



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



## BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 12, 2025 - 10:00 AM - in the Sanctuary



Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

As disciples of Christ seeking peace and justice in the world, we welcome, affirm, and include all people into the fullness of God's love. We celebrate people of all races, cultures, ages, sexual orientations, gender identities, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic statuses, appearances, family status and citizenship as equally loved and valued in the eyes of God and in this place. All are invited to join this community as we worship God, grow in faith, and strive to love and serve one another. All, without exception, are welcome in this place.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of her aunt, Ann Cuthbert Daniel by Roy and Kay Cook.

# SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister and Preaching	Susan Crowell
Assisting Minister	Patrick Preacher
Organist and Choir Director	Jim Parham
Lector	Carl Witherspoon
Prayers	Bri Kerbuski
Communion Assistant	Chris Sorenson
Cantor	Jeff Rehm
Acolyte	Paul Godfrey Harper Roth
Children's Worship Activity Leaders	Maria Roberts Lara Wannemacher
Nursery	Melissa Kolb
Praying for Possibilities	Jeff Rehm
Greeters	Mark Allen Deirdre Hixson Lani Ludian Jane Mortensen Lyle Mortensen Sarah Weeks
Ushers	Carol Elliott Samuel Godfrey Calvin Harmon Pattimarie Janssen
Fellowship Hosts	Fagala Family
Video	Henry Wilcox
Audio	Gregg Alley

# GATHERING

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

HOLY BAPTISM

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

In baptism our gracious heavenly parent frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

*The sponsor presents the candidates.*

On behalf of the Trinity family we present Clayton and Dovie for baptism.

JL, Anne, Danny, Jesse and Madelyn, do you promise to support Clayton and Dovie in their new life in Christ?

*Response:*

**We do.**

Clayton and Dovie do you wish to be baptized?

*Response:*

**We do.**

As you bring Clayton and Dovie to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with them among God's faithful people,  
bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in their hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture them in faith and prayer,  
so that they may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Clayton and Dovie grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Response:*

**We do.**

*Please stand as able*

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce 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. Amen.**

The Lord is with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. Christ sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your children, no longer slave and free, no longer lonely and isolated, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:*

Clayton Calvin/Dovie Rae Beason

I baptize you in the name of the Father,

*Water is poured on the candidate's head a second time:*

and of the Son,

*Water is poured on the candidate's head a third time:*

and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## BAPTISMAL ACCLAMATION

You be - long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized.

al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Clayton/Dovie with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:*

Clayton Calvin Dykes/Dovie Rae Beason Dykes, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

Let us welcome Clayton and Dovie into our church family.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:  
join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and  
redeeming word to all the world.**

*Those who have gathered at the font may share the peace before returning to their seats.*

**We are baptized in Christ Jesus, we are baptized in his death;  
that as Christ is raised victorious, we might live a brand new life.**

**And if we have been united in a dreadful death like his,  
we will all be reunited, for he lives.**

**In the water and the witness, in the breaking of the bread,  
in the waiting arms of Jesus who is raised from the dead,  
God has made a new beginning from the ashes of our past;  
in the losing and the winning we hold fast.**

**Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son,  
glory to the Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one;  
as it was in the beginning, glory now resounds again  
in a song that has no ending. . . Amen**

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all.

**And also with you.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Cantor



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Gracious God, we live in a world that seeks to define us by our failures and frailties, our shortcomings, our sins, our fears, our moments of less-than-ness, our mistakes, our poor choices, and our regrets, but you, in your great love for us, for all of us, look past our human foibles and see only beauty, grace, healing, and wholeness. Our value and worth is determined by your naming, claiming, and commandeering of our lives. In baptism, you liberate us to live lives of holiness, to shine love and light into the world, to be your beloved children who are capable of great and glorious things. Call us back to our baptism. Call us to the font for baptism. Remind us that our very lives are held in your hands; in the name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## WORD

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

A reading from Isaiah.

