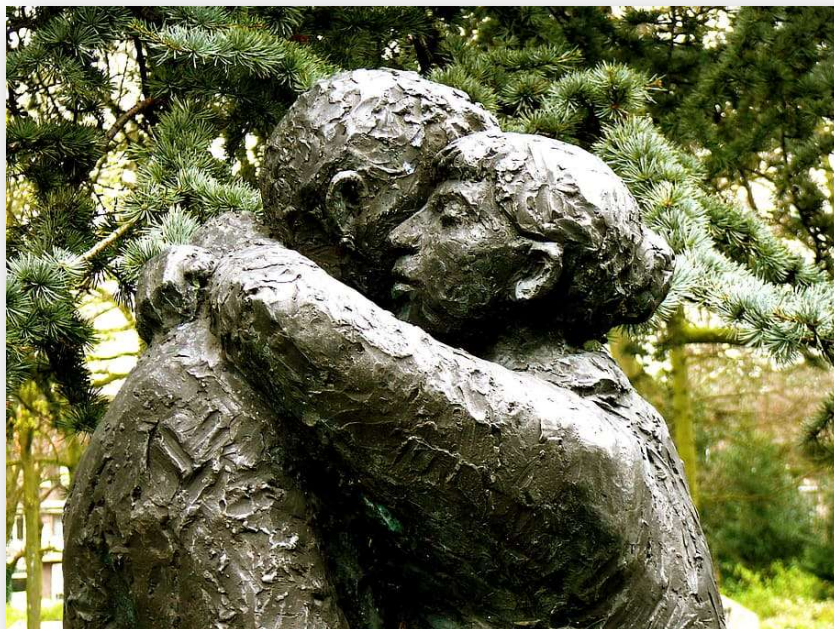
P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you. O Christ.**

**(Please be seated)**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**



# Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his  
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

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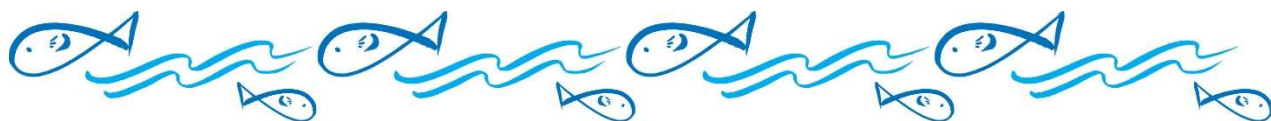
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## RESPONSE TO THE WORD: CREED AND CONFESSION

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**C: pray in the Holy Spirit.**

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

**C: Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## OFFERING

Choir Anthem: *Forever Blest is He - Handel*

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;  
 ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.  
 Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;  
 yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

### Offering Prayer

P: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*A brief silence.*

P: Hold us accountable, O God. Show your church where repentance is needed and lead us in paths of intentional compassion and listening. Help us extend hands of reconciliation and care, especially in relationships with other Christians and people of other faiths. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Reveal your miracles to us, O God. Move us to cherish you as we behold the wonders of creation. Renew the seas and the soil, the forests and the creatures that live in them. Turn us to ways of living that seek Earth's thriving. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Inspire us to lead with honor, O God. Guide judges and legislators, police, and government officials to create and uphold just laws. Move us to treat all people with dignity and guide our conversations with one another. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Help us comfort those who suffer, O God. Reassure any who are harmed by the wicked acts of others. Bring peace to all who are vulnerable, frightened, despairing, or sick (especially). Guard their waking and their sleeping. Merciful God,

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P: Awaken us, O God. Challenge and encourage your people to value the vocation to which each is called. We pray for all discerning new possibilities or changing employment (especially). In all our diverse callings, teach us to love our neighbor above all else. Merciful God,

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*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: Be our hope, O God. We remember with thanksgiving your disciples who died in faith (especially). May their trust in your promise be our protection and our hope. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C: 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

## BLESSING

P: The God of glory, ✝ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**



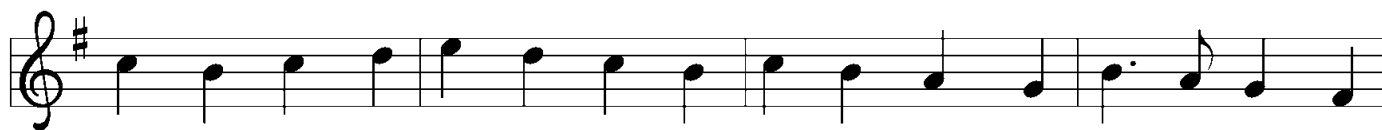
# Go, My Children, with My Blessing



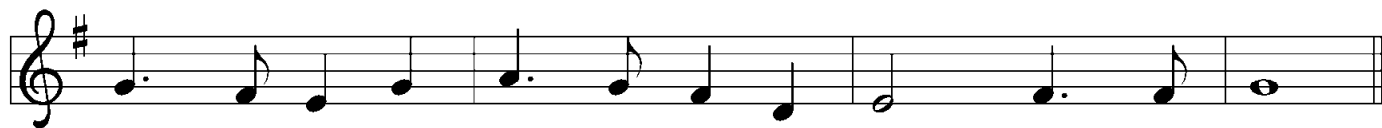
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 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for-ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



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Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, God is at work in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Postlude:



God's work.  
Our hands.



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**BAPTISMS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY**

September	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS
<b>10</b>			Ben F. Naska, Annabel Williams
<b>12</b>	Bob Fox, Barb Naska		
<b>14</b>	Dot Peterman, Bonnie Pyne DePortillo	Karen & Hans Rilling (60)	

<b><u>THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES</u></b>		
<b>Sunday, September 10</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>  10:45 – 11:45 AM 12:00 PM	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> Connor Jose Evra Baptism (aka Porter Paul Genthner) God's Work Our Hands Card Project PALM Picnic in the Shed
Monday, September 11	7:30 PM	Church Council meeting
Tuesday, September 12	9:00 AM	<i>Care-A-Lot first day of school!</i>
Wednesday, September 13	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Thursday, September 14		No Office hours
<b><u>UPCOMING ACTIVITIES</u></b>		
<b>Sunday, September 17</b> (communion)	<b>9:30 AM</b>  After Worship	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> <i>Welcome Back Care-a-lot</i> Lemonade on the Lawn
Friday, September 15	10:00 AM	WELCA Meeting in Sanctuary
Wednesday, September 20	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Thursday, September 21	12:00 PM-3:00 PM 12:30 PM	Office hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim
<b>Sunday, September 24</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>  <b>5:00 - 5:30 PM</b> <b>5:30 - 7:30 PM</b>	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> Confirmation @ Durham Fellowship Meal Lessons/games
Wednesday, September 27	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's



**September Outreach** - Our Outreach envelopes for September have been designated for *Lutheran Disaster Response* for Maui wildfire relief.



**WELCA** will meet in the sanctuary on *Friday Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 am*. We will review what is happening in WELCA on the synodical and churchwide level. There is a lot going on. We will also look at what we are doing and what we would like to accomplish in the coming year. Helen will lead a brief Bible study taken from our WELCA's gather magazine. For those who wish, we will go out for lunch following the meeting.



Keep in your  
PRAYERS

**For Healing of those in our Congregation:**

Joanne & David Antoni; Brian Ashmore; Esther Crouse; Helen Dungan; Frank Erceg; Kenneth Hager; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Wes Simmons; Ed Xander; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

**For Healing of Friends and Family:**

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Anthony Beck; Jason Bigley; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Nancy Davis; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Cindy Gilligan; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Josephine Gimelson & family; Baree Lee Goodman; Penni Griffith; Ashton Hales; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Jim McAnally; Letitia McCrea; Sue Odor; Cindy Oswald; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Jean Pratt; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Paul Sauter; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Pat Stangil; Kay Stokes; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Kelly Walsh; Henry Wong and Scotty Yurconis.

**For those who are Homebound:**

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; and Silas Rodenbach.

**For families and friends grieving the loss of:**

Stan Aagaard; Michael Barats; Joann Gary; Betty Kreitz; Lani Schlegel; Don Seipt; Marilyn Seipt; Hal Taylor; Ann Valent

If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at:

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**Helping in Worship**

Preacher	Rev. James Heckman
Choir Director / Organist	Carolyn Williams
Greeter(s)	Helen Dungan
Altar	Barb Naska & Dot Peterman
Acolyte	
Lector	Mary Crouse
Head / Communion Usher	Bob Fox
Council Counting Team	Mark Harwick & Cathy Muller
Administration & Technology	Ken Anderson
Custodian	Dianna Streletz

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Porter baptized into Christ?

*Parent:* I do.

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Parent:* I do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Porter in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Sponsors:* I do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Porter and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**C: We do.**

### **Profession of Faith**

P: 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 defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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 to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

## Thanksgiving at the Font

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters: 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. At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## BAPTISM

P: Connor Jose Evra (to be known in the future as Porter Paul Genthner), I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

Sustain Porter with 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.

**C: Amen.**

P: Connor/Porter, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C: Amen.**

## WELCOME

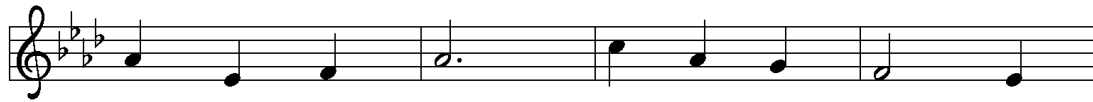
Cong. Rep: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

**Gathering Hymn: ELW 731 *Earth and All Stars***

## Earth and All Stars!



1	Earth	and	all	stars!	Loud	rush - ing	plan - ets!
2	Trum - pet	and	pipes!	Loud	clash - ing	cym - bals!	
3	En - gines	and	steel!	Loud	pound - ing	ham - mers!	
4	Class-rooms	and	labs!	Loud	boil - ing	test tubes!	
5	Knowl-edge	and	truth!	Loud	sound - ing	wis - dom!	



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Hail,	wind,	and	rain!	Loud	blow - ing	snow - storm!
Harp,	lute,	and	lyre!	Loud	hum - ming	cel - los!
Lime - stone	and	beams!	Loud	build - ing	work - ers!	
Ath - lete	and	band!	Loud	cheer - ing	peo - ple!	
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God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

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**GREETING** (Please stand if you are able)

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

**C: And also with you.**

P: You are the treasured people of the LORD,

**C: a people holy to the Lord our God.**

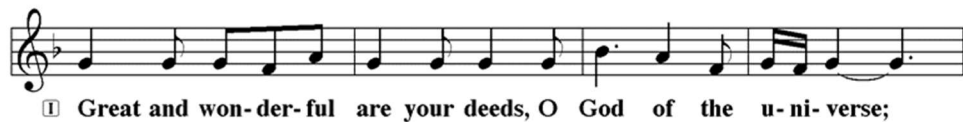
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**C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

P: One does not live by bread alone,

**C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

**SCRIPTURE SONG**



## Prayer of the Day:

L: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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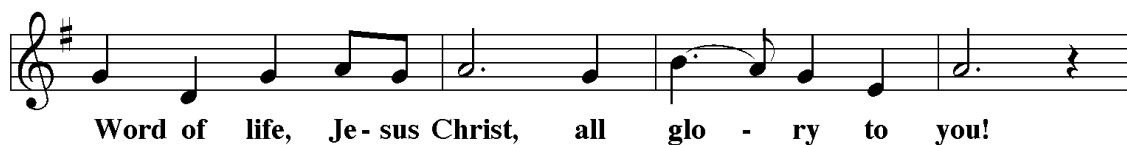
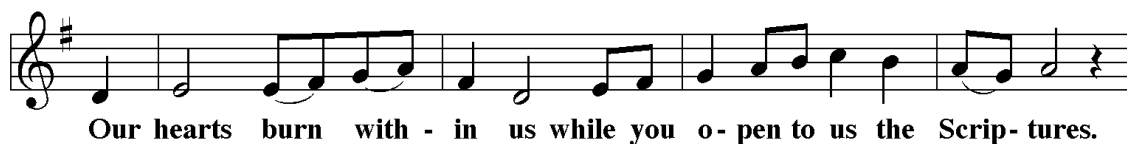
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L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**Gospel Acclamation (Please stand if you are able)**





## The Gospel – Matthew 18:15-20

*Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.*

P: The Gospel according to Matthew.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you. O Christ.**

**(Please be seated)**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**



# Baptized in Water

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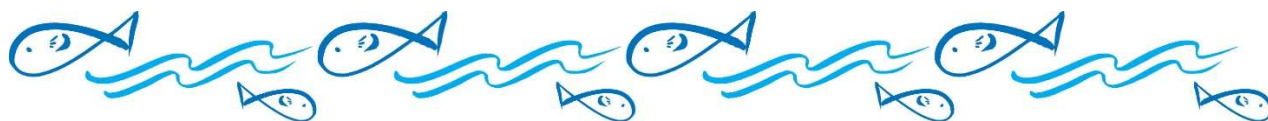
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## RESPONSE TO THE WORD: CREED AND CONFESSION

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**C: pray in the Holy Spirit.**

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

**C: Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## OFFERING

Choir Anthem: *Forever Blest is He - Handel*

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;  
 ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.  
 Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;  
 yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

### Offering Prayer

P: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*A brief silence.*

P: Hold us accountable, O God. Show your church where repentance is needed and lead us in paths of intentional compassion and listening. Help us extend hands of reconciliation and care, especially in relationships with other Christians and people of other faiths. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Reveal your miracles to us, O God. Move us to cherish you as we behold the wonders of creation. Renew the seas and the soil, the forests and the creatures that live in them. Turn us to ways of living that seek Earth's thriving. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Inspire us to lead with honor, O God. Guide judges and legislators, police, and government officials to create and uphold just laws. Move us to treat all people with dignity and guide our conversations with one another. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Help us comfort those who suffer, O God. Reassure any who are harmed by the wicked acts of others. Bring peace to all who are vulnerable, frightened, despairing, or sick (especially). Guard their waking and their sleeping. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Awaken us, O God. Challenge and encourage your people to value the vocation to which each is called. We pray for all discerning new possibilities or changing employment (especially). In all our diverse callings, teach us to love our neighbor above all else. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: Be our hope, O God. We remember with thanksgiving your disciples who died in faith (especially). May their trust in your promise be our protection and our hope. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C: 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

## BLESSING

P: The God of glory, ✝ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**



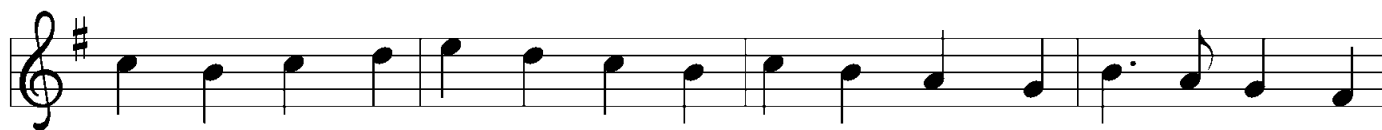
# Go, My Children, with My Blessing



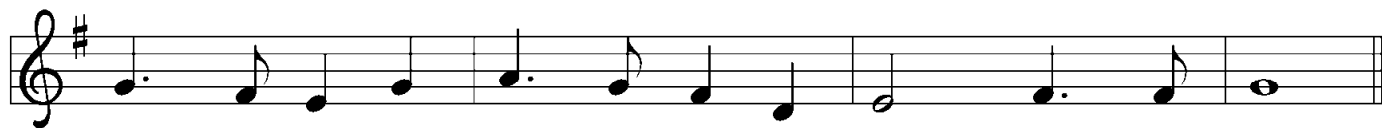
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Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for-ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



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## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, God is at work in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Postlude:



God's work.  
Our hands.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**BAPTISMS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY**

September	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS
<b>10</b>			Ben F. Naska, Annabel Williams
<b>12</b>	Bob Fox, Barb Naska		
<b>14</b>	Dot Peterman, Bonnie Pyne DePortillo	Karen & Hans Rilling (60)	

<b><u>THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES</u></b>		
<b>Sunday, September 10</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>  10:45 – 11:45 AM 12:00 PM	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> Connor Jose Evra Baptism (aka Porter Paul Genthner) God's Work Our Hands Card Project PALM Picnic in the Shed
Monday, September 11	7:30 PM	Church Council meeting
Tuesday, September 12	9:00 AM	<i>Care-A-Lot first day of school!</i>
Wednesday, September 13	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Thursday, September 14		No Office hours
<b><u>UPCOMING ACTIVITIES</u></b>		
<b>Sunday, September 17</b> (communion)	<b>9:30 AM</b>  After Worship	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> <i>Welcome Back Care-a-lot</i> Lemonade on the Lawn
Friday, September 15	10:00 AM	WELCA Meeting in Sanctuary
Wednesday, September 20	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Thursday, September 21	12:00 PM-3:00 PM 12:30 PM	Office hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim
<b>Sunday, September 24</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>  <b>5:00 - 5:30 PM</b> <b>5:30 - 7:30 PM</b>	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> Confirmation @ Durham Fellowship Meal Lessons/games
Wednesday, September 27	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's





**September Outreach** - Our Outreach envelopes for September have been designated for *Lutheran Disaster Response* for Maui wildfire relief.



