A Community Sent:

With Kingdom Power and Purpose



WELCOME

OPENING SONG "Build Your Kingdom Here"

INVOCATION

- P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- P: As you come to Him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house,
- C: to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God though Jesus Christ.
- P: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession,
- C: that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. (1 Peter 2:4-5, 9)
- P: The apostle Peter wrote these things to the early church, trusting and believing that God had sent His people, His church into the world with kingdom power and purpose sent to be a nation (a spiritual nation) that displays God's love in word and deed; sent to bear witness about the excellence of Christ who brought them out of darkness into His marvelous light. At many times and in various ways the darkness of sin corrupts us and causes us to forget God's kingdom purposes for our lives. We forget we have been sent into the world for His good purposes and with His power, so for this we repent and confess all sins of body and soul and turn to our Redeemer who has brought us out of darkness into His marvelous light:

CONFESSION OF SINS

Please take a moment for silent confession

P: Almighty God,

C: have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

FORGIVENESS OF SINS

- P: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus was sent into our world that was filled with the darkness of sin. And Jesus, the Light, overcame the darkness through his life, death, and resurrection. For His sake God forgives you all your sins. As a called, ordained and sent servant of Christ and by His authority I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- *P:* Once you were not a people.
- C: But now we are God's People.
- P: Once you were held captive to sin without mercy,
- C: but now we have received mercy and we are free.

Please be seated

SONG

"Church of God, Elect and Glorious"

LSB 646 vs. 1-2, 4

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 19:1-6

On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. ² They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, ³ while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: ⁴ 'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶ and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

E: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



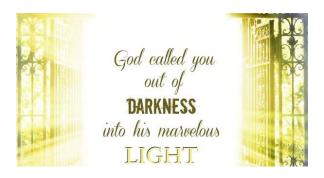
NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Peter 2:1-10

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. ²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation — ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." ⁷ So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," ⁸ and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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Please stand

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:18-22

¹⁸ While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

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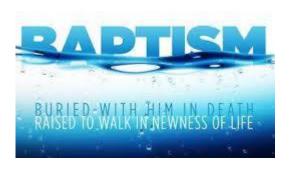
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SONG "No Longer Slaves"

HOLY BAPTISM Levi Michael Spaulding

Pastor Ben Spaulding

parents: Pastor Ben and Gini Spaulding sponsors: Matthew and Shannon Lorenz



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OFFERING SONG ""How Shall They Hear," Who Have Not Heard"

LSB 831

(sung to LSB 571)

MESSAGE Pastor John Davis

Please stand

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

(Matthew 6: 9 - 13)

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

- P: "The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?
- C: Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread." (1 Corinthians 10:16-17)
- P: The Lord's Supper is a way in which believers in Jesus Christ proclaim the Lord's death and resurrection until He comes, and we look forward to the day when we will join in the feast that has no end. Today, that proclamation is one that resounds here and in your homes and brings the blessings of Holy Communion to you wherever you are. Let us proclaim what we are about to receive, speaking together the words with which our Savior instituted this sacred meal.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- ALL: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- ALL: In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."
- *P:* The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

"We Labor Unto Glory"
"On Galilee's High Mountain"

LSB 835 vs. 1-5

Please stand

BLESSING OF THE CHIDREN



COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord look upon you with favor

→ and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)

C: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

"Build Your Kingdom Here"