Joys & Concerns

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GREETING

- P In the name of the Father, in the name of the Son, in the name of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- P In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.
- P We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.
- C Amen.

J Hymn This Little Light of Mine

1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

- 2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine; ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine; ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
- 3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine; Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine; Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Prayer of the Day

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Word of God

Acts 9:1-20

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and

here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." The Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 30

I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me. O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.

You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave. Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance. You have turned my wailing into dancing.

God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime. Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning. While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.

You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains." Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear. I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with my Lord, saying,

"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness? Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper." You have turned my wailing into dancing.

You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy. Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;

O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever. You have turned my wailing into dancing.

Revelation 5:11-14

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped. The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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□ <u>THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION</u>

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia

The Holy Gospel is Announced

C Glory to you, O Lord

John 21:1-19

After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

C Glory to you, **O** Christ. (*Please be seated* $\mathbf{\nabla}$)

SKITS Little Bit & Hello God

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G Hymn Lean on Me

Sometimes in our lives, We all have pain, We all have sorrow But if we are wise, We know that there's always tomorrow

Lean on me, When you're not strong And I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on... For it won't be long, Till I'm gonna need somebody to lean on Please swallow your pride, If I have things you need to borrow For no one can fill, Those of your needs that you won't let show

You just call on me brother when you need a hand We all need somebody to lean on

I just might have a problem that you'll understand We all need somebody to lean on

Lean on me, When you're not strong And I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on... For it won't be long, Till I'm gonna need somebody to lean on

You just call on me brother, When you need a hand We all need somebody to lean on

I just might have a problem that you'll understand We all need somebody to lean on

If there is a load you have to bear, That you can't carry I'm right up the road, I'll share your load If you just call me, Call me

If you need a friend (Call me) Call me (call me)

If you need a friend (Call me)

If you ever need a friend (Call me)

Call me

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

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

Prayers of Intercession

A Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

 $\sim A$ brief silence \sim

- A Holy One of new beginnings, fill us with new life. Send us into the world as you sent your apostles Philip and James, to invite people to come and see your wondrous acts in Christ. God, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- A Accompany laborers who get little rest from their work. Give them hope when they struggle to produce what they need. Give all who labor fair treatment and just wages. God, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- A Restore all people who cry to you for help especially Paula, Darcy, Mark, Faith, Keith, Luke, Lorraine, Shanda, Janet, Susan & Matt, Cashton, Mason, Viola, Felicia, Cindy, Earl, Joy, Gayle, Maxine, Nebraskan Forest Fires & all those in our hearts. Turn their mourning into dancing, clothe them with joy, and put a testimony of healing and praise on their lips. God, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your lifegiving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C Amen.

P The peace of Christ be with you always. C and also with you. ~Sharing of the Peace~

~Sharing of Tithes and Offerings~

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THE OFFERTORY Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful ELW #182

↓ Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer

P Lift up your hearts!

- A Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

- P The Lord be with you. C And also with you.
 - C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give God thanks and praise
- P Let us praise his name and join their unending hymn

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Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER Spoken

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.

Invitation to Communion

P The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

All who believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and the cup, to forgive sin and to strengthen us for daily life, are welcome at and invited to God's Table to receive Holy Communion. If you are unable to come forward, communion can be brought to you.

Communion

Instrumental

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TABLE BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

- A We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.
- C Amen.

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<u>BLESSING</u>: Auf Wierdersehen (sung to the tune of Edelweiss) May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever. Grant you peace, perfect peace, strength in every endeavor. Lift up your eyes and see His face, and His grace forever. May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever. (Repeat)

Benediction May God bless you and keep you May God's face shine upon you May God always be with you And give you peace.

Dismissal A Alleluia! Christ is risen. C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

C Thanks be to God.

Birthdays & Anniversaries May 1st Mary Lou Kolls 4th Madison Kastning 16!!!

Looking Forward: Please be sure to mark your calendars!!

| Sun May 1 st | Youth Sunday |
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| Wed May 4 th | Bible Study @ 3:00pm <u>Last one until fall</u> |
| Fri May 6 th | Celebrating Seniors @ 9am BYO Lunch |
| Sat May 14th | Book Club @ 10am |
| Mon May 16 th | Council Meeting @ 6:30pm |
| Thurs May 26 th | Men's Club at Angelo's @ 6:00pm |

| Weekly Giving for St. John's | | |
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| General Offering/Tithe for Previous Week: | \$942.00 | |
| Attendance for Previous Week | 33 | |
| Budgeted Income Year-to-Date: (what we should have) | \$40,914.42 | |
| Actual Income Year-to-Date: (what we have received) | \$34,996.97 | |
| Year-to-Date Total: Overage/(Shortage) | (\$5,917.45) | |
| Year-to-Date Percentage of Budget: | 85.5% | |

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