**WELCA** will meet in the sanctuary on *Friday Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 am*. We will review what is happening in WELCA on the synodical and churchwide level. There is a lot going on. We will also look at what we are doing and what we would like to accomplish in the coming year. Helen will lead a brief Bible study taken from our WELCA's gather magazine. For those who wish, we will go out for lunch following the meeting.



Keep in your  
PRAYERS

**For Healing of those in our Congregation:**

Joanne & David Antoni; Brian Ashmore; Esther Crouse; Helen Dungan; Frank Erceg; Kenneth Hager; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Wes Simmons; Ed Xander; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

**For Healing of Friends and Family:**

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Anthony Beck; Jason Bigley; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Nancy Davis; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Cindy Gilligan; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Josephine Gimelson & family; Baree Lee Goodman; Penni Griffith; Ashton Hales; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Jim McAnally; Letitia McCrea; Sue Odor; Cindy Oswald; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Jean Pratt; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Paul Sauter; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Pat Stangil; Kay Stokes; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Kelly Walsh; Henry Wong and Scotty Yurconis.

**For those who are Homebound:**

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; and Silas Rodenbach.

**For families and friends grieving the loss of:**

Stan Aagaard; Michael Barats; Joann Gary; Betty Kreitz; Lani Schlegel; Don Seipt; Marilyn Seipt; Hal Taylor; Ann Valent

If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at:

[PrayerChain@durhamlutheran.org](mailto:PrayerChain@durhamlutheran.org)

**Helping in Worship**

Preacher	Rev. James Heckman
Choir Director / Organist	Carolyn Williams
Greeter(s)	Helen Dungan
Altar	Barb Naska & Dot Peterman
Acolyte	
Lector	Mary Crouse
Head / Communion Usher	Bob Fox
Council Counting Team	Mark Harwick & Cathy Muller
Administration & Technology	Ken Anderson
Custodian	Dianna Streletz



P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Porter baptized into Christ?

*Parent:* I do.

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Parent:* I do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Porter in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Sponsors:* I do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Porter and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**C: We do.**

### **Profession of Faith**

P: 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 defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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 to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

## Thanksgiving at the Font

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters: 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. At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## BAPTISM

P: Connor Jose Evra (to be known in the future as Porter Paul Genthner), I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

Sustain Porter with 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.

**C: Amen.**

P: Connor/Porter, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C: Amen.**

## WELCOME

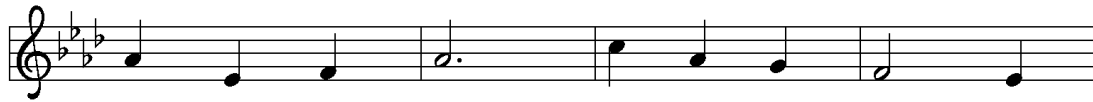
Cong. Rep: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

**Gathering Hymn: ELW 731 *Earth and All Stars***

## Earth and All Stars!



1	Earth	and	all	stars!	Loud	rush - ing	plan - ets!
2	Trum - pet	and	pipes!	Loud	clash - ing	cym - bals!	
3	En - gines	and	steel!	Loud	pound - ing	ham - mers!	
4	Class-rooms	and	labs!	Loud	boil - ing	test tubes!	
5	Knowl-edge	and	truth!	Loud	sound - ing	wis - dom!	



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Hail,	wind,	and	rain!	Loud	blow - ing	snow - storm!
Harp,	lute,	and	lyre!	Loud	hum - ming	cel - los!
Lime - stone	and	beams!	Loud	build - ing	work - ers!	
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*Refrain*

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**GREETING** (Please stand if you are able)

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

**C: And also with you.**

P: You are the treasured people of the LORD,

**C: a people holy to the Lord our God.**

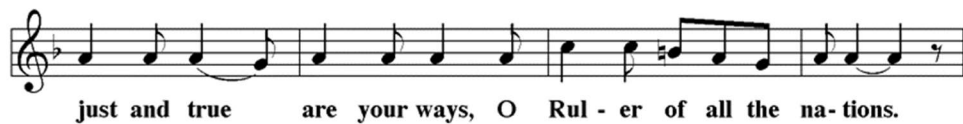
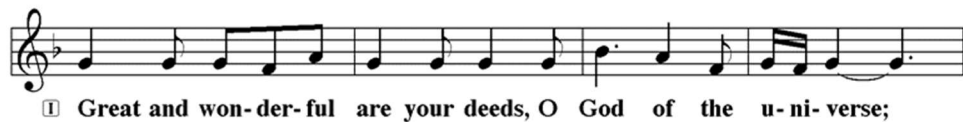
P: Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

**C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

P: One does not live by bread alone,

**C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

**SCRIPTURE SONG**



## Prayer of the Day:

L: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*(The Congregation is seated after the prayer)*

## First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11

*God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.*

L: A reading from Ezekiel, the Thirty-third chapter.

<sup>7</sup>So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

<sup>10</sup>Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

## Psalm: Psalm 119:33-40

L: <sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

**C: <sup>34</sup>Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.**

L: <sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

**C: <sup>36</sup>Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

L: <sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

**C: <sup>38</sup>Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.**

L: <sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

**C: <sup>40</sup>Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.**

## Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

*The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.*

L: A reading from Romans, the Thirteenth chapter.

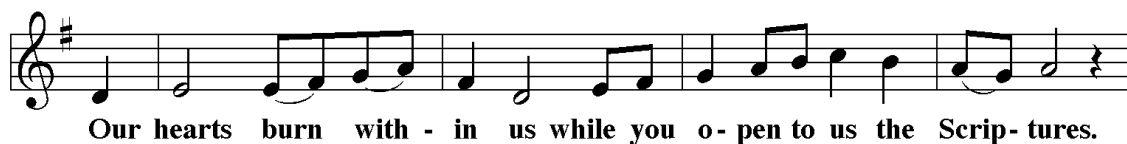
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**SERMON**



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 Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSING

P: The God of glory, ✝ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**



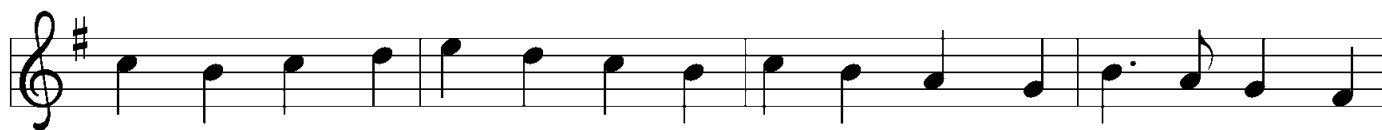
# Go, My Children, with My Blessing



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Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
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 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for-ev - er.  
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## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, God is at work in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Postlude:



God's work.  
Our hands.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**BAPTISMS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY**

September	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS
<b>10</b>			Ben F. Naska, Annabel Williams
<b>12</b>	Bob Fox, Barb Naska		
<b>14</b>	Dot Peterman, Bonnie Pyne DePortillo	Karen & Hans Rilling (60)	

<b><u>THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES</u></b>		
<b>Sunday, September 10</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>  10:45 – 11:45 AM 12:00 PM	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> Connor Jose Evra Baptism (aka Porter Paul Genthner) God's Work Our Hands Card Project PALM Picnic in the Shed
Monday, September 11	7:30 PM	Church Council meeting
Tuesday, September 12	9:00 AM	<i>Care-A-Lot first day of school!</i>
Wednesday, September 13	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Thursday, September 14		No Office hours
<b><u>UPCOMING ACTIVITIES</u></b>		
<b>Sunday, September 17</b> (communion)	<b>9:30 AM</b>  After Worship	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> <i>Welcome Back Care-a-lot</i> Lemonade on the Lawn
Friday, September 15	10:00 AM	WELCA Meeting in Sanctuary
Wednesday, September 20	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Thursday, September 21	12:00 PM-3:00 PM 12:30 PM	Office hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim
<b>Sunday, September 24</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>  <b>5:00 - 5:30 PM</b> <b>5:30 - 7:30 PM</b>	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> Confirmation @ Durham Fellowship Meal Lessons/games
Wednesday, September 27	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's



**September Outreach** - Our Outreach envelopes for September have been designated for *Lutheran Disaster Response* for Maui wildfire relief.



**WELCA** will meet in the sanctuary on *Friday Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 am*. We will review what is happening in WELCA on the synodical and churchwide level. There is a lot going on. We will also look at what we are doing and what we would like to accomplish in the coming year. Helen will lead a brief Bible study taken from our WELCA's gather magazine. For those who wish, we will go out for lunch following the meeting.



Keep in your  
PRAYERS

**For Healing of those in our Congregation:**

Joanne & David Antoni; Brian Ashmore; Esther Crouse; Helen Dungan; Frank Erceg; Kenneth Hager; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Wes Simmons; Ed Xander; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

**For Healing of Friends and Family:**

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Anthony Beck; Jason Bigley; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Nancy Davis; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Cindy Gilligan; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Josephine Gimelson & family; Baree Lee Goodman; Penni Griffith; Ashton Hales; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Jim McAnally; Letitia McCrea; Sue Odor; Cindy Oswald; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Jean Pratt; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Paul Sauter; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Pat Stangil; Kay Stokes; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Kelly Walsh; Henry Wong and Scotty Yurconis.

**For those who are Homebound:**

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; and Silas Rodenbach.

**For families and friends grieving the loss of:**

Stan Aagaard; Michael Barats; Joann Gary; Betty Kreitz; Lani Schlegel; Don Seipt; Marilyn Seipt; Hal Taylor; Ann Valent

If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at:

[PrayerChain@durhamlutheran.org](mailto:PrayerChain@durhamlutheran.org)

**Helping in Worship**

Preacher	Rev. James Heckman
Choir Director / Organist	Carolyn Williams
Greeter(s)	Helen Dungan
Altar	Barb Naska & Dot Peterman
Acolyte	
Lector	Mary Crouse
Head / Communion Usher	Bob Fox
Council Counting Team	Mark Harwick & Cathy Muller
Administration & Technology	Ken Anderson
Custodian	Dianna Streletz

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Porter baptized into Christ?

*Parent:* I do.

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Parent:* I do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Porter in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Sponsors:* I do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Porter and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**C: We do.**

### **Profession of Faith**

P: 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 defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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 to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

## Thanksgiving at the Font

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters: 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. At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## BAPTISM

P: Connor Jose Evra (to be known in the future as Porter Paul Genthner), I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

Sustain Porter with 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.

**C: Amen.**

P: Connor/Porter, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C: Amen.**

## WELCOME

Cong. Rep: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our Father in heaven.

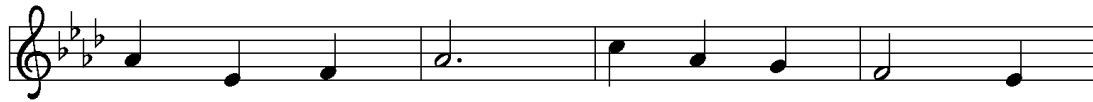
Let us welcome the newly baptized.



**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

**Gathering Hymn: ELW 731 *Earth and All Stars***

## Earth and All Stars!



1	Earth	and	all	stars!	Loud	rush - ing	plan - ets!
2	Trum - pet	and	pipes!	Loud	clash - ing	cym - bals!	
3	En - gines	and	steel!	Loud	pound - ing	ham - mers!	
4	Class-rooms	and	labs!	Loud	boil - ing	test tubes!	
5	Knowl-edge	and	truth!	Loud	sound - ing	wis - dom!	



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Hail,	wind,	and	rain!	Loud	blow - ing	snow - storm!
Harp,	lute,	and	lyre!	Loud	hum - ming	cel - los!
Lime - stone	and	beams!	Loud	build - ing	work - ers!	
Ath - lete	and	band!	Loud	cheer - ing	peo - ple!	
Daugh - ter	and	son!	Loud	pray - ing	mem - bers!	



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*Refrain*

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**GREETING** (Please stand if you are able)

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

**C: And also with you.**

P: You are the treasured people of the LORD,

**C: a people holy to the Lord our God.**

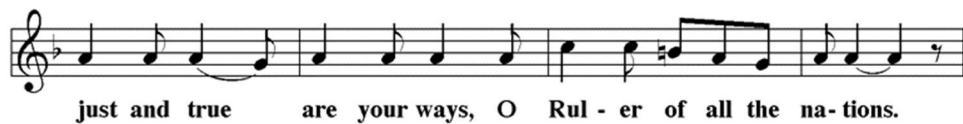
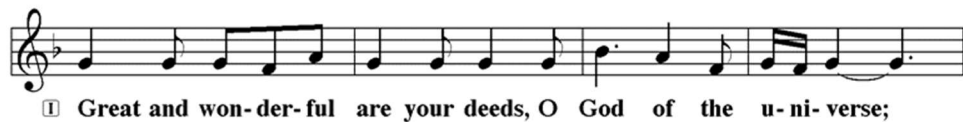
P: Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

**C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

P: One does not live by bread alone,

**C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

**SCRIPTURE SONG**



## Prayer of the Day:

L: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*(The Congregation is seated after the prayer)*

## First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11

*God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.*

L: A reading from Ezekiel, the Thirty-third chapter.

<sup>7</sup>So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

<sup>10</sup>Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

## Psalm: Psalm 119:33-40

L: <sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

**C: <sup>34</sup>Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.**

L: <sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

**C: <sup>36</sup>Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

L: <sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

**C: <sup>38</sup>Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.**

L: <sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

**C: <sup>40</sup>Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.**

## Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

*The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.*

L: A reading from Romans, the Thirteenth chapter.

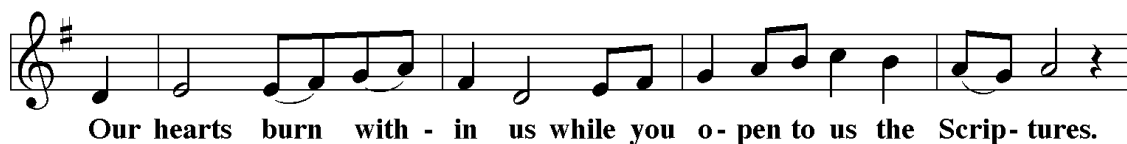
<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: The Word of the Lord.

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**Gospel Acclamation (Please stand if you are able)**



## The Gospel – Matthew 18:15-20

*Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.*

P: The Gospel according to Matthew.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you. O Christ.**

**(Please be seated)**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**



# Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his  
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
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**C: 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

## BLESSING

P: The God of glory, ✝ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**



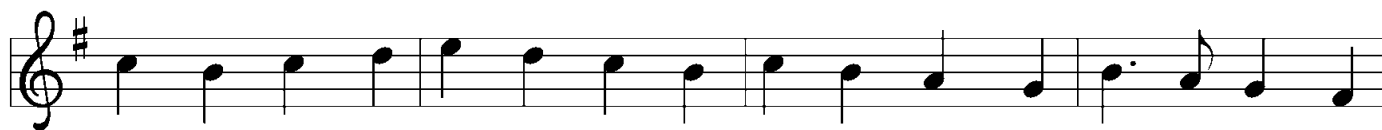
# Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.  
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 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for-ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



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P: Go in peace, God is at work in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Postlude:



God's work.  
Our hands.

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Wednesday, September 13	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Thursday, September 14		No Office hours
<b><u>UPCOMING ACTIVITIES</u></b>		
<b>Sunday, September 17</b> (communion)	<b>9:30 AM</b>  After Worship	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> <i>Welcome Back Care-a-lot</i> Lemonade on the Lawn
Friday, September 15	10:00 AM	WELCA Meeting in Sanctuary
Wednesday, September 20	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Thursday, September 21	12:00 PM-3:00 PM 12:30 PM	Office hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim
<b>Sunday, September 24</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>  <b>5:00 - 5:30 PM</b> <b>5:30 - 7:30 PM</b>	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> Confirmation @ Durham Fellowship Meal Lessons/games
Wednesday, September 27	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's



**September Outreach** - Our Outreach envelopes for September have been designated for *Lutheran Disaster Response* for Maui wildfire relief.



**WELCA** will meet in the sanctuary on *Friday Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 am*. We will review what is happening in WELCA on the synodical and churchwide level. There is a lot going on. We will also look at what we are doing and what we would like to accomplish in the coming year. Helen will lead a brief Bible study taken from our WELCA's gather magazine. For those who wish, we will go out for lunch following the meeting.



Keep in your  
PRAYERS

**For Healing of those in our Congregation:**

Joanne & David Antoni; Brian Ashmore; Esther Crouse; Helen Dungan; Frank Erceg; Kenneth Hager; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Wes Simmons; Ed Xander; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

**For Healing of Friends and Family:**

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Anthony Beck; Jason Bigley; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Nancy Davis; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Cindy Gilligan; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Josephine Gimelson & family; Baree Lee Goodman; Penni Griffith; Ashton Hales; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Jim McAnally; Letitia McCrea; Sue Odor; Cindy Oswald; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Jean Pratt; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Paul Sauter; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Pat Stangil; Kay Stokes; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Kelly Walsh; Henry Wong and Scotty Yurconis.

**For those who are Homebound:**

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; and Silas Rodenbach.

