

# Faith Lutheran Church

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## PRELUDE

*Please stand as you are able.*

## PASTORAL WELCOME

*Faith's Mission is to openly share the saving grace of Jesus' love.*

## SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM FOR GIANNI NICOLAS CASTRO, MORGAN ADELE FABER & NEW MEMBER WELCOME OF KEVIN & GRACE FABER

## PRESENTATION

P God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

*Sponsors present the candidates:*

I present Gianni Nicolas Castro for baptism.

I present Morgan Adele Faber for baptism.

P Parents, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your children baptized into Christ?

*Response: I do.*

P As you bring your children 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 your child 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 your children grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Response: I do.*

P Sponsors, do you promise to nurture these children in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Response: I do.*

*A representative of the congregation presents those making affirmation of their baptism:*

I present Kevin Andrew and Grace Morgan Faber, who desires to make public affirmation of their baptism.

- P Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for this sister and brother, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.
- C **Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

- P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.  
Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C **I renounce them.**

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

C **I renounce them.**

- P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C **I renounce them.**

- P Do you believe in God the Father?

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

- P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C **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 into hell.  
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.**

- P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C **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.**

- P People of God, do you promise to support Gianni and Morgan who are baptized today, and Kevin and Grace who are making public affirmation of their baptism, and to pray for them in their life in Christ?

C **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

- P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

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

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

P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*You may be seated.*

### **BAPTISM**

P Gianni, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Morgan, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

C **You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia!**

P Let us pray.

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

Sustain Gianni/Morgan 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.**

Gianni/Morgan, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C **Amen.**

### **WELCOME**

*A lighted candle is given to the newly baptized as a representative of the congregation says:*

P Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

P Let us welcome the newly baptized and rejoice with those making public affirmation of baptism.

C **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

### **HYMN OF PRAISE: YOU ARE MINE ELW 581**

### **GREETING**

P 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

*You may be seated.*

## FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 51:1-6

A The First Lesson is from the 51st chapter of Isaiah.

Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah, who bore you, for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation, for a teaching will go out from me and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly; my salvation has gone out, and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth beneath, for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats, but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

## PSALM 138 *read responsively.*

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

**All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

**The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

**You will make good your purpose for me; O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

## SECOND LESSON: Romans 12:1-8

A The Second Lesson is from the 12th chapter of Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of

Ministry, gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**



*Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.*

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### **GOSPEL**

#### **Matthew 16:13-20**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*You may be seated*

### **SERMON**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Hymn of the Day:** *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* ELW 338

*You may be seated.*

### **FAITH MISSION MOMENT & GOD SIGHTINGS**

*Please stand as you are able.*

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

Holy God, we pray for our church and community...God of grace,  
Creator God, nature reveals your power and glory...God of grace,  
Redeemer God, you call us to pray for those in authority...God of grace,  
Sustaining God, you are mindful of your people in every circumstance...God of grace,  
Loving God, we give you thanks...God of grace,  
Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you,  
O God, through Jesus our Savior.

**hear our prayer.  
hear our prayer.  
hear our prayer.  
hear our prayer.  
hear our prayer.**

**Amen.**

#### **PEACE**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**

### **OFFERING** *We Are An Offering*, ELW 692

*Please stand as you are able.*

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

**Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.**

#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

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

It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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 musical score is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a repeat sign, and the fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**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**

*You may be seated.*

## HOLY COMMUNION

### LAMB OF GOD

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The score ends with a double bar line.

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**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P** Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**BLESSING**

**P** Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

**C** **Amen**

**Sending Song:** *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine* ELW 398

**DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**