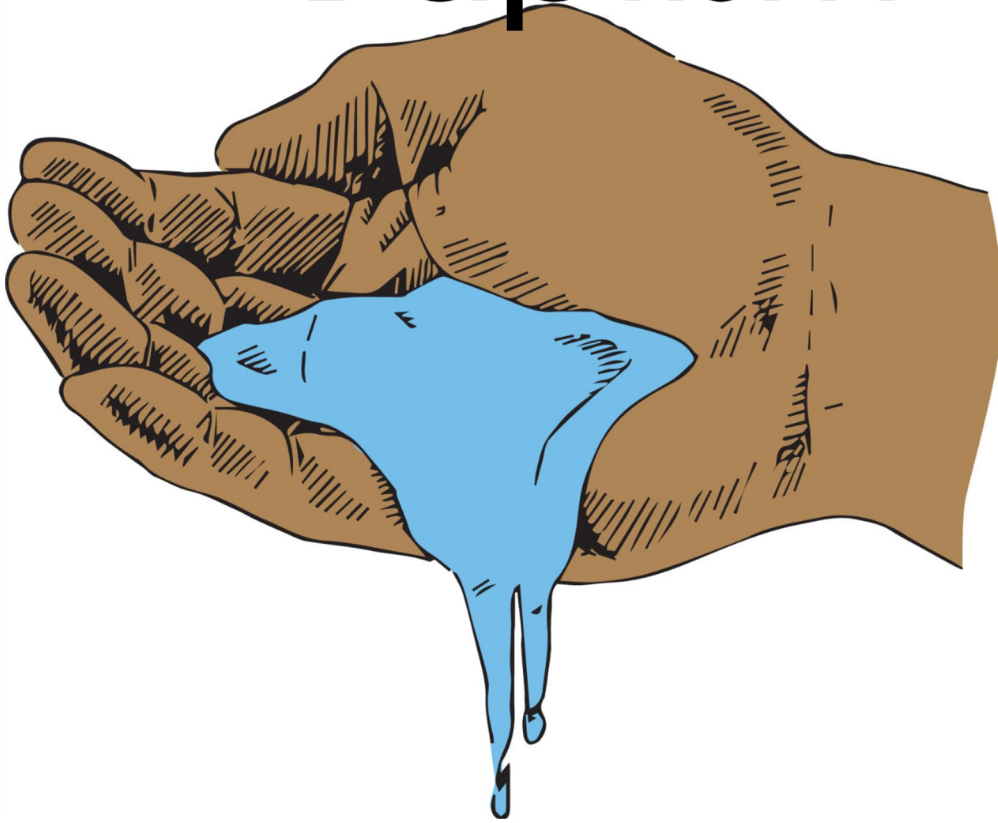


# Affirmation of Baptism



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## **Third Sunday of Easter**

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Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: "Holy Water" (CCLI 7136448-video)

God I'm on my knees again  
God I'm begging please again  
I need You. Oh I need You

Walking down these desert roads  
Water for my thirsty soul  
I need You. Oh I need You

### ***Refrain***

Your forgiveness  
Is like sweet, sweet honey on my lips  
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears  
Like holy water on my skin.

Dead man walking slave to sin  
I wanna know about being born again  
I need You. Oh God I need You

So take me to the riverside  
Take me under baptize  
I need You. Oh God I need You oh

### ***Refrain***

I don't wanna abuse Your grace, God I need it ev'ry day  
It's the only thing that ever really, Makes me wanna change (x4)

### ***Refrain (x2)***

It's like holy water on my skin  
It's like holy water

### **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.**

Hymn of Praise: Shout to the Lord (CCLI 1406918-video)

My Jesus my Saviour  
Lord there is none like You  
All of my days I want to praise  
The wonders of Your mighty love

My comfort my shelter  
Tower of refuge and strength  
Let every breath all that I am  
Never cease to worship You

Chorus  
Shout to the Lord  
All the earth let us sing  
Power and majesty  
Praise to the King  
Mountains bow down  
And the seas will roar  
At the sound of Your name  
I sing for joy  
At the work of Your hands  
Forever I'll love You  
Forever I'll stand  
Nothing compares to the promise  
I have in You

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray... **O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Children's Message (10:30 a.m.)