**For families and friends grieving the loss of:**

Stan Aagaard; Michael Barats; Joann Gary; Betty Kreitz; Lani Schlegel; Don Seipt; Marilyn Seipt; Hal Taylor; Ann Valent

If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at:

[PrayerChain@durhamlutheran.org](mailto:PrayerChain@durhamlutheran.org)

**Helping in Worship**

Preacher	Rev. James Heckman
Choir Director / Organist	Carolyn Williams
Greeter(s)	Helen Dungan
Altar	Barb Naska & Dot Peterman
Acolyte	
Lector	Mary Crouse
Head / Communion Usher	Bob Fox
Council Counting Team	Mark Harwick & Cathy Muller
Administration & Technology	Ken Anderson
Custodian	Dianna Streletz

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Porter baptized into Christ?

*Parent:* I do.

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Parent:* I do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Porter in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Sponsors:* I do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Porter and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**C: We do.**

### **Profession of Faith**

P: 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 defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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 to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

## Thanksgiving at the Font

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters: 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. At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## BAPTISM

P: Connor Jose Evra (to be known in the future as Porter Paul Genthner), I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

Sustain Porter with 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.

**C: Amen.**

P: Connor/Porter, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C: Amen.**

## WELCOME

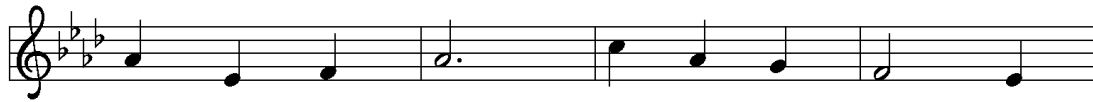
Cong. Rep: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

**Gathering Hymn: ELW 731 *Earth and All Stars***

## Earth and All Stars!



1	Earth	and	all	stars!	Loud	rush - ing	plan - ets!
2	Trum - pet	and	pipes!	Loud	clash - ing	cym - bals!	
3	En - gines	and	steel!	Loud	pound - ing	ham - mers!	
4	Class-rooms	and	labs!	Loud	boil - ing	test tubes!	
5	Knowl-edge	and	truth!	Loud	sound - ing	wis - dom!	



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Hail,	wind,	and	rain!	Loud	blow - ing	snow - storm!
Harp,	lute,	and	lyre!	Loud	hum - ming	cel - los!
Lime - stone	and	beams!	Loud	build - ing	work - ers!	
Ath - lete	and	band!	Loud	cheer - ing	peo - ple!	
Daugh - ter	and	son!	Loud	pray - ing	mem - bers!	



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**GREETING** (Please stand if you are able)

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

**C: And also with you.**

P: You are the treasured people of the LORD,

**C: a people holy to the Lord our God.**

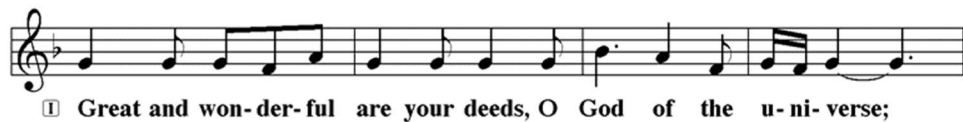
P: Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

**C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

P: One does not live by bread alone,

**C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

**SCRIPTURE SONG**





## Prayer of the Day:

L: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*(The Congregation is seated after the prayer)*

## First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11

*God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.*

L: A reading from Ezekiel, the Thirty-third chapter.

<sup>7</sup>So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

<sup>10</sup>Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

## Psalm: Psalm 119:33-40

L: <sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

**C: <sup>34</sup>Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.**

L: <sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

**C: <sup>36</sup>Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

L: <sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

**C: <sup>38</sup>Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.**

L: <sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

**C: <sup>40</sup>Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.**

## Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

*The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.*

L: A reading from Romans, the Thirteenth chapter.

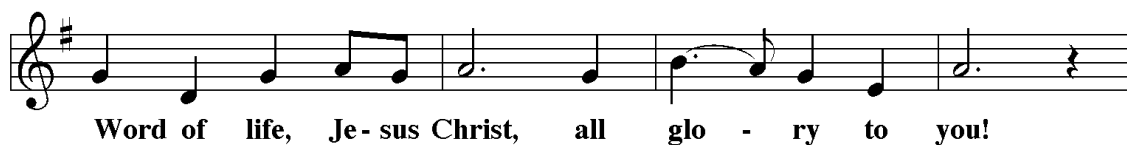
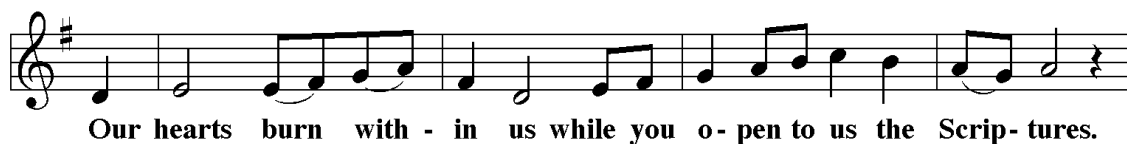
<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**Gospel Acclamation (Please stand if you are able)**



## The Gospel – Matthew 18:15-20

*Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.*

P: The Gospel according to Matthew.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

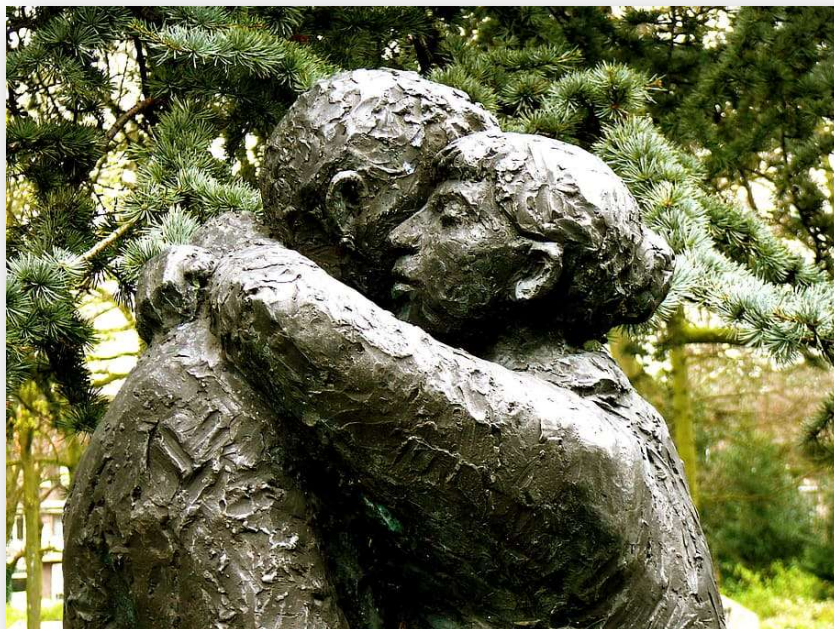
P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you. O Christ.**

**(Please be seated)**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**



# Baptized in Water

1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his  
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

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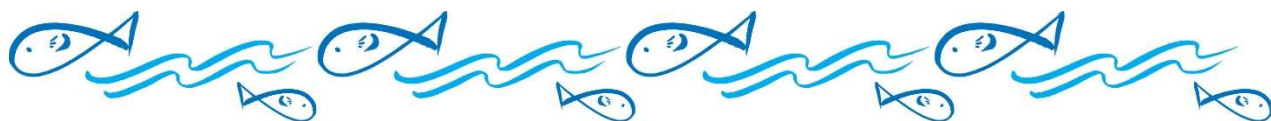
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## RESPONSE TO THE WORD: CREED AND CONFESSION

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**C: pray in the Holy Spirit.**

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

**C: Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## OFFERING

Choir Anthem: *Forever Blest is He - Handel*

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;  
 ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.  
 Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;  
 yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

### Offering Prayer

P: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*A brief silence.*

P: Hold us accountable, O God. Show your church where repentance is needed and lead us in paths of intentional compassion and listening. Help us extend hands of reconciliation and care, especially in relationships with other Christians and people of other faiths. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Reveal your miracles to us, O God. Move us to cherish you as we behold the wonders of creation. Renew the seas and the soil, the forests and the creatures that live in them. Turn us to ways of living that seek Earth's thriving. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Inspire us to lead with honor, O God. Guide judges and legislators, police, and government officials to create and uphold just laws. Move us to treat all people with dignity and guide our conversations with one another. Merciful God,

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P: Help us comfort those who suffer, O God. Reassure any who are harmed by the wicked acts of others. Bring peace to all who are vulnerable, frightened, despairing, or sick (especially). Guard their waking and their sleeping. Merciful God,

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P: Awaken us, O God. Challenge and encourage your people to value the vocation to which each is called. We pray for all discerning new possibilities or changing employment (especially). In all our diverse callings, teach us to love our neighbor above all else. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: Be our hope, O God. We remember with thanksgiving your disciples who died in faith (especially). May their trust in your promise be our protection and our hope. Merciful God,

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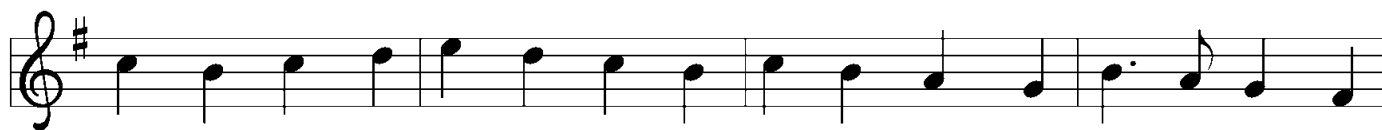
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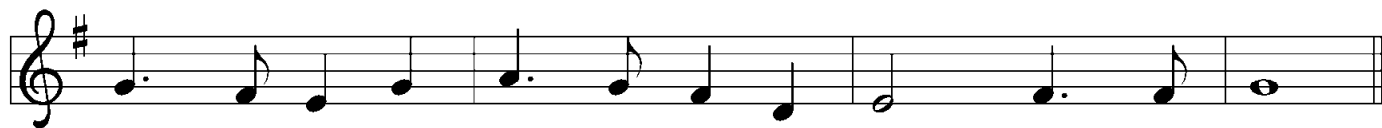
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*Parent:* I do.

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Parent:* I do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Porter in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Sponsors:* I do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Porter and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**C: We do.**

### **Profession of Faith**

P: 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 defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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 to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

## Thanksgiving at the Font

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters: 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. At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## BAPTISM

P: Connor Jose Evra (to be known in the future as Porter Paul Genthner), I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

Sustain Porter with 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.

**C: Amen.**

P: Connor/Porter, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C: Amen.**

## WELCOME

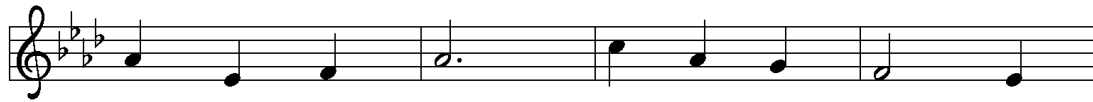
Cong. Rep: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

**Gathering Hymn: ELW 731 *Earth and All Stars***

## Earth and All Stars!



1	Earth	and	all	stars!	Loud	rush - ing	plan - ets!
2	Trum - pet	and	pipes!	Loud	clash - ing	cym - bals!	
3	En - gines	and	steel!	Loud	pound - ing	ham - mers!	
4	Class-rooms	and	labs!	Loud	boil - ing	test tubes!	
5	Knowl-edge	and	truth!	Loud	sound - ing	wis - dom!	



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Hail,	wind,	and	rain!	Loud	blow - ing	snow - storm!
Harp,	lute,	and	lyre!	Loud	hum - ming	cel - los!
Lime - stone	and	beams!	Loud	build - ing	work - ers!	
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*Refrain*

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**GREETING** (Please stand if you are able)

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

**C: And also with you.**

P: You are the treasured people of the LORD,

**C: a people holy to the Lord our God.**

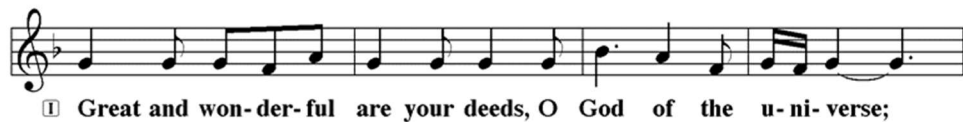
P: Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

**C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

P: One does not live by bread alone,

**C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

**SCRIPTURE SONG**



## Prayer of the Day:

L: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*(The Congregation is seated after the prayer)*

## First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11

*God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.*

L: A reading from Ezekiel, the Thirty-third chapter.

<sup>7</sup>So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

<sup>10</sup>Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

## Psalm: Psalm 119:33-40

L: <sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

**C: <sup>34</sup>Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.**

L: <sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

**C: <sup>36</sup>Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

L: <sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

**C: <sup>38</sup>Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.**

L: <sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

**C: <sup>40</sup>Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.**

## Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

*The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.*

L: A reading from Romans, the Thirteenth chapter.

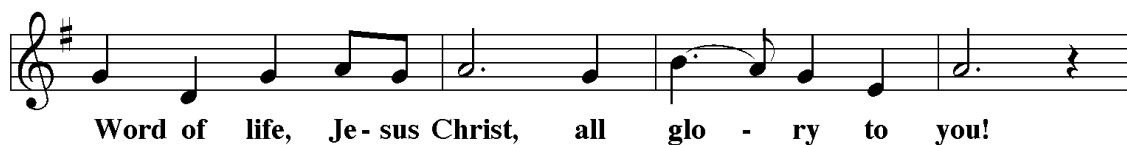
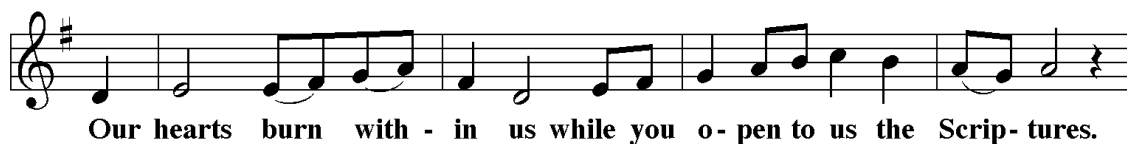
<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**Gospel Acclamation (Please stand if you are able)**





## The Gospel – Matthew 18:15-20

*Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.*

P: The Gospel according to Matthew.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you. O Christ.**

**(Please be seated)**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**



# Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his  
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

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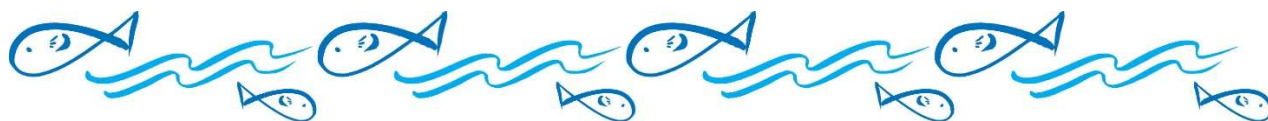
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## RESPONSE TO THE WORD: CREED AND CONFESSION

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**C: pray in the Holy Spirit.**

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

**C: Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## OFFERING

Choir Anthem: *Forever Blest is He - Handel*

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;  
 ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.  
 Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;  
 yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

### Offering Prayer

P: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*A brief silence.*

P: Hold us accountable, O God. Show your church where repentance is needed and lead us in paths of intentional compassion and listening. Help us extend hands of reconciliation and care, especially in relationships with other Christians and people of other faiths. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Reveal your miracles to us, O God. Move us to cherish you as we behold the wonders of creation. Renew the seas and the soil, the forests and the creatures that live in them. Turn us to ways of living that seek Earth's thriving. Merciful God,

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P: Inspire us to lead with honor, O God. Guide judges and legislators, police, and government officials to create and uphold just laws. Move us to treat all people with dignity and guide our conversations with one another. Merciful God,

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P: Help us comfort those who suffer, O God. Reassure any who are harmed by the wicked acts of others. Bring peace to all who are vulnerable, frightened, despairing, or sick (especially). Guard their waking and their sleeping. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Awaken us, O God. Challenge and encourage your people to value the vocation to which each is called. We pray for all discerning new possibilities or changing employment (especially). In all our diverse callings, teach us to love our neighbor above all else. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: Be our hope, O God. We remember with thanksgiving your disciples who died in faith (especially). May their trust in your promise be our protection and our hope. Merciful God,

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P: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C: 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.**

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## BLESSING

P: The God of glory, ✝ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**



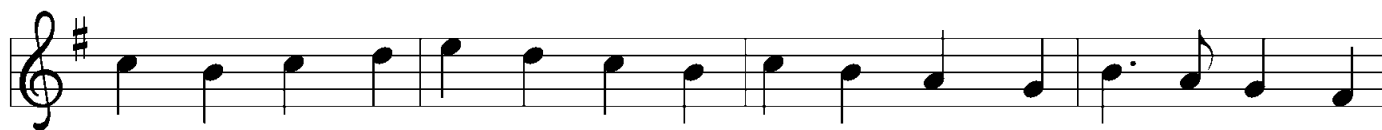
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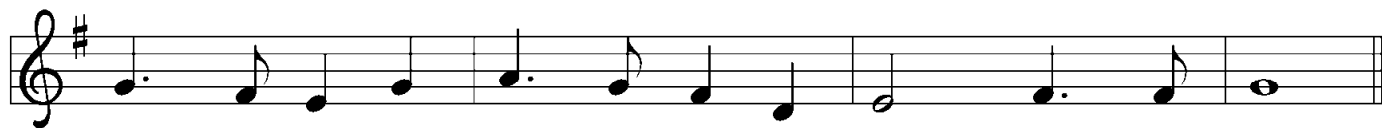
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Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for-ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



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## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, God is at work in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Postlude:



God's work.  
Our hands.

