Service of Baptismal Remembrance



18th Week after Pentecost 30th September 2020

—Please turn and face the baptismal font—

Invocation

L Blessed...salvation.

C Amen.

Salutation and Prayer for Baptism

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray...Grant, Lord God, to all who have been baptized into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, that, as we have put away the old life of sin, so we may be renewed in the spirit of our minds, and live in righteousness and true holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

—Follow the procession, turning as it passes you—

-sit-

Entrance Hymn

LSB 597

John 11:45-57

Reading

Homily

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Baptism

Water! Water! We praise you, O God, for water-the Mississippi, Missouri, and Meramec Rivers, the rain that nourishes animals and plants, the water for drinking and bathing. We praise you, O God, for water: **We praise you, O God, for water.**

We praise you, O God, for our water stories-a flood that cleansed the earth, the sea that drowned the enemy, a river that healed leprosy. We praise you, O God, for water: **We praise you, O God, for water.**

We remember the waters of Jesus-baptized in the Jordan River, calming the Sea of Galilee, drinking from Jacob's Well, healing at the pool of Bethesda, washing the disciples' feet. We praise you, O God, for water: **We praise you, O God, for water**. We praise you, O God, for this font, for you breathe into this water to wash away our sin and birth us each day into your peace and joy. We praise you, O God, for baptism: **We praise you, O God, for baptism.**

O God, you are the Ocean, sustaining this earth.

O God, you are the River, saving us from death.

O God, you are the Fountain, granting us health and well-being.

We praise you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

today, tomorrow, forever.

Amen, and amen:

Amen, and amen.

Affirmation of Baptism

- P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?
- C Yes, I do.
- P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?
- C Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
- P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?
- C Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- C Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
- P We rejoice with one another with thankful hearts that we have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. We have confessed the faith and been absolved of our sins. As we continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in us will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
- C Amen.

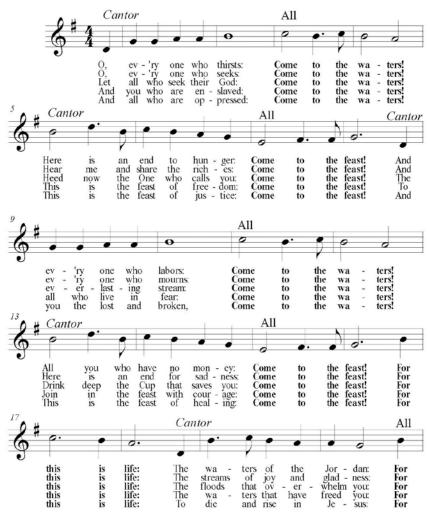
Hymn

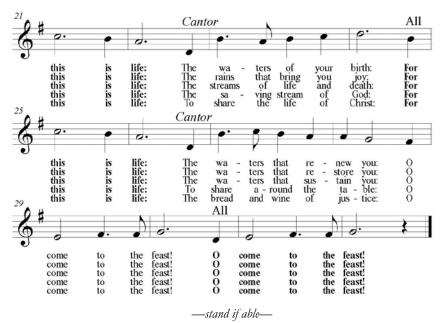
Come to the Feast

During the singing of the hymn all are invited to come to the bowl at the front of the nave and remember their baptism. Pulpit side and south transept will proceed first, then the lectern side and north transept and balcony. Please proceed down the center aisle. One possible way of remembrance would be to dip your hand in the water and make the sign of the cross and pray a prayer in thanksgiving for your baptism. Prayers are provided on the back page of the service folder.

The assembly sings the following phrases that are interspersed throughout the song on this and the following page.

Come to the waters. (O) Come to the feast. For this is life.





Communal Prayers

Communal prayers allow the opportunity for the entire seminary community individually, and yet as one, to intercede for the church, the world, and all those in need. The intercessor will begin the prayers with the first three bids on page 265 and then offer additional bids. Then the assembly is invited to offer bids aloud. Please speak as loudly as possible so that all may hear. The bids are offered in the following fashion:

Intercessor: For. . . let us pray to the Lord; Assembly: Lord, have mercy.

During the prayers there will be an opportunity to name those who are preparing for or who have recently received baptism, confirmation, or membership in the church. You are encouraged to voice aloud at that time the names of those you know who are preparing for these rites or who have recently experienced them.

Concluding Prayer

assembly prays together

Almighty God, who has promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in your Son's name: we implore you mercifully to incline your ear to us who have now made our prayers and petitions unto you; and grant that those things which we have asked faithfully according to your will, may be obtained essentially, to the relief of our necessity, and to the proclamation of your glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (Concluding Collect of the Great Litany)

Blessing

Prayers in Thanksgiving for Baptism

O God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in whose name we have been baptized, grant that we may evermore appreciate that inestimable gift. You have called us by name; keep us always as Your own. You have delivered us from the power of the evil one; help us by Your spirit to renounce him day by day. O God, we thank You for our baptism; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

O heavenly Father, who has taught us by Your holy apostle that we are buried with Christ by baptism into death, that just as He was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life: Grant that we may walk in the new life of our baptism, so that the old Adam in us may be drowned and destroyed by daily sorrow and repentance, together with all sins and evil lusts; and that again a new person may daily come forth and arise; who will live in the presence of God in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

<u>The Servants of the Word</u> Preacher: Rev. Tyler Arnold Liturgist: Seminarian Adam Rouse Assistant: Dean of the Chapel Kent Burreson Organist: Director of Music Arts James Marriott

We welcome the Board of Regents of Concordia Seminary to campus today and Rev. Arnold from the Board as our guest preacher.

Rev. Dr. Tyler C. Arnold serves as Senior Pastor at Christ Lutheran in Platte Woods, MO and is a Fellow in the DOXOLOGY Collegium of Pastors. He is a 1995 graduate of Concordia University, River Forest, IL, and a 1999 graduate of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. He completed his Doctor of Ministry degree at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne in 2019. He served as Circuit Visitor for the Kansas City North Circuit for nine years. He served on numerous committees for the Missouri District including Chairman of the District Structure and Administration Committee. Currently, he serves on the Board of Regents at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Rev. Arnold is married to Andrea (nee Thur) and has two children, Jacob and Benjamin.

JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME YESTERDAY AND TODAY AND FOREVER

Concordia Seminary Chapel of St. Timothy & St. Titus 9:35 am 1 October 2020

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