- <sup>1</sup> But now thus says our GOD,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.
- <sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.
- <sup>3</sup> For I am your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
- <sup>4</sup> Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.
- <sup>5</sup> Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;
- <sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my children from far away  
and my little dear ones from the end of the earth—
- <sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

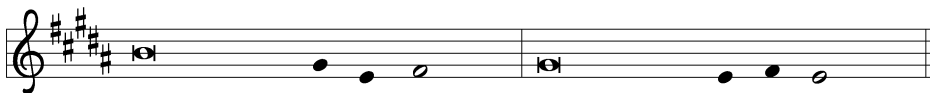
The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm  
Refrain



Psalm  
Tone



- 1 Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.
- 2 **Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.**
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.
- 4 **The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor. R**
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;
- 6 **the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**
- 7 The voice | of the LORD  
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.
- 8 **The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh. R**
- 9 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare.  
And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, "Glory!"
- 10 **The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.**
- 11 O LORD, give strength | to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace. **R**

<sup>14</sup> Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup> The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup> (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup> Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*Baptism, Belonging, and Bravery*

*Please stand as able*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the third chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. That one will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear the threshing floor and to gather the wheat into the granary; but the chaff will be burned with unquenchable fire." <sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

*Please stand as able*

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Spirit of Gentleness*

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*Refrain*

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness  
calling and free; Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

**You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing:**

**“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.”** *Refrain*

**You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.** *Refrain*

**You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;  
and down in the city you called once again,  
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.** *Refrain*

**You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.  
From bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.**

**With bold new decisions your people arise.** *Refrain*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

You call us by name and form us. We give thanks for the gift of baptism. Daily affirm our baptismal calling: to live among God’s faithful people; to hear the word of God and share in the holy supper; to share the good news of God in Christ through word and deed; to serve all people, following the example of Jesus; and to strive for justice and peace in all the world. Equip us for the good work of discipleship. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your voice sounds over the waters. Speak words of healing over the creeks, rivers, lakes, seas, and oceans. Remind us of our baptisms each time we feel a drop of rainwater or accidentally step into a puddle. Heeding your voice, lead us to care for water, and the land and creatures it nourishes. Bring your healing and quenching waters to Los Angeles and the surrounding areas as they battle yet another round of wildfires. Protect vulnerable people and animals in the fire's path. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

You give strength to your people. Uphold all who serve the common good. Guide federal and state legislators, city and county officials, judges and juries. Strengthen our resolve to serve all in need. When we feel frustrated or disappointed by civil leaders and government, inspire us to use our voices and resources to be part of the change you are authoring in our world. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

You are with us in challenging times. Draw near to all who are ill, undergoing treatment, or recovering from surgery, especially those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Accompany individuals and families affected by addiction or mental health challenges. Uphold each person as your beloved. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

You draw us into community. Embolden ministries of racial reconciliation, nurture work on behalf of immigrants and refugees, continue encouraging your people to speak out on behalf of the LGBTQIA+ community. Equip each of us to use our gifts for the sake of neighbors near and far. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for the baptism of Clayton Dykes and Dovie Dykes. Having passed through your waters, they begin their lifelong journey as followers of Jesus. We pray that each of them may never go a day without feeling the power of your radical love. As you have clothed them in Christ, so clothe them in abundant grace to share with the world. Strengthen family, chosen family, and friends who strive to raise Clayton and Dovie in the faith. Bless and strengthen JL and Andy to be faithful parents, so that their family might bear witness to your inclusive love for all people. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

You grant us peace. Comfort all who grieve. Dwell with us in this life and, at the last, join us with the saints whom you have created, formed, and named. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

**Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ is with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.*

*Please be seated*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day*  
setting by Richard Shepherd

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day: I would my true love did so chance  
To see the legend of my play, To call my true love to my dance:  
Sing O my love. This have I done for my true love.

Then was I born of a virgin pure, Of her I took fleshly substance;  
Thus was I knit to man's nature, To call my true love to my dance:  
Sing O my love. This have I done for my true love.

In a manger laid and wrapped I was, So very poor this was my chance,  
Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass, To call my true love to my dance:  
Sing O my love. This have I done for my true love.

Then afterwards baptized I was; The Holy Ghost on me did glance,  
My Father's voice heard from above, To call my true love to my dance:  
Sing O my love. This have I done for my true love.

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day: I would my true love did so chance  
To see the legend of my play, To call my true love to my dance:  
Sing O my love. This have I done for my true love.