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Acolyte	
Lector	Mary Crouse
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Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

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P: People of God, do you promise to support Porter and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**C: We do.**

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P: 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 defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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 to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

## Thanksgiving at the Font

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters: 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. At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## BAPTISM

P: Connor Jose Evra (to be known in the future as Porter Paul Genthner), I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

Sustain Porter with 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.

**C: Amen.**

P: Connor/Porter, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C: Amen.**

## WELCOME

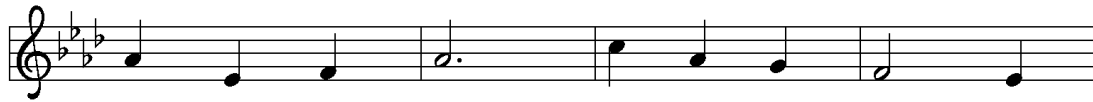
Cong. Rep: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

**Gathering Hymn: ELW 731 *Earth and All Stars***

## Earth and All Stars!



1	Earth	and	all	stars!	Loud	rush - ing	plan - ets!
2	Trum - pet	and	pipes!	Loud	clash - ing	cym - bals!	
3	En - gines	and	steel!	Loud	pound - ing	ham - mers!	
4	Class-rooms	and	labs!	Loud	boil - ing	test tubes!	
5	Knowl-edge	and	truth!	Loud	sound - ing	wis - dom!	



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Hail,	wind,	and	rain!	Loud	blow - ing	snow - storm!
Harp,	lute,	and	lyre!	Loud	hum - ming	cel - los!
Lime - stone	and	beams!	Loud	build - ing	work - ers!	
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*Refrain*

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Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922-1987

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**GREETING** (Please stand if you are able)

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

**C: And also with you.**

P: You are the treasured people of the LORD,

**C: a people holy to the Lord our God.**

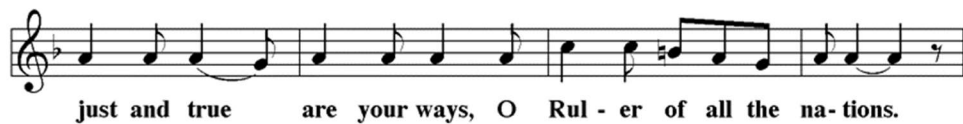
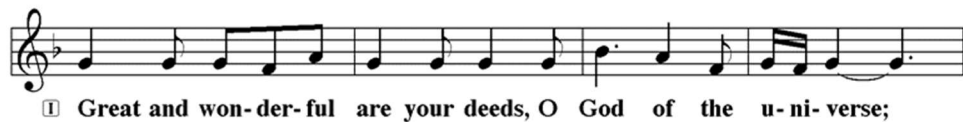
P: Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

**C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

P: One does not live by bread alone,

**C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

**SCRIPTURE SONG**



## Prayer of the Day:

L: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*(The Congregation is seated after the prayer)*

## First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11

*God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.*

L: A reading from Ezekiel, the Thirty-third chapter.

<sup>7</sup>So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

<sup>10</sup>Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

## Psalm: Psalm 119:33-40

L: <sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

**C: <sup>34</sup>Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.**

L: <sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

**C: <sup>36</sup>Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

L: <sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

**C: <sup>38</sup>Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.**

L: <sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

**C: <sup>40</sup>Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.**

## Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

*The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.*

L: A reading from Romans, the Thirteenth chapter.

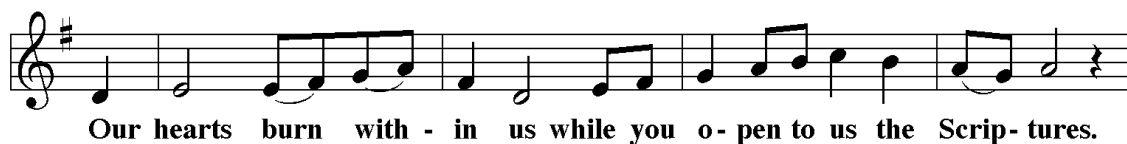
<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**Gospel Acclamation (Please stand if you are able)**



## The Gospel – Matthew 18:15-20

*Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.*

P: The Gospel according to Matthew.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

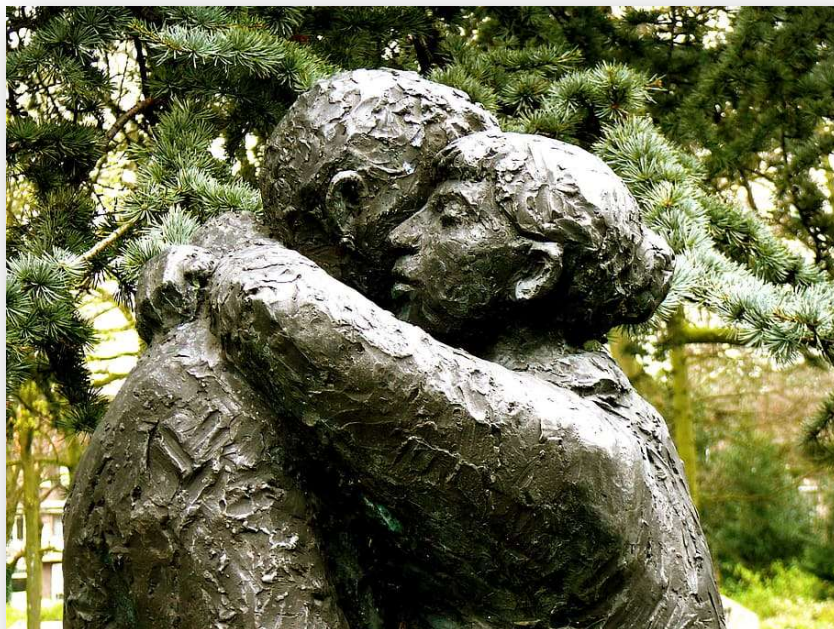
P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you. O Christ.**

**(Please be seated)**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**



# Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his  
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version

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## RESPONSE TO THE WORD: CREED AND CONFESSION

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**C: pray in the Holy Spirit.**

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

**C: Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## OFFERING

Choir Anthem: *Forever Blest is He - Handel*

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;  
 ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.  
 Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;  
 yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

### Offering Prayer

P: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*A brief silence.*

P: Hold us accountable, O God. Show your church where repentance is needed and lead us in paths of intentional compassion and listening. Help us extend hands of reconciliation and care, especially in relationships with other Christians and people of other faiths. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Reveal your miracles to us, O God. Move us to cherish you as we behold the wonders of creation. Renew the seas and the soil, the forests and the creatures that live in them. Turn us to ways of living that seek Earth's thriving. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Inspire us to lead with honor, O God. Guide judges and legislators, police, and government officials to create and uphold just laws. Move us to treat all people with dignity and guide our conversations with one another. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Help us comfort those who suffer, O God. Reassure any who are harmed by the wicked acts of others. Bring peace to all who are vulnerable, frightened, despairing, or sick (especially). Guard their waking and their sleeping. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Awaken us, O God. Challenge and encourage your people to value the vocation to which each is called. We pray for all discerning new possibilities or changing employment (especially). In all our diverse callings, teach us to love our neighbor above all else. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: Be our hope, O God. We remember with thanksgiving your disciples who died in faith (especially). May their trust in your promise be our protection and our hope. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C: 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

## BLESSING

P: The God of glory, ✝ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**



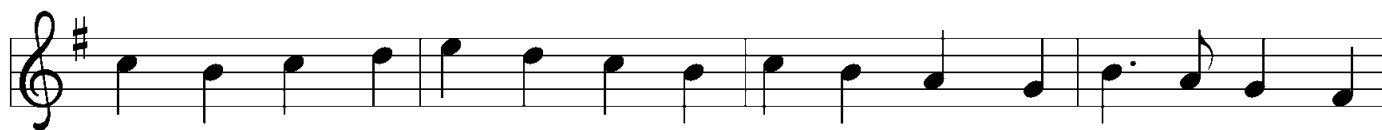
# Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for-ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."  
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Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, God is at work in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Postlude:



God's work.  
Our hands.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**BAPTISMS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY**

September	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS
<b>10</b>			Ben F. Naska, Annabel Williams
<b>12</b>	Bob Fox, Barb Naska		
<b>14</b>	Dot Peterman, Bonnie Pyne DePortillo	Karen & Hans Rilling (60)	

<b><u>THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES</u></b>		
<b>Sunday, September 10</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>  10:45 – 11:45 AM 12:00 PM	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> Connor Jose Evra Baptism (aka Porter Paul Genthner) God's Work Our Hands Card Project PALM Picnic in the Shed
Monday, September 11	7:30 PM	Church Council meeting
Tuesday, September 12	9:00 AM	<i>Care-A-Lot first day of school!</i>
Wednesday, September 13	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Thursday, September 14		No Office hours
<b><u>UPCOMING ACTIVITIES</u></b>		
<b>Sunday, September 17</b> (communion)	<b>9:30 AM</b>  After Worship	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> <i>Welcome Back Care-a-lot</i> Lemonade on the Lawn
Friday, September 15	10:00 AM	WELCA Meeting in Sanctuary
Wednesday, September 20	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Thursday, September 21	12:00 PM-3:00 PM 12:30 PM	Office hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim
<b>Sunday, September 24</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>  <b>5:00 - 5:30 PM</b> <b>5:30 - 7:30 PM</b>	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> Confirmation @ Durham Fellowship Meal Lessons/games
Wednesday, September 27	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's



**September Outreach** - Our Outreach envelopes for September have been designated for *Lutheran Disaster Response* for Maui wildfire relief.



**WELCA** will meet in the sanctuary on *Friday Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 am*. We will review what is happening in WELCA on the synodical and churchwide level. There is a lot going on. We will also look at what we are doing and what we would like to accomplish in the coming year. Helen will lead a brief Bible study taken from our WELCA's gather magazine. For those who wish, we will go out for lunch following the meeting.



Keep in your  
PRAYERS

**For Healing of those in our Congregation:**

Joanne & David Antoni; Brian Ashmore; Esther Crouse; Helen Dungan; Frank Erceg; Kenneth Hager; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Wes Simmons; Ed Xander; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

**For Healing of Friends and Family:**

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Anthony Beck; Jason Bigley; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Nancy Davis; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Cindy Gilligan; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Josephine Gimelson & family; Baree Lee Goodman; Penni Griffith; Ashton Hales; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Jim McAnally; Letitia McCrea; Sue Odor; Cindy Oswald; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Jean Pratt; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Paul Sauter; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Pat Stangil; Kay Stokes; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Kelly Walsh; Henry Wong and Scotty Yurconis.

**For those who are Homebound:**

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; and Silas Rodenbach.

**For families and friends grieving the loss of:**

Stan Aagaard; Michael Barats; Joann Gary; Betty Kreitz; Lani Schlegel; Don Seipt; Marilyn Seipt; Hal Taylor; Ann Valent

If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at:

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

Sustain Porter with 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.

**C: Amen.**

P: Connor/Porter, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C: Amen.**

## WELCOME

Cong. Rep: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our Father in heaven.

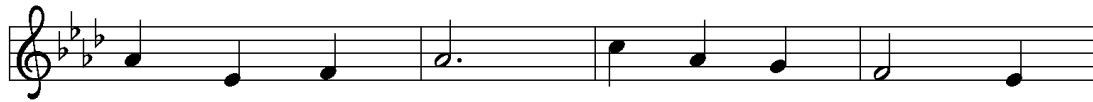
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**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

**Gathering Hymn: ELW 731 *Earth and All Stars***

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**GREETING** (Please stand if you are able)

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

**C: And also with you.**

P: You are the treasured people of the LORD,

**C: a people holy to the Lord our God.**

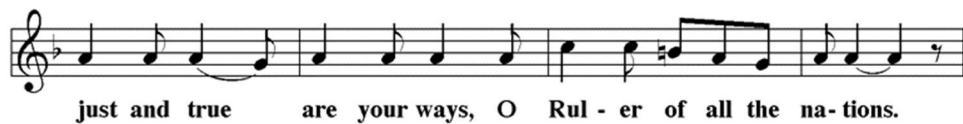
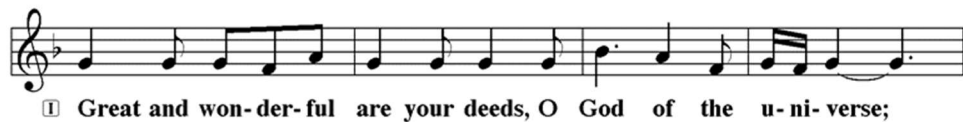
P: Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

**C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

P: One does not live by bread alone,

**C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

**SCRIPTURE SONG**



## Prayer of the Day:

L: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*(The Congregation is seated after the prayer)*

## First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11

*God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.*

L: A reading from Ezekiel, the Thirty-third chapter.

<sup>7</sup>So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

<sup>10</sup>Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

## Psalm: Psalm 119:33-40

L: <sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

**C: <sup>34</sup>Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.**

L: <sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

**C: <sup>36</sup>Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

L: <sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

**C: <sup>38</sup>Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.**

L: <sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

**C: <sup>40</sup>Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.**

## Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

*The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.*

L: A reading from Romans, the Thirteenth chapter.

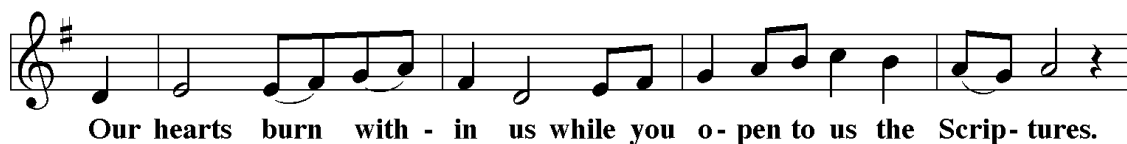
<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**Gospel Acclamation (Please stand if you are able)**



## The Gospel – Matthew 18:15-20

*Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.*

P: The Gospel according to Matthew.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you. O Christ.**

**(Please be seated)**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**



# Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his  
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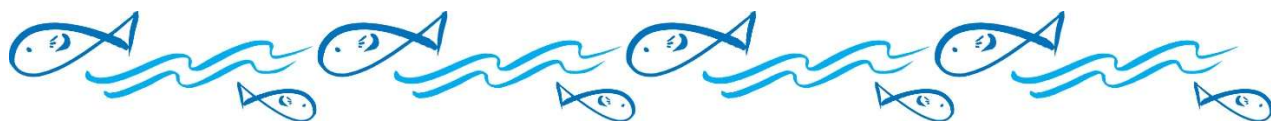
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## RESPONSE TO THE WORD: CREED AND CONFESSION

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**C: pray in the Holy Spirit.**

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

**C: Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## OFFERING

Choir Anthem: *Forever Blest is He - Handel*

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;  
 ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.  
 Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;  
 yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

### Offering Prayer

P: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*A brief silence.*

P: Hold us accountable, O God. Show your church where repentance is needed and lead us in paths of intentional compassion and listening. Help us extend hands of reconciliation and care, especially in relationships with other Christians and people of other faiths. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Reveal your miracles to us, O God. Move us to cherish you as we behold the wonders of creation. Renew the seas and the soil, the forests and the creatures that live in them. Turn us to ways of living that seek Earth's thriving. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**



P: Inspire us to lead with honor, O God. Guide judges and legislators, police, and government officials to create and uphold just laws. Move us to treat all people with dignity and guide our conversations with one another. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Help us comfort those who suffer, O God. Reassure any who are harmed by the wicked acts of others. Bring peace to all who are vulnerable, frightened, despairing, or sick (especially). Guard their waking and their sleeping. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Awaken us, O God. Challenge and encourage your people to value the vocation to which each is called. We pray for all discerning new possibilities or changing employment (especially). In all our diverse callings, teach us to love our neighbor above all else. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: Be our hope, O God. We remember with thanksgiving your disciples who died in faith (especially). May their trust in your promise be our protection and our hope. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C: 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

## BLESSING

P: The God of glory, ✝ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**



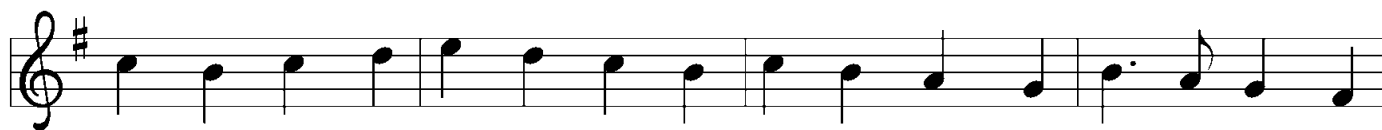
# Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for-ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



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Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, God is at work in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Postlude:



God's work.  
Our hands.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**BAPTISMS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY**

September	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS
<b>10</b>			Ben F. Naska, Annabel Williams
<b>12</b>	Bob Fox, Barb Naska		
<b>14</b>	Dot Peterman, Bonnie Pyne DePortillo	Karen & Hans Rilling (60)	

<b><u>THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES</u></b>		
<b>Sunday, September 10</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>  10:45 – 11:45 AM 12:00 PM	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> Connor Jose Evra Baptism (aka Porter Paul Genthner) God's Work Our Hands Card Project PALM Picnic in the Shed
Monday, September 11	7:30 PM	Church Council meeting
Tuesday, September 12	9:00 AM	<i>Care-A-Lot first day of school!</i>
Wednesday, September 13	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Thursday, September 14		No Office hours
<b><u>UPCOMING ACTIVITIES</u></b>		
<b>Sunday, September 17</b> (communion)	<b>9:30 AM</b>  After Worship	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> <i>Welcome Back Care-a-lot</i> Lemonade on the Lawn
Friday, September 15	10:00 AM	WELCA Meeting in Sanctuary
Wednesday, September 20	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Thursday, September 21	12:00 PM-3:00 PM 12:30 PM	Office hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim
<b>Sunday, September 24</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>  <b>5:00 - 5:30 PM</b> <b>5:30 - 7:30 PM</b>	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> Confirmation @ Durham Fellowship Meal Lessons/games
Wednesday, September 27	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's



**September Outreach** - Our Outreach envelopes for September have been designated for *Lutheran Disaster Response* for Maui wildfire relief.



