

**Fourth**  
*Sunday*  
*in Lent*



**WELCOME**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, fountain of living water...Your steadfast love fills the earth.  
**Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

Your love flows through water,...Your steadfast love fills the earth.  
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Your love flows through the water of baptism...Your steadfast love fills the earth.  
**Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

Shower us with your Holy Spirit....through Jesus Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **SONG**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1-13**

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14**

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## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **GOSPEL: John 9:1-41**

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

## **SONG**

*Holy Baptism*  
**EVA MARILYN HALGERSON**

**PRESENTATION**

People of God, do you promise to support Eva  
and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

**We do.**

**PROFESSION OF FAITH**

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?

**I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

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

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**BAPTISM**

**WELCOME**

*Congregation Representative* 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.

**We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a  
fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father,  
and worker with us in the kingdom of God.**

**PRAVERS OF INTERCESSION**

*(Following each petition)*

.....merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

..... through Jesus Christ our Savior, **Amen**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **OFFERING and SONG**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. **Amen.**

## **COMMUNION**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### **THE 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.**

### **DISTRIBUTION and SONGS**

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. **Amen**

#### **BLESSING**

Almighty God, grant you time out for renewal and repentance, time in for service and love, and bless you with peace. **Amen.**

#### **SONG**

#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**