First Reading: Acts 2:14a-36-41

<sup>14a</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: <sup>36</sup> "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" <sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### Confirmation Verses

MJ Burns: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight”—Proverbs 3:5-6

Sophia Burns: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.” –Proverbs 3:5-6

Darren Dancer: Then God said let there be light! And there was light and it was good.” Genesis 1:3

Ethan Earnesty: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not rely on your own insights.”—Proverbs 3:5

Sawyer Gottlieb: “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid. Do not be discouraged for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” –Joshua 1:0

Ariana Rodriguez: “Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. –1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Hannah Wizner: “But if you do not forgive others their sins, you Father will not forgive your sin.”—Matthew 6:15

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

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

### Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” <sup>19</sup> He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the

road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"<sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.<sup>34</sup> They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!"<sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P: This is the gospel of our Lord.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: "Who You Say I Am (CCLI 7102401-video)

Who am I that the highest King  
Would welcome me  
I was lost but He brought me in  
Oh His love for me  
Oh His love for me

Refrain

Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am

Free at last  
He has ransomed me  
His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin  
Jesus died for me  
Yes He died for me

Refrain

In my Father's house  
There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am

I am chosen not forsaken  
I am who You say I am  
You are for me not against me  
I am who You say I am (x 2)

Refrain (x 2)

#### Affirmation of Baptism

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *these people*, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of *their* baptism.

Stephanie: I present Marvin Burns, Sophia Burns, Darren Dancer, Ethan Earnesty, Sawyer Gottlieb, Ariana Rodriguez, and Hannah Wizner who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

P: Let us pray, Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, 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.**

Stephanie: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Stephanie: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?  
**Confirmands: I renounce them.**

Stephanie: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?  
**Confirmands: I renounce them.**

Stephanie: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?  
**Confirmands: I renounce them.**

Stephanie: With the congregation and with all people of faith, I ask you:

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, his 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.**

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.**

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim 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 earth?

**Confirmands: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

P: People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for *them* in their life in Christ?

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

Stephanie: Let us pray, We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

*Confirmands kneel as blessing is repeated for each*

P: Stir up in \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us welcome these new members of the body of Christ, and of Ascension Lutheran Church.

The Prayers of the Children of God

Each petition ends...Merciful God,

**Congregation responds...receive our prayer.**

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

Offering

Offering Song: "Sanctuary" (CCLI 24140)

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
Pure and holy, tried and true;  
With thanksgiving,  
I'll be a living sanctuary for You. *(repeat 2 more times)*

Offering Prayer (LBW, Setting 1, pg. 67)

A: Let us pray. Merciful Father, **...we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Words of Institution

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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray

**C: Our Father in the clouds, holy is God's only name. Your reign shall come, your desire be complete, in our world as it is in your world. Provide us our needs and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from temptation and save us from naughty things. For everything is yours now and always. This is True.**

Invitation to Communion / Distribution of Holy Communion

P: Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

Communion Songs: "Oceans" (CCLI 6428767-video)

You call me out upon the waters  
The great unknown where feet may fail  
And there I find You in the mystery  
In oceans deep my faith will stand

Refrain

And I will call upon Your name  
And keep my eyes above the waves  
When oceans rise  
My soul will rest in Your embrace  
For I am Yours and You are mine

Your grace abounds in deepest waters  
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide  
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me  
You've never failed and You won't start now

Refrain

Oh and You are mine oh

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders  
Let me walk upon the waters.  
Wherever You would call me  
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander  
And my faith will be made stronger  
In the presence of my Savior (x 6)

Yeah yeah yeah yeah  
Oh Jesus yeah my God

Refrain

"O Come to the Altar" (CCLI 7051511-video)

Are you hurting and broken within  
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin  
Jesus is calling  
Have you come to the end of yourself

Do you thirst for a drink from the well  
Jesus is calling

Refrain

O come to the altar  
The Father's arms are open wide  
Forgiveness was bought with  
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes  
Come today there's no reason to wait  
Jesus is calling  
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy  
From the ashes a new life is born  
Jesus is calling

Refrain (x 2)

Oh what a Savior  
Isn't he wonderful  
Sing alleluia Christ is risen  
Bow down before him  
For he is Lord of all  
Sing alleluia Christ is risen (x 2)

Refrain (x 2)

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown  
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

Post-Communion Blessing

P: And now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer (LBW, Setting 1, pg. 74)

A: Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

Blessing spoken (LBW, Setting 1, pg. 74)

P: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

Sending Song: "Victory in Jesus" (CCLI 1259-video)

I heard an old old story  
How a Savior came from glory  
How He gave His life on Calvary  
To save a wretch like me  
I heard about His groaning  
Of His precious blood's atoning  
Then I repented of my sins  
And won the victory

Refrain:

O victory in Jesus  
My Savior forever  
He sought me and bought me  
With His redeeming blood  
He loved me ere I knew Him  
And all my love is due Him  
He plunged me to victory  
Beneath the cleansing flood

I heard about His healing  
Of His cleansing pow'r revealing  
How He made the lame to walk again  
And caused the blind to see  
And then I cried dear Jesus  
Come and heal my broken spirit  
And somehow Jesus came and brought  
To me the victory

Refrain

I heard about a mansion  
He has built for me in glory  
And I heard about the streets of gold  
Beyond the crystal sea  
About the angels singing  
And the old redemption story  
And some sweet day I'll sing up there  
The song of victory

Refrain

Dismissal

**C: We work together to spread Christ's love with our community, through Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Lives, and an Open Table.**

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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