**WELCA** will meet in the sanctuary on *Friday Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 am*. We will review what is happening in WELCA on the synodical and churchwide level. There is a lot going on. We will also look at what we are doing and what we would like to accomplish in the coming year. Helen will lead a brief Bible study taken from our WELCA's gather magazine. For those who wish, we will go out for lunch following the meeting.



Keep in your  
PRAYERS

**For Healing of those in our Congregation:**

Joanne & David Antoni; Brian Ashmore; Esther Crouse; Helen Dungan; Frank Erceg; Kenneth Hager; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Wes Simmons; Ed Xander; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

**For Healing of Friends and Family:**

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Anthony Beck; Jason Bigley; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Nancy Davis; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Cindy Gilligan; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Josephine Gimelson & family; Baree Lee Goodman; Penni Griffith; Ashton Hales; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Jim McAnally; Letitia McCrea; Sue Odor; Cindy Oswald; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Jean Pratt; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Paul Sauter; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Pat Stangil; Kay Stokes; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Kelly Walsh; Henry Wong and Scotty Yurconis.

**For those who are Homebound:**

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; and Silas Rodenbach.

**For families and friends grieving the loss of:**

Stan Aagaard; Michael Barats; Joann Gary; Betty Kreitz; Lani Schlegel; Don Seipt; Marilyn Seipt; Hal Taylor; Ann Valent

If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at:

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**Helping in Worship**

Preacher	Rev. James Heckman
Choir Director / Organist	Carolyn Williams
Greeter(s)	Helen Dungan
Altar	Barb Naska & Dot Peterman
Acolyte	
Lector	Mary Crouse
Head / Communion Usher	Bob Fox
Council Counting Team	Mark Harwick & Cathy Muller
Administration & Technology	Ken Anderson
Custodian	Dianna Streletz

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Porter baptized into Christ?

*Parent:* I do.

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Parent:* I do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Porter in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Sponsors:* I do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Porter and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**C: We do.**

### **Profession of Faith**

P: 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 defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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 to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

## Thanksgiving at the Font

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters: 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. At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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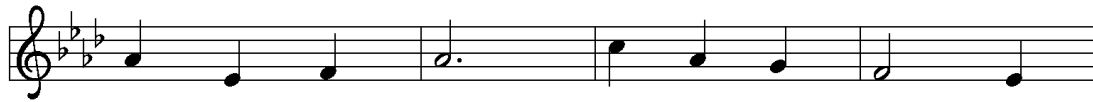
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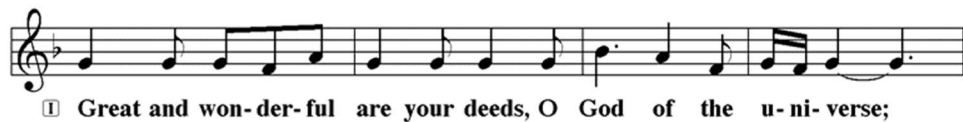
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**SCRIPTURE SONG**





## Prayer of the Day:

L: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*(The Congregation is seated after the prayer)*

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L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

## Psalm: Psalm 119:33-40

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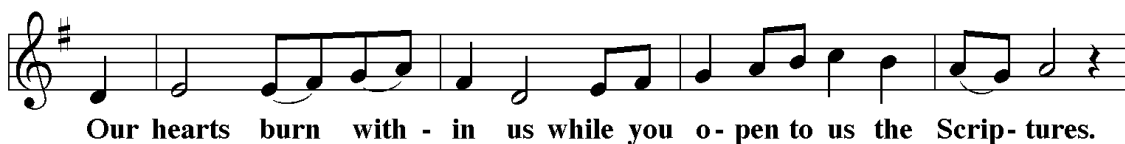
<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**Gospel Acclamation (Please stand if you are able)**



## The Gospel – Matthew 18:15-20

*Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.*

P: The Gospel according to Matthew.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

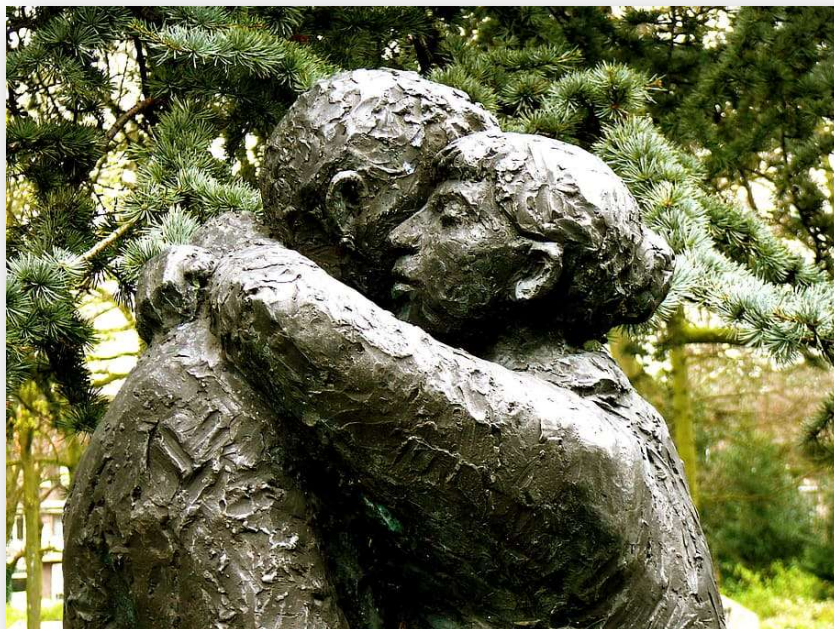
P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you. O Christ.**

**(Please be seated)**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**



# Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his  
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Seward, b. 1932

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version

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## RESPONSE TO THE WORD: CREED AND CONFESSION

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**C: pray in the Holy Spirit.**

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

**C: Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## OFFERING

Choir Anthem: *Forever Blest is He - Handel*

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;  
 ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.  
 Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;  
 yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

### Offering Prayer

P: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*A brief silence.*

P: Hold us accountable, O God. Show your church where repentance is needed and lead us in paths of intentional compassion and listening. Help us extend hands of reconciliation and care, especially in relationships with other Christians and people of other faiths. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Reveal your miracles to us, O God. Move us to cherish you as we behold the wonders of creation. Renew the seas and the soil, the forests and the creatures that live in them. Turn us to ways of living that seek Earth's thriving. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Inspire us to lead with honor, O God. Guide judges and legislators, police, and government officials to create and uphold just laws. Move us to treat all people with dignity and guide our conversations with one another. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Help us comfort those who suffer, O God. Reassure any who are harmed by the wicked acts of others. Bring peace to all who are vulnerable, frightened, despairing, or sick (especially). Guard their waking and their sleeping. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Awaken us, O God. Challenge and encourage your people to value the vocation to which each is called. We pray for all discerning new possibilities or changing employment (especially). In all our diverse callings, teach us to love our neighbor above all else. Merciful God,

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*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: Be our hope, O God. We remember with thanksgiving your disciples who died in faith (especially). May their trust in your promise be our protection and our hope. Merciful God,

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P: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C: 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

## BLESSING

P: The God of glory, ✝ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**



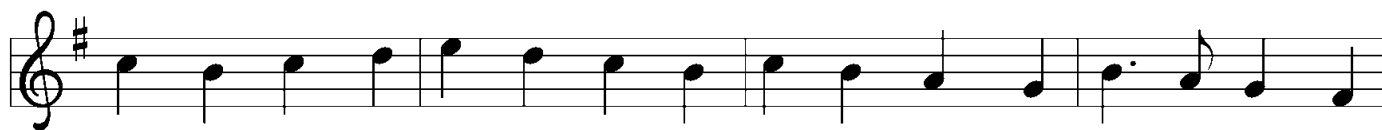
# Go, My Children, with My Blessing



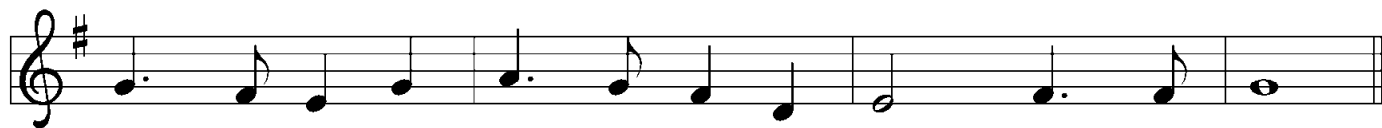
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 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for-ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



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Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, God is at work in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Postlude:



God's work.  
Our hands.



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**BAPTISMS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY**

September	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS
<b>10</b>			Ben F. Naska, Annabel Williams
<b>12</b>	Bob Fox, Barb Naska		
<b>14</b>	Dot Peterman, Bonnie Pyne DePortillo	Karen & Hans Rilling (60)	

<b><u>THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES</u></b>		
<b>Sunday, September 10</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>  10:45 – 11:45 AM 12:00 PM	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> Connor Jose Evra Baptism (aka Porter Paul Genthner) God's Work Our Hands Card Project PALM Picnic in the Shed
Monday, September 11	7:30 PM	Church Council meeting
Tuesday, September 12	9:00 AM	<i>Care-A-Lot first day of school!</i>
Wednesday, September 13	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Thursday, September 14		No Office hours
<b><u>UPCOMING ACTIVITIES</u></b>		
<b>Sunday, September 17</b> (communion)	<b>9:30 AM</b>  After Worship	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> <i>Welcome Back Care-a-lot</i> Lemonade on the Lawn
Friday, September 15	10:00 AM	WELCA Meeting in Sanctuary
Wednesday, September 20	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Thursday, September 21	12:00 PM-3:00 PM 12:30 PM	Office hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim
<b>Sunday, September 24</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>  <b>5:00 - 5:30 PM</b> <b>5:30 - 7:30 PM</b>	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> Confirmation @ Durham Fellowship Meal Lessons/games
Wednesday, September 27	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's



**September Outreach** - Our Outreach envelopes for September have been designated for *Lutheran Disaster Response* for Maui wildfire relief.



**WELCA** will meet in the sanctuary on *Friday Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 am*. We will review what is happening in WELCA on the synodical and churchwide level. There is a lot going on. We will also look at what we are doing and what we would like to accomplish in the coming year. Helen will lead a brief Bible study taken from our WELCA's gather magazine. For those who wish, we will go out for lunch following the meeting.



Keep in your  
PRAYERS

**For Healing of those in our Congregation:**

Joanne & David Antoni; Brian Ashmore; Esther Crouse; Helen Dungan; Frank Erceg; Kenneth Hager; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Wes Simmons; Ed Xander; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

**For Healing of Friends and Family:**

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Anthony Beck; Jason Bigley; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Nancy Davis; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Cindy Gilligan; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Josephine Gimelson & family; Baree Lee Goodman; Penni Griffith; Ashton Hales; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Jim McAnally; Letitia McCrea; Sue Odor; Cindy Oswald; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Jean Pratt; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Paul Sauter; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Pat Stangil; Kay Stokes; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Kelly Walsh; Henry Wong and Scotty Yurconis.

**For those who are Homebound:**

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; and Silas Rodenbach.

**For families and friends grieving the loss of:**

Stan Aagaard; Michael Barats; Joann Gary; Betty Kreitz; Lani Schlegel; Don Seipt; Marilyn Seipt; Hal Taylor; Ann Valent

If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at:

[PrayerChain@durhamlutheran.org](mailto:PrayerChain@durhamlutheran.org)

**Helping in Worship**

Preacher	Rev. James Heckman
Choir Director / Organist	Carolyn Williams
Greeter(s)	Helen Dungan
Altar	Barb Naska & Dot Peterman
Acolyte	
Lector	Mary Crouse
Head / Communion Usher	Bob Fox
Council Counting Team	Mark Harwick & Cathy Muller
Administration & Technology	Ken Anderson
Custodian	Dianna Streletz

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Porter baptized into Christ?

*Parent:* I do.

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Parent:* I do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Porter in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Sponsors:* I do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Porter and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**C: We do.**

### **Profession of Faith**

P: 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 defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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 to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

## Thanksgiving at the Font

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters: 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. At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## BAPTISM

P: Connor Jose Evra (to be known in the future as Porter Paul Genthner), I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

Sustain Porter with 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.

**C: Amen.**

P: Connor/Porter, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C: Amen.**

## WELCOME

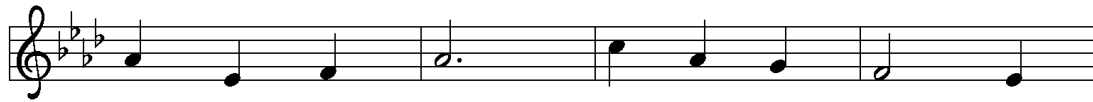
Cong. Rep: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

**Gathering Hymn: ELW 731 *Earth and All Stars***

## Earth and All Stars!



1	Earth	and	all	stars!	Loud	rush - ing	plan - ets!
2	Trum - pet	and	pipes!	Loud	clash - ing	cym - bals!	
3	En - gines	and	steel!	Loud	pound - ing	ham - mers!	
4	Class-rooms	and	labs!	Loud	boil - ing	test tubes!	
5	Knowl-edge	and	truth!	Loud	sound - ing	wis - dom!	



Sing	to the	Lord	a	new	song!
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Hail,	wind,	and	rain!	Loud	blow - ing	snow - storm!
Harp,	lute,	and	lyre!	Loud	hum - ming	cel - los!
Lime - stone	and	beams!	Loud	build - ing	work - ers!	
Ath - lete	and	band!	Loud	cheer - ing	peo - ple!	
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God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

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**GREETING** (Please stand if you are able)

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

**C: And also with you.**

P: You are the treasured people of the LORD,

**C: a people holy to the Lord our God.**

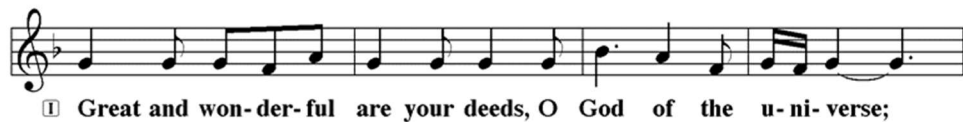
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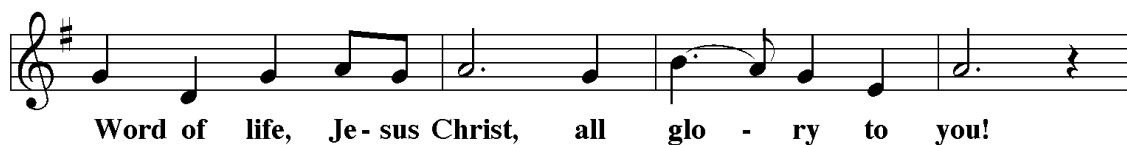
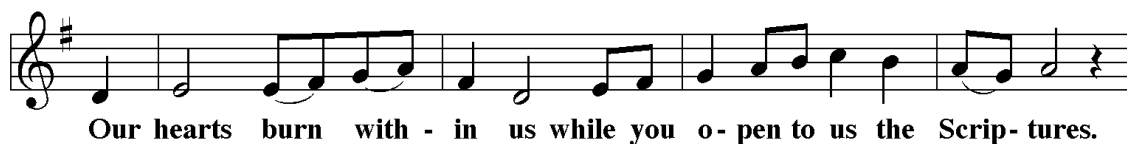
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L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**Gospel Acclamation (Please stand if you are able)**





## The Gospel – Matthew 18:15-20

*Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.*

P: The Gospel according to Matthew.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you. O Christ.**

**(Please be seated)**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**



# Baptized in Water

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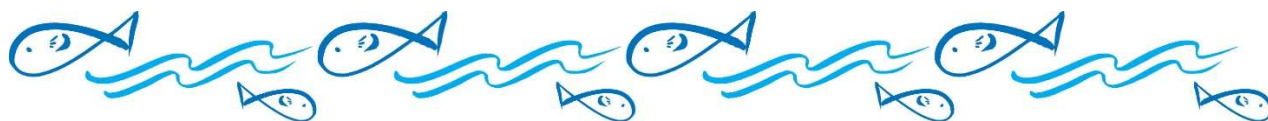
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## RESPONSE TO THE WORD: CREED AND CONFESSION

