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9:00 a.m. Worship – Live streaming on Facebook and YouTube
Our worship service will also be recorded
and will be available on our website www.tlcsparta.org



Prelude
Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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. Amen.

Hymn: For All the Faithful Women

For all the faithful women who served in days of old,
to you shall thanks be given; to all, their story told.
They served with strength and gladness in tasks your wisdom gave.
To you their lives bore witness, proclaimed your pow'r to save.

O God, for saints and servants, those named and those unknown,
in whom through all the ages your light of glory shone,
we offer glad thanksgiving and fervent prayer we raise
that, faithful in your service, our lives may sing your praise.

Prayer of the Day

God who answers prayer,
We are blessed and humbled that you hear us when we call to you in our time of deepest longing. Receive our gratitude for your listening ear. Amen.

1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: "O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord."

Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the Lord; my strength is exalted in my God. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory. "There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God. Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength. Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry are fat with spoil. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. The Lord kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he brings low, he also exalts. He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them he has set the world. "He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness; for not by might does one prevail. The Lord! His adversaries shall be shattered; the Most High will thunder in heaven. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed."

Gospel: Luke 1.46-55

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Sermon

Hymn: *My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness*

My soul proclaims your greatness, Lord; I sing my Savior's praise!

You looked upon my lowliness, and I am full of grace.

Now ev'ry land and ev'ry age this blessing shall proclaim—
great wonders you have done for me, and holy is your name.

To all who live in holy fear your mercy ever flows.

With mighty arm you dash the proud, their scheming hearts expose.

The ruthless you have cast aside, the lowly throned instead;
the hungry filled with all good things, the rich sent off unfed.

To Israel, your servant blest, your help is ever sure;
the promise to our parents made their children will secure.

Sing glory to the Holy One, give honor to the Word,
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all adored.

Prayers

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need, responding to each petition with the words "In mercy, receive our prayers."

We pray for the church around the world: and that, hearing you call us by name, we join with all the baptized to give you praise, even in this time of great trouble.

You are great, O God, our Redeemer: **in mercy, receive our prayers.**

We pray for the earth, the lands, the waters, the animals: that what has been destroyed or harmed be renewed; that the wildness of both storms and viruses be tamed; and that all people become faithful stewards of your good creation.

You are great, O God, our Creator: **in mercy, receive our prayers.**

We pray for the nations of the world: that violence between and within nations cease; that ELCA World Hunger, the World Food Programme of the United Nations, and other relief agencies be enabled to feed those who face starvation; that elections in the world's democracies be conducted fairly; and that the people of our country shun acts of hostility and sedition.

You are great, O God, our Sovereign: **in mercy, receive our prayers.**

On this day commemorating St. Luke, we pray for all ministries of healing: that hospitals and clinics receive adequate resources; that medical care be improved in neighborhoods of poverty, in prisons, and in refugee camps; that physicians and nurses be upheld; and that kindly hospice care be available to the dying.

You are great, O God, our Healer: **in mercy, receive our prayers.**

We pray for all in need: for all who suffer from the coronavirus; for all who are living with high anxiety; for those who are unemployed; for those evicted from their housing; for all who experience prejudice based on skin color, ethnicity, or economic status; for those we name here before you. . . . *A brief silence.*

You are great, O God, our Comforter: **in mercy, receive our prayers.**

We pray finally for ourselves: that you give us steadfastness in faith and love; and that you hear the petitions of our hearts. You are great, O God, our Friend: **in mercy, receive our prayers.**

We praise you for the centuries of the faithful who have died in the faith, and for those we remember in our hearts. . . . That at the end you will welcome us all into your presence, we pray.

You are great, O God, our Hope: **in mercy, receive our prayers.**

Hear us when we call upon you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and debit or card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt of your donation via e-mail. Thanks for your support!

Special Music: Wyatt Tripp

Offering Prayer: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

During the Great Thanksgiving, the Pastor will invite the designated communion leader to do the following: *At this time, I invite the home leader to lift up the bread and wine as I proclaim the words of institution.*

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. **Amen.**

Holy Communion

Now the communion leader will repeat after the Pastor, “This is the body of Christ given for you, this is the blood of Christ shed for you.” And then you are to distribute the bread and wine to those gathered in your home.

Prayer after Communion

God of the welcome table, in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life. **Amen.**

Blessing

Mothering God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

Hymn: For All the Faithful Women

To Hannah, praying childless before the throne of grace,
you gave a son and called him to serve before your face.
Grant us her perseverance; Lord, teach us how to pray
and trust in your deliv'rance when darkness hides our way.

All praise to God the Father! All praise to Christ the Son!

All praise to God the Spirit, who binds the church as one!
With saints who went before us, with saints who witness still,
we sing glad alleluias and strive to do your will.

Sending

For October 4th:

General fund giving, including Simply Giving, is \$5779.50
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