



The Nicene Creed: Holy Spirit: Giver of Life & Joy

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Our mission: to share our faith in Christ by serving all with respectful compassion.

GATHERING

Gathering Music: *Capriccio "Cucu" 17 July 1679*

Johann Kaspar Kerll

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *The Cuckoo*

Louis Claude Daquin

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God: the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **C: Amen.**

L: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

L: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden.

C: In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock.

L: When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

C: At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

L: We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.

C: Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

L: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Song: Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

ELW #401

1. Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading, fashion us all anew.
It's your leading that we're needing, help us to follow you.

REFRAIN: Come, come, come, Holy Spirit come.

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2. Come to teach us, come to nourish those who believe in Christ.
Bless the faithful, may they flourish, strengthened by grace unpriced. (refr.)
3. Guide our thinking and our speaking done in your holy name.
Motivate all in their seeking, freeing from guilt and shame. (refrain)
4. Not mere knowledge, but discernment, nor rootless liberty;
Turn disquiet to contentment, doubt into certainty. (refrain)
5. Keep us fervent in our witness, unswayed by earth's allure.
Ever grant us zealous fitness, which you alone assure. (refrain)

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Glory to You, God

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1. Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;
Yours is the promise, the blessing the birth.
Ours the rejoicing for Word given frame;
Ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;
Yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.
2. Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;
Yours the hosannas, the dying, rebirth.
Ours the rejoicing for nature reclaimed;
Ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;
Yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.
3. Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;
Yours the anointing, the radiant worth.
Ours the rejoicing for spirits aflame;
Ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;
Yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.

L: We pray together the Prayer of the Day...

C: God our Father, you have revealed to us the wondrous mystery of your life, sending your Son in to the world and sharing with us your Spirit of holiness and joy. Let us rejoice in the Spirit, who renews the face of the earth and draws us towards unity. We confess our faith in you, the One God, three times Holy: Father, Son, and Spirit. Blessed are you, now and forever and ever. Amen.

WORD

1st Reading: Ezekiel 36:24-28

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading from Psalm 104:24-25, 27-29, 33-34

L: How manifold are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

C: Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.

L: All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.

C: You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

L: When you hide your face, they are terrified;

C: when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

L: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.

C: May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the Lord.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel Reading: John 3:4-8

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Time

Sermon

Rev. Tammy Bull

Hymn of the Day: This Is the Spirit's Entry Now

ELW #448

1. This is the Spirit's entry now: the water and the word,
The cross of Jesus on your brow, the seal both felt and heard.
2. This miracle of life reborn comes from the Lord of breath;
The sinless one from life was torn; our life comes through his death.
3. Let water be the sacred sign that we must die each day
To rise again by his design as foll'wers of his way.
4. Renewing Spirit, hear our praise for your baptismal pow'r
That washes us through all our days. Come, cleanse again this hour.

Nicene Creed

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us, and for our salvation, he came down from heaven; and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and was made human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. On the third day he rose from the dead in accordance with the scriptures.

He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. Who, with the Father and the Son, is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People (each petition ends... "Hear us O God... **your mercy is great.**")

Sharing the Peace of Christ

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

MEAL

Offering: (At this time we bring our gifts and offerings to God in gratitude and joy. In response to God's love, we care for others in the name of Jesus. We do this, in part, through a church-wide commitment to speaking the truth, welcoming the stranger, and loving the sojourner. We appreciate your gifts of time, money, energy, and prayers to this work! If you are our guest today - either in person or online – we invite you to join us in caring for God's people and God's world!)

Offertory: *Meditation on "Veni Creator Spiritus"* R. Maurus/arr. D. E. Wagner

Offering Response: Create in Me

ELW #186

Offertory Prayer: C: Abiding God, under the cover of winter's darkness, you bring forth life. Nourish us with earth's bounty, that we may freely share the gifts you have first given us, through the one who gives his life for the world, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer

P: In the night [...] Let us pray with confidence the prayer Jesus taught:

C: 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

Be Known to Us

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Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
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Alleluia.

Hymn during Communion: Rise, O Sun of Righteousness

ELW #657

1. Rise, O Sun of righteousness; with your might creation bless.
Shine upon your church today, showing all your gentle way.

Refrain: Have mercy, Lord.

2. Rouse our hearts from slumber deep; may your word within us leap.
Give us voices to proclaim praises to your holy name. (refrain)

3. Gather in your scattered flock; give us water from the rock.
Bless the unity we share in our shepherd's loving care. (refrain)

4. Burst the bars of stubborn pride; make the heav'nly pathway wide.
Raise us up from sin and death with your Spirit's living breath. (refrain)

5. Honor, praise, and glory be to the holy Trinity!
May your gracious will be done: make us one, as you are one. (refrain)

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us, unite us,
and keep us in his grace. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us all pray... **C: We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING

L: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and
your minds in (+) Christ Jesus. **C: Amen.**

Sending Song: We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus

ELW #451

1. 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.
2. In the water and the witness, in the breaking of the bread,
In the waiting arms of Jesus who is risen from the dead,
God has made a new beginning from the ashes of our past;
In the losing and the winning we hold fast.
3. 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... A-men.

L: Go in peace. Christ is your light. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: *Morecambe 1870*

F. C. Atkinson/arr. Mark Hayes

Accompanist: James Rickley

Cantor: Gaynell Tempel

Acolyte:

Reader: Holly Hesper

Communion Asst:

Fellowship: Hesper

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ANNOUNCEMENTS for the Week of February 9:

- Tues. 2/11: Altar Care team meeting 10:00 am at the church.
Progressive Ministerial Assn. Noon – 2 pm in the Library.
- Wed. 2/12: Confirmation Class from 2:30 – 3:30 pm in the sanctuary.
WOW! children's ministry meets from 6-7 pm in the Social Hall.
Adult study considers spiritual practices - 7 pm in the Library
- Thu. 2/13: GF Community Band rehearses at 7 pm in the Fireside Room
- Fri. 2/14: Valentine's Bingo 6:30 – 8 pm in the Social Hall

February Special Offering benefits Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp scholarships.

Keeping in Prayer... Peggy, Bob, Carol, Bud & Linda; Susan; Jane; Barbara & Jerry; Sumner; Carrie; Sue; Dee; Lois & Frank; Rebecca; Danny; Triston; MaryAnn; Carl & Harley; Ann; Arvin; Beth; Arnie; Peggy & Larry; Sandy; Noah; Dorothy; Toni; Scott; Haley; Esther; Reta; Elaine.

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