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**C: pray in the Holy Spirit.**

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

**C: Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## OFFERING

Choir Anthem: *Forever Blest is He - Handel*

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;  
 ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.  
 Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;  
 yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

## Offering Prayer

P: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*A brief silence.*

P: Hold us accountable, O God. Show your church where repentance is needed and lead us in paths of intentional compassion and listening. Help us extend hands of reconciliation and care, especially in relationships with other Christians and people of other faiths. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Reveal your miracles to us, O God. Move us to cherish you as we behold the wonders of creation. Renew the seas and the soil, the forests and the creatures that live in them. Turn us to ways of living that seek Earth's thriving. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Inspire us to lead with honor, O God. Guide judges and legislators, police, and government officials to create and uphold just laws. Move us to treat all people with dignity and guide our conversations with one another. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Help us comfort those who suffer, O God. Reassure any who are harmed by the wicked acts of others. Bring peace to all who are vulnerable, frightened, despairing, or sick (especially). Guard their waking and their sleeping. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Awaken us, O God. Challenge and encourage your people to value the vocation to which each is called. We pray for all discerning new possibilities or changing employment (especially). In all our diverse callings, teach us to love our neighbor above all else. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: Be our hope, O God. We remember with thanksgiving your disciples who died in faith (especially). May their trust in your promise be our protection and our hope. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C: 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

## BLESSING

P: The God of glory, ✝ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**



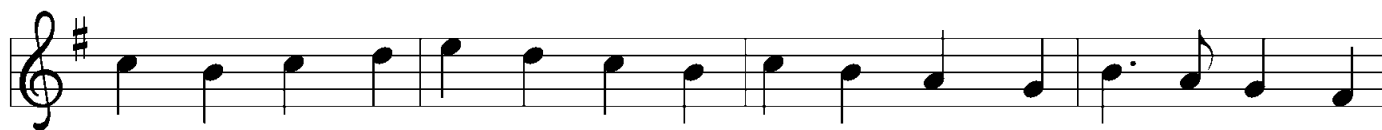
# Go, My Children, with My Blessing



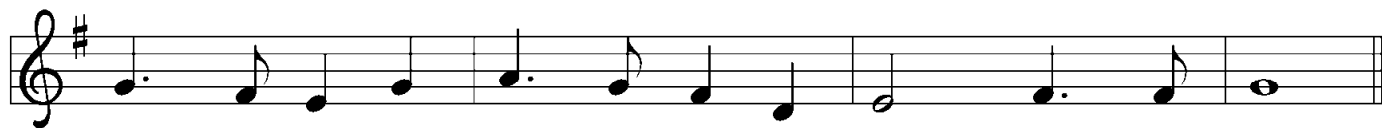
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Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for-ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



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## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, God is at work in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Postlude:



God's work.  
Our hands.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**BAPTISMS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY**

September	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS
<b>10</b>			Ben F. Naska, Annabel Williams
<b>12</b>	Bob Fox, Barb Naska		
<b>14</b>	Dot Peterman, Bonnie Pyne DePortillo	Karen & Hans Rilling (60)	

<b><u>THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES</u></b>		
<b>Sunday, September 10</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>  10:45 – 11:45 AM 12:00 PM	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> Connor Jose Evra Baptism (aka Porter Paul Genthner) God's Work Our Hands Card Project PALM Picnic in the Shed
Monday, September 11	7:30 PM	Church Council meeting
Tuesday, September 12	9:00 AM	<i>Care-A-Lot first day of school!</i>
Wednesday, September 13	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Thursday, September 14		No Office hours
<b><u>UPCOMING ACTIVITIES</u></b>		
<b>Sunday, September 17</b> (communion)	<b>9:30 AM</b>  After Worship	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> <i>Welcome Back Care-a-lot</i> Lemonade on the Lawn
Friday, September 15	10:00 AM	WELCA Meeting in Sanctuary
Wednesday, September 20	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Thursday, September 21	12:00 PM-3:00 PM 12:30 PM	Office hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim
<b>Sunday, September 24</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>  <b>5:00 - 5:30 PM</b> <b>5:30 - 7:30 PM</b>	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> Confirmation @ Durham Fellowship Meal Lessons/games
Wednesday, September 27	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's





**September Outreach** - Our Outreach envelopes for September have been designated for *Lutheran Disaster Response* for Maui wildfire relief.



**WELCA** will meet in the sanctuary on *Friday Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 am*. We will review what is happening in WELCA on the synodical and churchwide level. There is a lot going on. We will also look at what we are doing and what we would like to accomplish in the coming year. Helen will lead a brief Bible study taken from our WELCA's gather magazine. For those who wish, we will go out for lunch following the meeting.



Keep in your  
PRAYERS

**For Healing of those in our Congregation:**

Joanne & David Antoni; Brian Ashmore; Esther Crouse; Helen Dungan; Frank Erceg; Kenneth Hager; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Wes Simmons; Ed Xander; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

**For Healing of Friends and Family:**

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Anthony Beck; Jason Bigley; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Nancy Davis; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Cindy Gilligan; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Josephine Gimelson & family; Baree Lee Goodman; Penni Griffith; Ashton Hales; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Jim McAnally; Letitia McCrea; Sue Odor; Cindy Oswald; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Jean Pratt; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Paul Sauter; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Pat Stangil; Kay Stokes; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Kelly Walsh; Henry Wong and Scotty Yurconis.

**For those who are Homebound:**

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; and Silas Rodenbach.

**For families and friends grieving the loss of:**

Stan Aagaard; Michael Barats; Joann Gary; Betty Kreitz; Lani Schlegel; Don Seipt; Marilyn Seipt; Hal Taylor; Ann Valent

If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at:

[PrayerChain@durhamlutheran.org](mailto:PrayerChain@durhamlutheran.org)

**Helping in Worship**

Preacher	Rev. James Heckman
Choir Director / Organist	Carolyn Williams
Greeter(s)	Helen Dungan
Altar	Barb Naska & Dot Peterman
Acolyte	
Lector	Mary Crouse
Head / Communion Usher	Bob Fox
Council Counting Team	Mark Harwick & Cathy Muller
Administration & Technology	Ken Anderson
Custodian	Dianna Streletz



P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Porter baptized into Christ?

*Parent:* I do.

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Parent:* I do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Porter in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Sponsors:* I do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Porter and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**C: We do.**

### **Profession of Faith**

P: 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 defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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 to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

## Thanksgiving at the Font

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters: 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. At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## BAPTISM

P: Connor Jose Evra (to be known in the future as Porter Paul Genthner), I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

Sustain Porter with 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.

**C: Amen.**

P: Connor/Porter, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C: Amen.**

## WELCOME

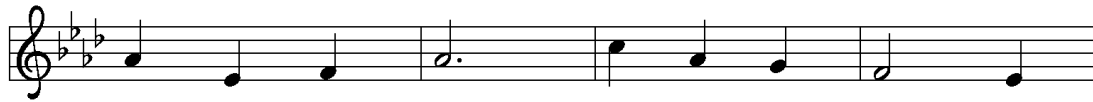
Cong. Rep: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

**Gathering Hymn: ELW 731 *Earth and All Stars***

## Earth and All Stars!



1	Earth	and	all	stars!	Loud	rush - ing	plan - ets!
2	Trum - pet	and	pipes!	Loud	clash - ing	cym - bals!	
3	En - gines	and	steel!	Loud	pound - ing	ham - mers!	
4	Class-rooms	and	labs!	Loud	boil - ing	test tubes!	
5	Knowl-edge	and	truth!	Loud	sound - ing	wis - dom!	



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Hail,	wind,	and	rain!	Loud	blow - ing	snow - storm!
Harp,	lute,	and	lyre!	Loud	hum - ming	cel - los!
Lime - stone	and	beams!	Loud	build - ing	work - ers!	
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**GREETING** (Please stand if you are able)

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

**C: And also with you.**

P: You are the treasured people of the LORD,

**C: a people holy to the Lord our God.**

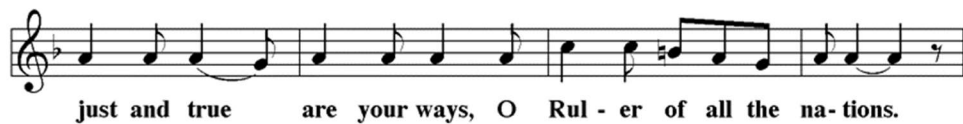
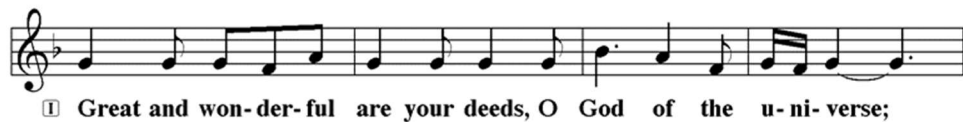
P: Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

**C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

P: One does not live by bread alone,

**C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

**SCRIPTURE SONG**



## Prayer of the Day:

L: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*(The Congregation is seated after the prayer)*

## First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11

*God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.*

L: A reading from Ezekiel, the Thirty-third chapter.

<sup>7</sup>So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

<sup>10</sup>Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

## Psalm: Psalm 119:33-40

L: <sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

**C: <sup>34</sup>Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.**

L: <sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

**C: <sup>36</sup>Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

L: <sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

**C: <sup>38</sup>Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.**

L: <sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

**C: <sup>40</sup>Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.**

## Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

*The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.*

L: A reading from Romans, the Thirteenth chapter.

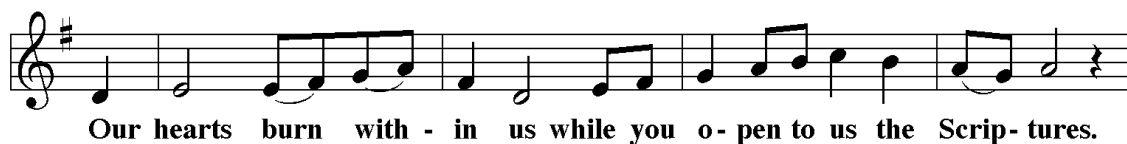
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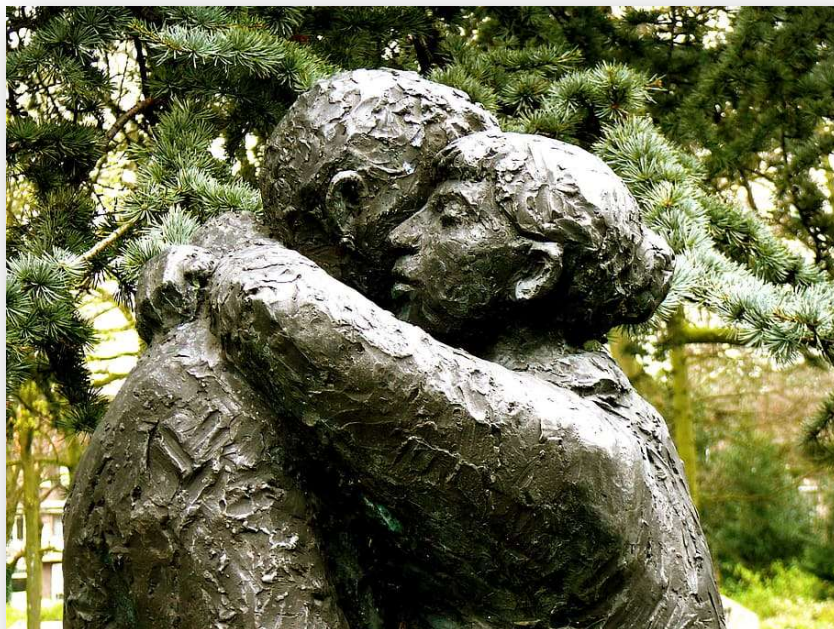
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*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: Be our hope, O God. We remember with thanksgiving your disciples who died in faith (especially). May their trust in your promise be our protection and our hope. Merciful God,

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P: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

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P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C: 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

## BLESSING

P: The God of glory, ✝ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**



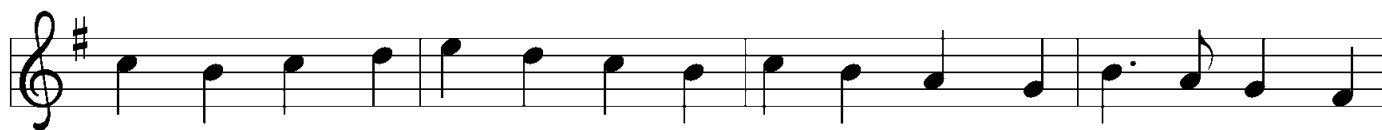
# Go, My Children, with My Blessing



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## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, God is at work in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Postlude:



God's work.  
Our hands.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**BAPTISMS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY**

September	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS
<b>10</b>			Ben F. Naska, Annabel Williams
<b>12</b>	Bob Fox, Barb Naska		
<b>14</b>	Dot Peterman, Bonnie Pyne DePortillo	Karen & Hans Rilling (60)	

<b><u>THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES</u></b>		
<b>Sunday, September 10</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>  10:45 – 11:45 AM 12:00 PM	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> Connor Jose Evra Baptism (aka Porter Paul Genthner) God's Work Our Hands Card Project PALM Picnic in the Shed
Monday, September 11	7:30 PM	Church Council meeting
Tuesday, September 12	9:00 AM	<i>Care-A-Lot first day of school!</i>
Wednesday, September 13	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Thursday, September 14		No Office hours
<b><u>UPCOMING ACTIVITIES</u></b>		
<b>Sunday, September 17</b> (communion)	<b>9:30 AM</b>  After Worship	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> <i>Welcome Back Care-a-lot</i> Lemonade on the Lawn
Friday, September 15	10:00 AM	WELCA Meeting in Sanctuary
Wednesday, September 20	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Thursday, September 21	12:00 PM-3:00 PM 12:30 PM	Office hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim
<b>Sunday, September 24</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>  <b>5:00 - 5:30 PM</b> <b>5:30 - 7:30 PM</b>	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> Confirmation @ Durham Fellowship Meal Lessons/games
Wednesday, September 27	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's



**September Outreach** - Our Outreach envelopes for September have been designated for *Lutheran Disaster Response* for Maui wildfire relief.



**WELCA** will meet in the sanctuary on *Friday Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 am*. We will review what is happening in WELCA on the synodical and churchwide level. There is a lot going on. We will also look at what we are doing and what we would like to accomplish in the coming year. Helen will lead a brief Bible study taken from our WELCA's gather magazine. For those who wish, we will go out for lunch following the meeting.



Keep in your  
PRAYERS

**For Healing of those in our Congregation:**

Joanne & David Antoni; Brian Ashmore; Esther Crouse; Helen Dungan; Frank Erceg; Kenneth Hager; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Wes Simmons; Ed Xander; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

**For Healing of Friends and Family:**

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Anthony Beck; Jason Bigley; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Nancy Davis; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Cindy Gilligan; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Josephine Gimelson & family; Baree Lee Goodman; Penni Griffith; Ashton Hales; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Jim McAnally; Letitia McCrea; Sue Odor; Cindy Oswald; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Jean Pratt; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Paul Sauter; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Pat Stangil; Kay Stokes; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Kelly Walsh; Henry Wong and Scotty Yurconis.

**For those who are Homebound:**

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; and Silas Rodenbach.

**For families and friends grieving the loss of:**

Stan Aagaard; Michael Barats; Joann Gary; Betty Kreitz; Lani Schlegel; Don Seipt; Marilyn Seipt; Hal Taylor; Ann Valent

If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at:

[PrayerChain@durhamlutheran.org](mailto:PrayerChain@durhamlutheran.org)

**Helping in Worship**

Preacher	Rev. James Heckman
Choir Director / Organist	Carolyn Williams
Greeter(s)	Helen Dungan
Altar	Barb Naska & Dot Peterman
Acolyte	
Lector	Mary Crouse
Head / Communion Usher	Bob Fox
Council Counting Team	Mark Harwick & Cathy Muller
Administration & Technology	Ken Anderson
Custodian	Dianna Streletz

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Porter baptized into Christ?

*Parent:* I do.

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Parent:* I do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Porter in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Sponsors:* I do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Porter and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**C: We do.**

### **Profession of Faith**

P: 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 defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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 to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

## Thanksgiving at the Font

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters: 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. At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## BAPTISM

P: Connor Jose Evra (to be known in the future as Porter Paul Genthner), I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

Sustain Porter with 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.

**C: Amen.**

P: Connor/Porter, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C: Amen.**

## WELCOME

Cong. Rep: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our Father in heaven.

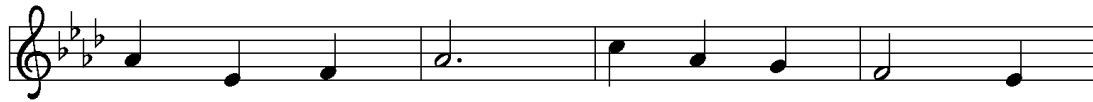
Let us welcome the newly baptized.