*Please stand as able*

**As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to thy lowly bed,  
there to bend the knee before thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;  
so may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.**

**As they offered gifts most rare at thy cradle rude and bare,  
so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king.**

Let us pray. God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,  
**and your abundance to the depths of the seas.**

**Bless what we offer to your service:  
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.**

**Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,  
now and always.**

**Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;  
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son,  
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

#### 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.**



## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

*Please be seated*

## COMMUNION

*All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Both wine and grape juice are available in the split chalice— wine in the larger section and grape juice in the smaller section. Christ's grace and forgiveness is found in the bread, wine, and the grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available.*

*At the direction of the ushers, worshippers are invited to move to the front of the center aisle to dip the wafer into the chalice to receive Communion by intinction.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*The Morning Trumpet*  
Hymn by R. F. White (*Sacred Harp* 1847)  
arranged for Handbells by Linda R. Lamb

Handbell Choir

*Baptized and Set Free*

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**We are people created, chosen by God.  
Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.  
Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door  
to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.**

**We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed.  
Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed.  
For whatever the need, God is greater indeed:  
endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.**

**We are nourished by water, all living things,  
and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.  
As we journey toward home, may your presence be known:  
precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.**

**Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.  
All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.  
Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be  
one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!**

**O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with  
God's own truth and light, aglow with grace and mercy!  
Of Jacob's line, King David's son, our Lord and Savior,  
you have won our hearts to serve you only! Lowly,  
holy! Great and glorious, all victorious, rich  
in blessing! Rule and might o'er all possessing!**

**Come, precious diamond, light divine, and deep within  
our hearts now shine; there light a flame undying!  
In your one body let us be as living branches  
of a tree, your life our lives supplying. Now, through  
daily earth's deep sadness may perplex us and  
distress us yet with heav'nly joy you bless us.**

**Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there  
falls from God above a ray of purest pleasure.  
Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood refresh our souls with  
heav'nly food. You are our dearest treasure! Let your  
mercy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For  
you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.**

**Almighty Father, in your Son you loved us,  
when not yet begun was this old earth's foundation!  
Your Son has ransomed us in love to live in him here  
and above: this is your great salvation. Alleluia!**

**Christ the living, to us giving life  
forever, keeps us yours and fails us never!**

**Oh, let the harps break forth in sound! Our joy  
be all with music crowned, our voices gaily blending!  
For Christ goes, with us all the way— today, tomorrow,  
ev'ry day! His love is never ending! Sing out!  
Ring Out! Jubilation! Exultation! Tell the Story!  
Praise to Christ, who reigns in glory!**

**What joy to know, when life is past, the Lord  
we love is first and last, the end and the beginning!  
He will one day, oh, glorious grace, transport us  
to that happy place beyond all tears and sinning!  
Amen! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! Crown of gladness!  
We are yearning for the day of your returning.**

**Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
manifested by the star to the sages from afar,  
branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem:  
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**

**Manifest at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest, and king supreme;  
and at Cana wedding guest in thy Godhead manifest;  
manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine;  
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**

**Manifest in making whole weakened body, fainting soul;  
manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might;  
manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill:  
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**

**Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, present in thy holy word;  
grace to imitate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;  
that we might become like thee at thy great epiphany,  
and may praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.**

*Please stand as able*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Nourishing God,  
at this table you have refreshed us  
with holy gifts of food and drink.  
Strengthen us for service,  
and send us out to embody your good news  
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.  
In the name of Christ we pray,

**Amen.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God  
✝ bless you with joy,  
anoint you with compassion,  
and send you in love.

**Amen**

### SENDING HYMN

*Arise, Your Light Has Come!*

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**Arise, your light has come! The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.**

**Arise, your light has come! Fling wide the prison door;  
proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.**

**Arise, your light has come! All you in sorrow born,  
bind up the broken hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.**

**Arise, your light has come! The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.**

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace.

Trust in God.

Trust that the waters of baptism will hold you, will bless, strengthen, sustain, and carry you.  
You, all of you, belong to God.

You are precious in God's sight.

Bask in the knowledge that your life has great value and worth because Jesus, in baptism,  
says it is so.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Following worship, everyone is invited  
to gather for refreshments and fellowship.*



*Baptized and Set free*

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