



September 19, 2021, Worship
Encouraging a Culture of Generosity
St. Barnabas Lutheran Church, Cary, IL

Prelude

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Announcements

Generosity Chat

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Call to Worship and Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

People of God: Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Let us pray. God our comforter:

People of God: like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

People of God: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. God of promise, you stayed the hand of Abraham and fulfilled the promise you made to him, that he would father a great nation. Help us to trust that you always keep your promises to us.

People of God: Amen.

Reading: Genesis 21:1-3;22:1-14

Last week we started at the beginning of the Bible with the creation story. Now we leap over Adam and Eve, Cain killing his brother Abel, and Noah and the ark. We find ourselves at the end of Sarah and Abraham's story. God finally fulfilled the promise to make Abraham the father of a great nation. Sarah was 90 and Abraham was 100 when their son Isaac was born.

The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which

God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him.

After these things God tested Abraham. God said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided." The word of the Lord.

People of God: Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Backpack Blessing

Sermon

Rev. Sarah Wilson

Holy Baptism

Pastor: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsors: We present Walsh John Sherwood for baptism.

Pastor: Andrew and Calliemaë, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Walsh baptized into Christ?

Parents: We do.

Pastor: As you bring Walsh 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 him grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do.

Pastor: Michael and Jennifer, as sponsors do you promise to nurture Walsh 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: We do.

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

People of God: We do.

Profession of Faith

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

People of God: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

People of God: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

People of God: I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

People of God: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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

People of God: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People of God: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the dead, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you.

People of God: And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People of God: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy

Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People of God: Amen.

Baptism

Walsh John Sherwood, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People of God: Amen.

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

People of God: Amen. You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

Alleluia.

Walsh John, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

People of God: Amen.

Welcome

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

Pastor: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People of God: 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.

Song ELW# 732 Borning Cry

Gloria Peetz

"I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."

"When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun."

"In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise."

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Prayers of the People

Sisters and brothers in Christ, God invites us to bring our doubts and fears, our joys and concerns, our petitions and praise, and offer them for the earth and all its creatures.

A brief silence.

For the church universal, that our differences may be overcome and all may one day unite as one around your glorious throne. Hear us, O God.

People of God: Your mercy is great.

For waters of all types: rivers, lakes, oceans, and streams; that life may be sustained through the waters that you provide. May we be good and faithful stewards of all you have given us. Hear us, O God.

People of God: Your mercy is great.

For people of every place, that your home be made among us and your peace prevail over us, especially those places torn by war or natural disaster. Hear us, O God.

People of God: Your mercy is great.

For Walsh's baptism, Gracious God, we rejoice. May he ever feel your presence in his life, and may he always know your love and grace. Strengthen his parents, Calliema and Andrew, and give them the wisdom and patience they need as they raise their children. Thank you for his sponsors, Jennifer and Michael, and their willingness to support Walsh throughout his life. May they be strong witnesses for him throughout his life. Hear us, O God.

People of God: Your mercy is great.

For all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit especially Kathi, Darlene, Frank, Audrey, Beth, Priscilla, Tom, Lorie, Dennis, Katie, Carol, Bill, Roger, David, Robert, John, the Vogt Family, Charlie, Pastor Kara, Carol, and those we name silently or aloud; that mourning and crying and pain will be no more. Hear us, O God.

People of God: Your mercy is great.

Please offer your own prayers of joy or concern, ending with "Hear us, O God."

Receive these prayers, O God, and transform us through them, that we may have eyes to see and hearts to understand not only what you do on our behalf, but also what you call us to do so that your realm will come to fruition in glory.

People of God: Amen.

The Peace (*Please share peace by waving or showing the peace sign.*)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

People of God: And also with you

Offering (*Please place your offerings in the plates as you leave worship.*)

Let us pray. God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People of God: Amen.

Communion

The Lord be with you.

People of God: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

People of God: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People of God: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

And now let us pray with confidence in the words that Jesus taught us:

People of God: 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.

Blessing

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, † one God, bless you now and forever.

People of God: Amen.

Sending Song ELW #618 Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer
Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

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Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, shield me with your mighty arm,
shield me with your mighty arm.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises, I will raise forevermore,
I will raise forevermore.

Text: William Williams, 1717-1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722-1796, alt.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in generosity.

People of God: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Thank you to those serving us today

Pastor: Rev. Sarah Wilson

Worship Assistant: Rachel Brewer

Music: Gloria Peetz

Usher: Allen Keeger

Greeter:

Altar Guild: Karen Barkley

Sound Board: Sally Skalany

AV Tech: Mark Gates

Altar Flowers: Mark and Dawna Gates

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