**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

**Gathering Hymn: ELW 731 *Earth and All Stars***

## Earth and All Stars!



1	Earth	and	all	stars!	Loud	rush - ing	plan - ets!
2	Trum - pet	and	pipes!	Loud	clash - ing	cym - bals!	
3	En - gines	and	steel!	Loud	pound - ing	ham - mers!	
4	Class-rooms	and	labs!	Loud	boil - ing	test tubes!	
5	Knowl-edge	and	truth!	Loud	sound - ing	wis - dom!	



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Hail,	wind,	and	rain!	Loud	blow - ing	snow - storm!
Harp,	lute,	and	lyre!	Loud	hum - ming	cel - los!
Lime - stone	and	beams!	Loud	build - ing	work - ers!	
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*Refrain*

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**GREETING** (Please stand if you are able)

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

**C: And also with you.**

P: You are the treasured people of the LORD,

**C: a people holy to the Lord our God.**

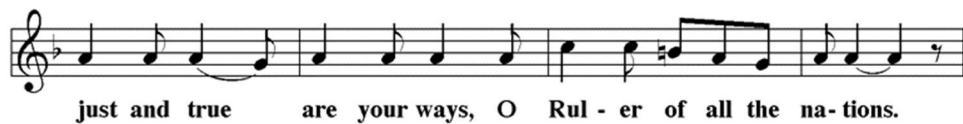
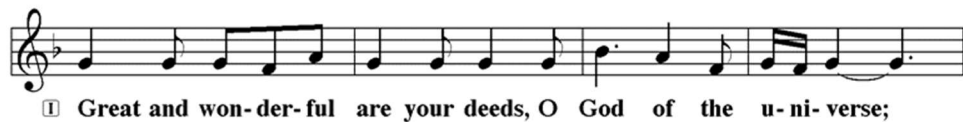
P: Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

**C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

P: One does not live by bread alone,

**C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

**SCRIPTURE SONG**



## Prayer of the Day:

L: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*(The Congregation is seated after the prayer)*

## First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11

*God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.*

L: A reading from Ezekiel, the Thirty-third chapter.

<sup>7</sup>So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

<sup>10</sup>Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

## Psalm: Psalm 119:33-40

L: <sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

**C: <sup>34</sup>Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.**

L: <sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

**C: <sup>36</sup>Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

L: <sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

**C: <sup>38</sup>Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.**

L: <sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

**C: <sup>40</sup>Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.**

## Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

*The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.*

L: A reading from Romans, the Thirteenth chapter.

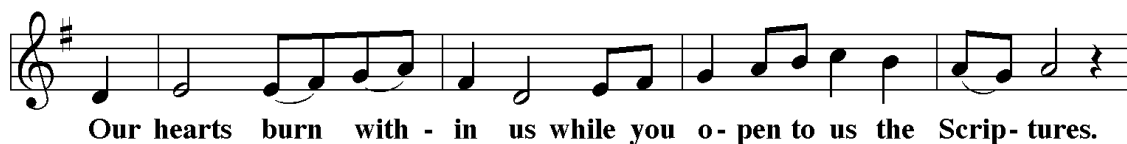
<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: The Word of the Lord.

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**Gospel Acclamation (Please stand if you are able)**



## The Gospel – Matthew 18:15-20

*Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.*

P: The Gospel according to Matthew.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you. O Christ.**

**(Please be seated)**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**



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P: Awaken us, O God. Challenge and encourage your people to value the vocation to which each is called. We pray for all discerning new possibilities or changing employment (especially). In all our diverse callings, teach us to love our neighbor above all else. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: Be our hope, O God. We remember with thanksgiving your disciples who died in faith (especially). May their trust in your promise be our protection and our hope. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C: 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

## BLESSING

P: The God of glory, ✝ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**



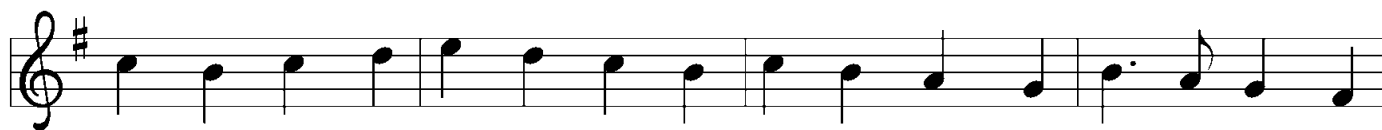
# Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for-ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



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## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, God is at work in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Postlude:



God's work.  
Our hands.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**BAPTISMS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY**

September	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS
<b>10</b>			Ben F. Naska, Annabel Williams
<b>12</b>	Bob Fox, Barb Naska		
<b>14</b>	Dot Peterman, Bonnie Pyne DePortillo	Karen & Hans Rilling (60)	

<b><u>THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES</u></b>		
<b>Sunday, September 10</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>  10:45 – 11:45 AM 12:00 PM	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> Connor Jose Evra Baptism (aka Porter Paul Genthner) God's Work Our Hands Card Project PALM Picnic in the Shed
Monday, September 11	7:30 PM	Church Council meeting
Tuesday, September 12	9:00 AM	<i>Care-A-Lot first day of school!</i>
Wednesday, September 13	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Thursday, September 14		No Office hours
<b><u>UPCOMING ACTIVITIES</u></b>		
<b>Sunday, September 17</b> (communion)	<b>9:30 AM</b>  After Worship	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> <i>Welcome Back Care-a-lot</i> Lemonade on the Lawn
Friday, September 15	10:00 AM	WELCA Meeting in Sanctuary
Wednesday, September 20	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Thursday, September 21	12:00 PM-3:00 PM 12:30 PM	Office hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim
<b>Sunday, September 24</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>  <b>5:00 - 5:30 PM</b> <b>5:30 - 7:30 PM</b>	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> Confirmation @ Durham Fellowship Meal Lessons/games
Wednesday, September 27	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's



**September Outreach** - Our Outreach envelopes for September have been designated for *Lutheran Disaster Response* for Maui wildfire relief.



**WELCA** will meet in the sanctuary on *Friday Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 am*. We will review what is happening in WELCA on the synodical and churchwide level. There is a lot going on. We will also look at what we are doing and what we would like to accomplish in the coming year. Helen will lead a brief Bible study taken from our WELCA's gather magazine. For those who wish, we will go out for lunch following the meeting.



Keep in your  
PRAYERS

**For Healing of those in our Congregation:**

Joanne & David Antoni; Brian Ashmore; Esther Crouse; Helen Dungan; Frank Erceg; Kenneth Hager; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Wes Simmons; Ed Xander; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

**For Healing of Friends and Family:**

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Anthony Beck; Jason Bigley; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Nancy Davis; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Cindy Gilligan; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Josephine Gimelson & family; Baree Lee Goodman; Penni Griffith; Ashton Hales; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Jim McAnally; Letitia McCrea; Sue Odor; Cindy Oswald; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Jean Pratt; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Paul Sauter; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Pat Stangil; Kay Stokes; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Kelly Walsh; Henry Wong and Scotty Yurconis.

**For those who are Homebound:**

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; and Silas Rodenbach.

**For families and friends grieving the loss of:**

Stan Aagaard; Michael Barats; Joann Gary; Betty Kreitz; Lani Schlegel; Don Seipt; Marilyn Seipt; Hal Taylor; Ann Valent

If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at:

[PrayerChain@durhamlutheran.org](mailto:PrayerChain@durhamlutheran.org)

**Helping in Worship**

Preacher	Rev. James Heckman
Choir Director / Organist	Carolyn Williams
Greeter(s)	Helen Dungan
Altar	Barb Naska & Dot Peterman
Acolyte	
Lector	Mary Crouse
Head / Communion Usher	Bob Fox
Council Counting Team	Mark Harwick & Cathy Muller
Administration & Technology	Ken Anderson
Custodian	Dianna Streletz

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Porter baptized into Christ?

*Parent:* I do.

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Parent:* I do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Porter in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Sponsors:* I do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Porter and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**C: We do.**

### **Profession of Faith**

P: 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 defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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 to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

## Thanksgiving at the Font

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters: 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. At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## BAPTISM

P: Connor Jose Evra (to be know in the future as Porter Paul Genthner), I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

Sustain Porter with 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.

**C: Amen.**

P: Connor/Porter, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C: Amen.**

## WELCOME

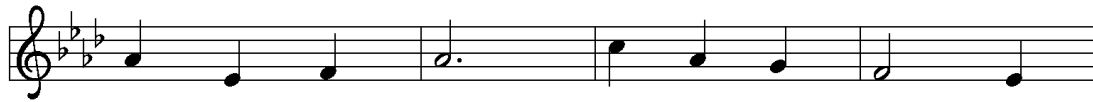
Cong. Rep: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

**Gathering Hymn: ELW 731 *Earth and All Stars***

## Earth and All Stars!



1	Earth	and	all	stars!	Loud	rush - ing	plan - ets!
2	Trum - pet	and	pipes!	Loud	clash - ing	cym - bals!	
3	En - gines	and	steel!	Loud	pound - ing	ham - mers!	
4	Class-rooms	and	labs!	Loud	boil - ing	test tubes!	
5	Knowl-edge	and	truth!	Loud	sound - ing	wis - dom!	



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Hail,	wind,	and	rain!	Loud	blow - ing	snow - storm!
Harp,	lute,	and	lyre!	Loud	hum - ming	cel - los!
Lime - stone	and	beams!	Loud	build - ing	work - ers!	
Ath - lete	and	band!	Loud	cheer - ing	peo - ple!	
Daugh - ter	and	son!	Loud	pray - ing	mem - bers!	



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**GREETING** (Please stand if you are able)

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

**C: And also with you.**

P: You are the treasured people of the LORD,

**C: a people holy to the Lord our God.**

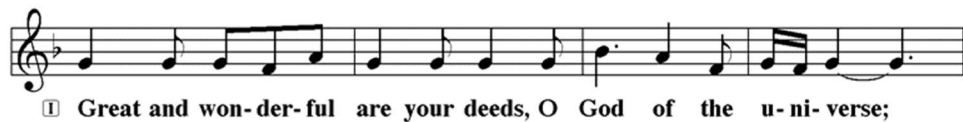
P: Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

**C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

P: One does not live by bread alone,

**C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

**SCRIPTURE SONG**





## Prayer of the Day:

L: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*(The Congregation is seated after the prayer)*

## First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11

*God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.*

L: A reading from Ezekiel, the Thirty-third chapter.

<sup>7</sup>So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

<sup>10</sup>Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

## Psalm: Psalm 119:33-40

L: <sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

**C: <sup>34</sup>Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.**

L: <sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

**C: <sup>36</sup>Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

L: <sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

**C: <sup>38</sup>Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.**

L: <sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

**C: <sup>40</sup>Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.**

## Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

*The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.*

L: A reading from Romans, the Thirteenth chapter.

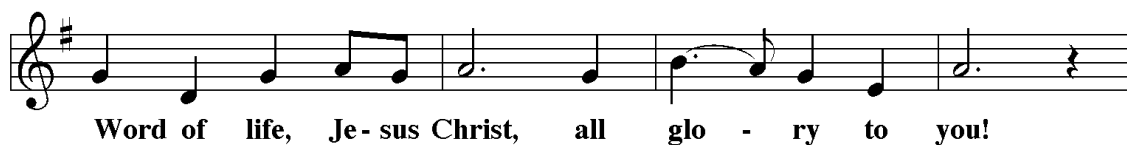
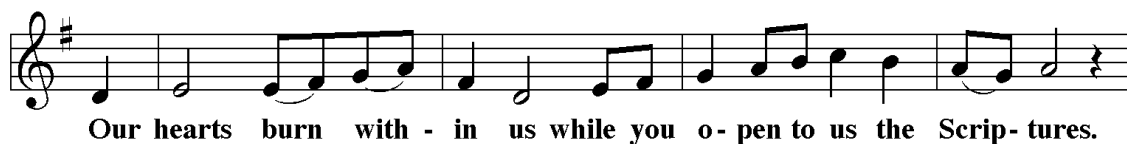
<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**Gospel Acclamation (Please stand if you are able)**



## The Gospel – Matthew 18:15-20

*Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.*

P: The Gospel according to Matthew.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

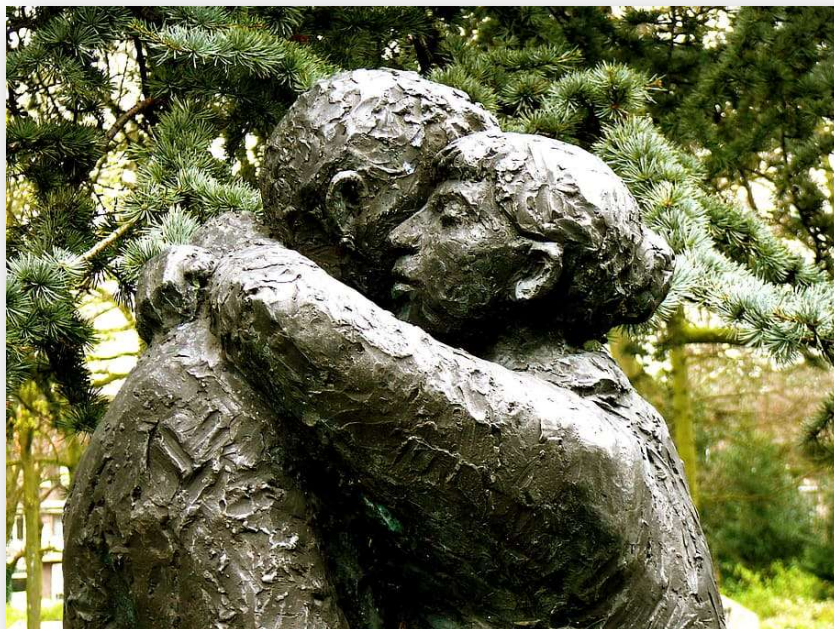
P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you. O Christ.**

**(Please be seated)**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**



# Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his  
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

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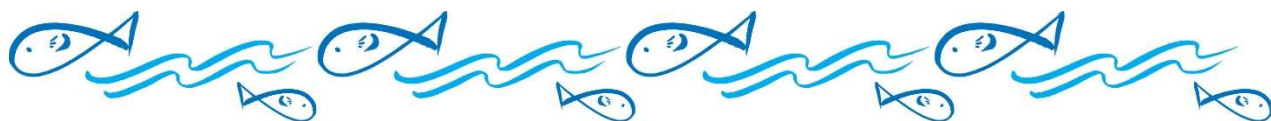
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## RESPONSE TO THE WORD: CREED AND CONFESSION

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**C: pray in the Holy Spirit.**

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

**C: Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## OFFERING

Choir Anthem: *Forever Blest is He - Handel*

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;  
 ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.  
 Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;  
 yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

### Offering Prayer

P: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*A brief silence.*

P: Hold us accountable, O God. Show your church where repentance is needed and lead us in paths of intentional compassion and listening. Help us extend hands of reconciliation and care, especially in relationships with other Christians and people of other faiths. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Reveal your miracles to us, O God. Move us to cherish you as we behold the wonders of creation. Renew the seas and the soil, the forests and the creatures that live in them. Turn us to ways of living that seek Earth's thriving. Merciful God,

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P: Inspire us to lead with honor, O God. Guide judges and legislators, police, and government officials to create and uphold just laws. Move us to treat all people with dignity and guide our conversations with one another. Merciful God,

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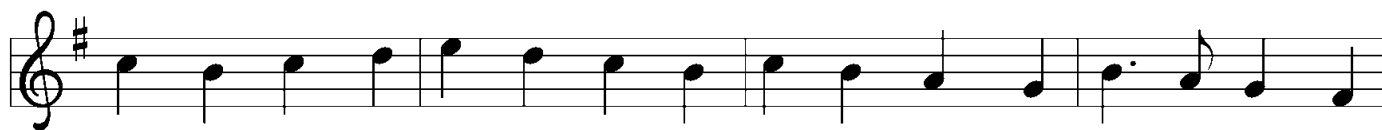
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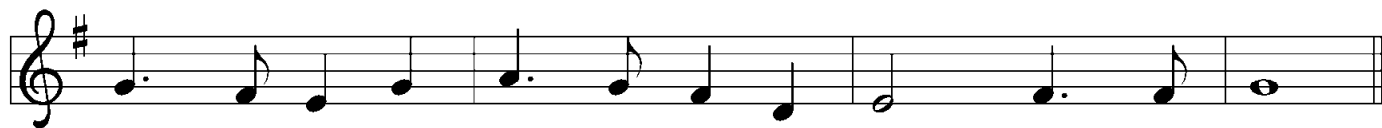
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Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for-ev - er.  
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**For those who are Homebound:**

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; and Silas Rodenbach.

**For families and friends grieving the loss of:**

Stan Aagaard; Michael Barats; Joann Gary; Betty Kreitz; Lani Schlegel; Don Seipt; Marilyn Seipt; Hal Taylor; Ann Valent

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**Helping in Worship**

Preacher	Rev. James Heckman
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Altar	Barb Naska & Dot Peterman
Acolyte	
Lector	Mary Crouse
Head / Communion Usher	Bob Fox
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Administration & Technology	Ken Anderson
Custodian	Dianna Streletz

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Porter baptized into Christ?

*Parent:* I do.

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Parent:* I do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Porter in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Sponsors:* I do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Porter and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**C: We do.**

### **Profession of Faith**

P: 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 defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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 to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

## Thanksgiving at the Font

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters: 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. At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## BAPTISM

P: Connor Jose Evra (to be known in the future as Porter Paul Genthner), I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

Sustain Porter with 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.

**C: Amen.**

P: Connor/Porter, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C: Amen.**

## WELCOME

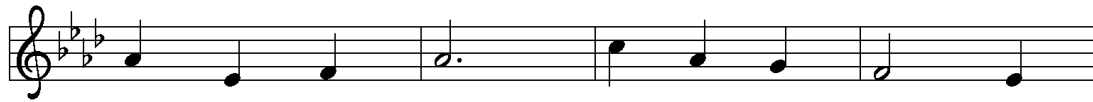
Cong. Rep: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

**Gathering Hymn: ELW 731 *Earth and All Stars***

## Earth and All Stars!



1	Earth	and	all	stars!	Loud	rush - ing	plan - ets!
2	Trum - pet	and	pipes!	Loud	clash - ing	cym - bals!	
3	En - gines	and	steel!	Loud	pound - ing	ham - mers!	
4	Class-rooms	and	labs!	Loud	boil - ing	test tubes!	
5	Knowl-edge	and	truth!	Loud	sound - ing	wis - dom!	



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Hail,	wind,	and	rain!	Loud	blow - ing	snow - storm!
Harp,	lute,	and	lyre!	Loud	hum - ming	cel - los!
Lime - stone	and	beams!	Loud	build - ing	work - ers!	
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*Refrain*

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**GREETING** (Please stand if you are able)

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

**C: And also with you.**

P: You are the treasured people of the LORD,

**C: a people holy to the Lord our God.**

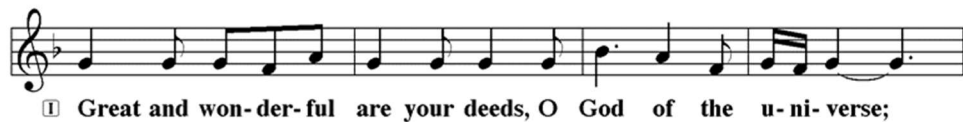
P: Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

**C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

P: One does not live by bread alone,

**C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

**SCRIPTURE SONG**



## Prayer of the Day:

L: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*(The Congregation is seated after the prayer)*

## First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11

*God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.*

L: A reading from Ezekiel, the Thirty-third chapter.

<sup>7</sup>So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

<sup>10</sup>Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

## Psalm: Psalm 119:33-40

L: <sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

**C: <sup>34</sup>Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.**

L: <sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

**C: <sup>36</sup>Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

L: <sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

**C: <sup>38</sup>Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.**

L: <sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

**C: <sup>40</sup>Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.**

## Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

*The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.*

L: A reading from Romans, the Thirteenth chapter.

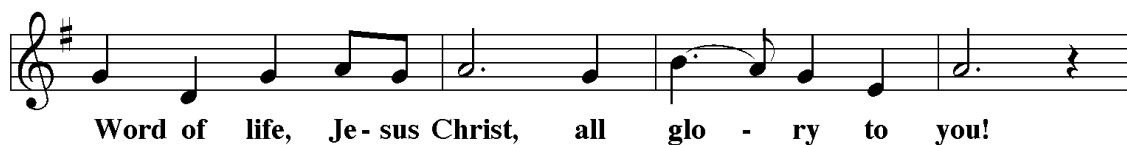
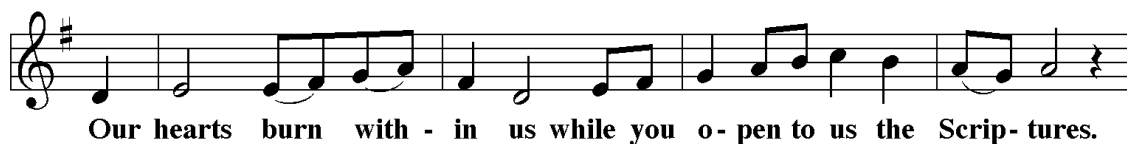
<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**Gospel Acclamation (Please stand if you are able)**





## The Gospel – Matthew 18:15-20

*Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.*

P: The Gospel according to Matthew.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you. O Christ.**

**(Please be seated)**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**



# Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his  
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

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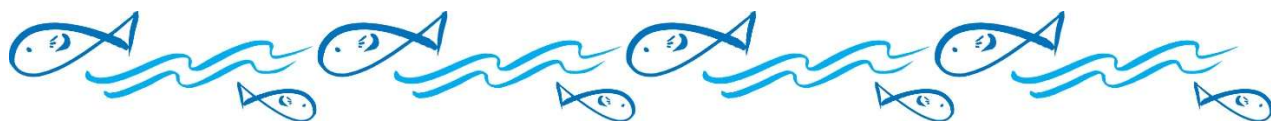
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## RESPONSE TO THE WORD: CREED AND CONFESSION

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**C: pray in the Holy Spirit.**

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

**C: Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## OFFERING

Choir Anthem: *Forever Blest is He - Handel*

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;  
 ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.  
 Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;  
 yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

### Offering Prayer

P: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*A brief silence.*

P: Hold us accountable, O God. Show your church where repentance is needed and lead us in paths of intentional compassion and listening. Help us extend hands of reconciliation and care, especially in relationships with other Christians and people of other faiths. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Reveal your miracles to us, O God. Move us to cherish you as we behold the wonders of creation. Renew the seas and the soil, the forests and the creatures that live in them. Turn us to ways of living that seek Earth's thriving. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Inspire us to lead with honor, O God. Guide judges and legislators, police, and government officials to create and uphold just laws. Move us to treat all people with dignity and guide our conversations with one another. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Help us comfort those who suffer, O God. Reassure any who are harmed by the wicked acts of others. Bring peace to all who are vulnerable, frightened, despairing, or sick (especially). Guard their waking and their sleeping. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Awaken us, O God. Challenge and encourage your people to value the vocation to which each is called. We pray for all discerning new possibilities or changing employment (especially). In all our diverse callings, teach us to love our neighbor above all else. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: Be our hope, O God. We remember with thanksgiving your disciples who died in faith (especially). May their trust in your promise be our protection and our hope. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C: 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.**

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P: The God of glory, ✝ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**



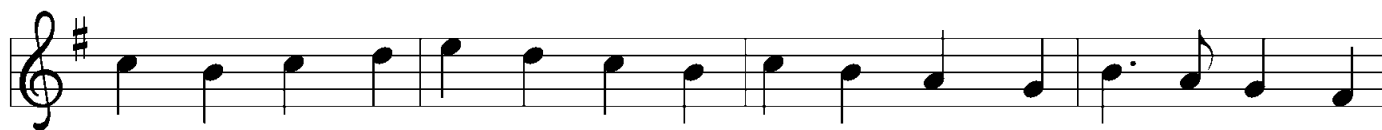
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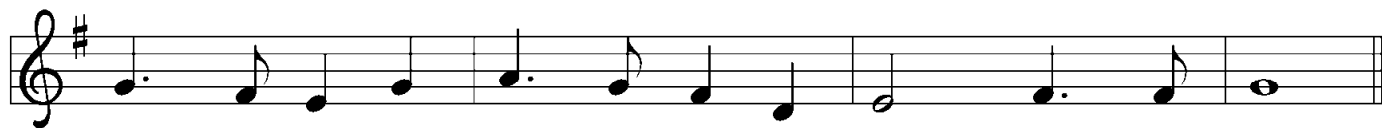
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Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for-ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



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## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, God is at work in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Postlude:



God's work.  
Our hands.

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P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Porter baptized into Christ?

*Parent:* I do.

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Parent:* I do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Porter in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Sponsors:* I do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Porter and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**C: We do.**

### **Profession of Faith**

P: 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 defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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 to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

## Thanksgiving at the Font

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters: 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. At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## BAPTISM

P: Connor Jose Evra (to be know in the future as Porter Paul Genthner), I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

Sustain Porter with 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.

**C: Amen.**

P: Connor/Porter, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C: Amen.**

## WELCOME

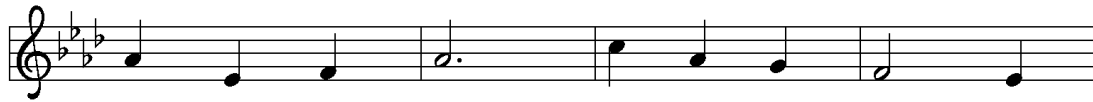
Cong. Rep: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

**Gathering Hymn: ELW 731 *Earth and All Stars***

## Earth and All Stars!



1	Earth	and	all	stars!	Loud	rush - ing	plan - ets!
2	Trum - pet	and	pipes!	Loud	clash - ing	cym - bals!	
3	En - gines	and	steel!	Loud	pound - ing	ham - mers!	
4	Class-rooms	and	labs!	Loud	boil - ing	test tubes!	
5	Knowl-edge	and	truth!	Loud	sound - ing	wis - dom!	



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Hail,	wind,	and	rain!	Loud	blow - ing	snow - storm!
Harp,	lute,	and	lyre!	Loud	hum - ming	cel - los!
Lime - stone	and	beams!	Loud	build - ing	work - ers!	
Ath - lete	and	band!	Loud	cheer - ing	peo - ple!	
Daugh - ter	and	son!	Loud	pray - ing	mem - bers!	



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*Refrain*

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**GREETING** (Please stand if you are able)

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

**C: And also with you.**

P: You are the treasured people of the LORD,

**C: a people holy to the Lord our God.**

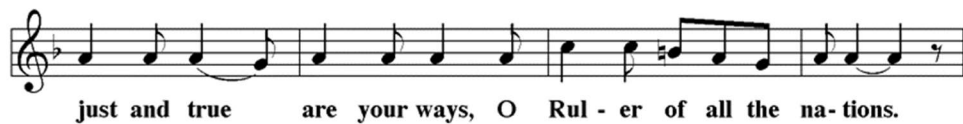
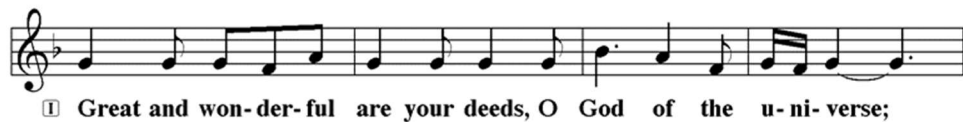
P: Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

**C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

P: One does not live by bread alone,

**C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

**SCRIPTURE SONG**



## Prayer of the Day:

L: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*(The Congregation is seated after the prayer)*

## First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11

*God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.*

L: A reading from Ezekiel, the Thirty-third chapter.

<sup>7</sup>So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

<sup>10</sup>Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

## Psalm: Psalm 119:33-40

L: <sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

**C: <sup>34</sup>Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.**

L: <sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

**C: <sup>36</sup>Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

L: <sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

**C: <sup>38</sup>Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.**

L: <sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

**C: <sup>40</sup>Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.**

## Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

*The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.*

L: A reading from Romans, the Thirteenth chapter.

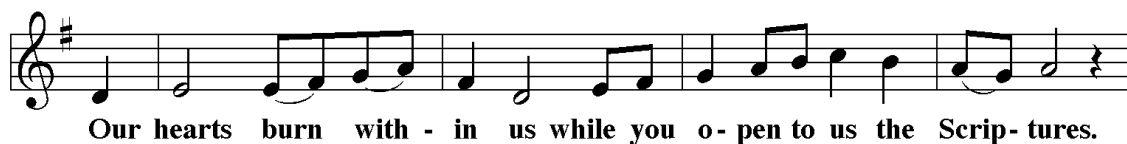
<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**Gospel Acclamation (Please stand if you are able)**



## The Gospel – Matthew 18:15-20

*Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.*

P: The Gospel according to Matthew.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

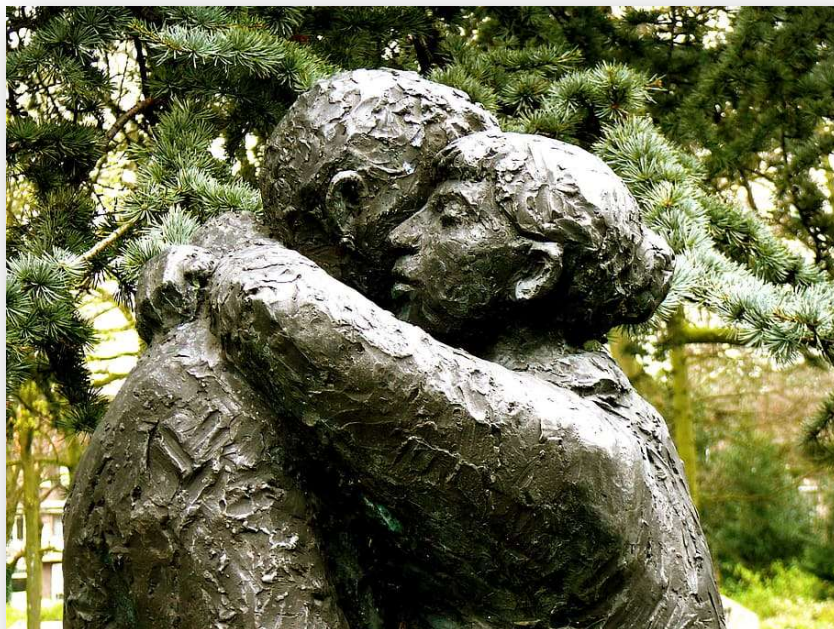
P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you. O Christ.**

**(Please be seated)**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**



# Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his  
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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## RESPONSE TO THE WORD: CREED AND CONFESSION

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**C: pray in the Holy Spirit.**

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

**C: Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## OFFERING

Choir Anthem: *Forever Blest is He - Handel*

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;  
 ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.  
 Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;  
 yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

### Offering Prayer

P: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*A brief silence.*

P: Hold us accountable, O God. Show your church where repentance is needed and lead us in paths of intentional compassion and listening. Help us extend hands of reconciliation and care, especially in relationships with other Christians and people of other faiths. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Reveal your miracles to us, O God. Move us to cherish you as we behold the wonders of creation. Renew the seas and the soil, the forests and the creatures that live in them. Turn us to ways of living that seek Earth's thriving. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Inspire us to lead with honor, O God. Guide judges and legislators, police, and government officials to create and uphold just laws. Move us to treat all people with dignity and guide our conversations with one another. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Help us comfort those who suffer, O God. Reassure any who are harmed by the wicked acts of others. Bring peace to all who are vulnerable, frightened, despairing, or sick (especially). Guard their waking and their sleeping. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Awaken us, O God. Challenge and encourage your people to value the vocation to which each is called. We pray for all discerning new possibilities or changing employment (especially). In all our diverse callings, teach us to love our neighbor above all else. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: Be our hope, O God. We remember with thanksgiving your disciples who died in faith (especially). May their trust in your promise be our protection and our hope. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C: 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

## BLESSING

P: The God of glory, ✝ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**



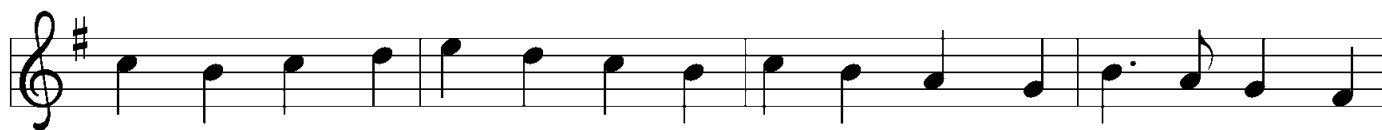
# Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for-ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free."

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## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, God is at work in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Postlude:



God's work.  
Our hands.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**BAPTISMS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY**

September	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS
<b>10</b>			Ben F. Naska, Annabel Williams
<b>12</b>	Bob Fox, Barb Naska		
<b>14</b>	Dot Peterman, Bonnie Pyne DePortillo	Karen & Hans Rilling (60)	

<b><u>THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES</u></b>		
<b>Sunday, September 10</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>  10:45 – 11:45 AM 12:00 PM	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> Connor Jose Evra Baptism (aka Porter Paul Genthner) God's Work Our Hands Card Project PALM Picnic in the Shed
Monday, September 11	7:30 PM	Church Council meeting
Tuesday, September 12	9:00 AM	<i>Care-A-Lot first day of school!</i>
Wednesday, September 13	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Thursday, September 14		No Office hours
<b><u>UPCOMING ACTIVITIES</u></b>		
<b>Sunday, September 17</b> (communion)	<b>9:30 AM</b>  After Worship	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> <i>Welcome Back Care-a-lot</i> Lemonade on the Lawn
Friday, September 15	10:00 AM	WELCA Meeting in Sanctuary
Wednesday, September 20	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Thursday, September 21	12:00 PM-3:00 PM 12:30 PM	Office hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim
<b>Sunday, September 24</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>  <b>5:00 - 5:30 PM</b> <b>5:30 - 7:30 PM</b>	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> Confirmation @ Durham Fellowship Meal Lessons/games
Wednesday, September 27	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's



**September Outreach** - Our Outreach envelopes for September have been designated for *Lutheran Disaster Response* for Maui wildfire relief.



**WELCA** will meet in the sanctuary on *Friday Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 am*. We will review what is happening in WELCA on the synodical and churchwide level. There is a lot going on. We will also look at what we are doing and what we would like to accomplish in the coming year. Helen will lead a brief Bible study taken from our WELCA's gather magazine. For those who wish, we will go out for lunch following the meeting.



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