

**WELCOME!**  
**Trinity Lutheran Church**



**August 13, 2023**  
**Song of Solomon**

- \* = Please stand if able
- = Please be seated

- **Prelude - *By Roxanne Groff***
- **Office of the Acolyte**
- **Ringling of the Bell**
- **Welcome**

# \* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

**P:** 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.

# \* **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

**P: 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.**

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

# \* **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

**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. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.**

# \* **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

**P: At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.**

# **\* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

**P: Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.**

**C: Amen.**

# \*Gathering Song/Hymn of Praise

“Now Thank We All Our God”

LBW 533



**1 Now thank we all our God  
with hearts and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom his world rejoices;  
who, from our mothers' arms,  
has blest us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.**

**2 Oh, may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and keep us in his grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all harm  
in this world and the next.**

**3 All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son, and him who reigns  
with them in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God,  
whom earth and heav’n adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.**

# \* **APOSTOLIC 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:** Let us pray... God of passionate love, you love your people fiercely and with enduring zeal. Show us how to love as eagerly, celebrating love as a precious gift, in Jesus' name.

**C:** Amen



**KIDZ  
KORNERS**

# • Scripture Reading

**R: The Scripture reading for today is from the Song of Solomon chapters 2 and 8.**

**C: Glory to you O' Lord! *(Spoken)***

- **Solomon 2:10-13; 8:6-7**

**<sup>10</sup>My beloved speaks and says to me:  
“Arise, my love, my fair one, and come  
away; <sup>11</sup>for now the winter is past, the  
rain is over and gone. <sup>12</sup>The flowers  
appear on the earth; the time of  
singing has come, and the voice of the  
turtledove is heard in our land. <sup>13</sup>The  
fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines  
are in blossom; they give forth**

- **Solomon 2:10-13; 8:6-7**

**fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.**

**<sup>6</sup>Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame. <sup>7</sup>Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. If one offered for love all the wealth of his house, it would be utterly scorned.**

- **Solomon 2:10-13; 8:6-7**

**R: This is the Word of the Lord.**

**C: Praise to You, O Christ**  
***(Spoken)***

# Sermon

Flowers appear on the earth;

the season  
of singing  
has come....

Song of Songs 2:12, NIV

\* **Hymn of the Day**  
**“Lift High the Cross”**  
**LBW 37**



Flowers appear on the earth;

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of singing  
has come....

Song of songs 2:12, NIV

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross,  
the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore  
his sacred name.

- 1 Come, Christians, follow  
where our captain trod,  
our king victorious,  
Christ, the Son of God.

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross,  
the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore  
his sacred name.

2 All newborn servants  
of the Crucified  
bear on their brows the  
seal of him who died.

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross,  
the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore  
his sacred name.

3 O Lord, once lifted  
on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised,  
draw us all to thee.

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross,  
the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore  
his sacred name.

4 So shall our song of  
triumph ever be:  
praise to the  
Crucified for victory!

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross,  
the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore  
his sacred name.

# \* **APOSTLE'S CREED**

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

## **\* APOSTLE'S CREED**

**C: 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.**

# \* APOSTLE'S CREED

**C: 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.**

# \* **APOSTLE'S CREED**

**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. Amen.**

# \* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Each petition will end with the words,*

**A: God of wisdom,**

*The congregation will respond with:*

**C: In mercy, hear our prayer.**

# \* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The prayer concludes...*

**P:** Into your hands, loving God, we lift all for whom we pray, confident in your grace and mercy, through our savior Jesus Christ.

**C:** Amen.

# \* SHARING OF THE PEACE

*The Sharing of the Peace that began when the congregation arrived is now shared with the Pastor at this time...*

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.

- **OFFERING**



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song of songs 2:12, NIV

# \* OFFERING PRAYER

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song of songs 2:12, NIV

# **\* THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

# \* THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C: For thine is the kingdom, and  
the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



Flowers appear on the earth;

the season  
of singing  
has come....

song of songs 2:12, NIV

# \* **SENDING BLESSING**

**P:** The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed ✚ bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

**C:** Amen.

# \* Sending Song

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

LBW 389



Flowers appear on the earth;

the season  
of singing  
has come....

song of songs 2:12, NIV

**1 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
as soldiers of the cross,  
lift high his royal banner;  
it must not suffer loss.  
From vict'ry unto vict'ry  
his army he shall lead,  
till ev'ry foe is vanquished  
and Christ is Lord indeed.**

**\* “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”      LBW 389**

**2 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;  
the trumpet call obey;  
stand forth in mighty conflict  
in this his glorious day.  
Let all his faithful serve him  
against unnumbered foes;  
let courage rise with danger,  
and strength to strength oppose.**

**\* “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”      LBW 389**

**3 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
stand in his strength alone;  
the arm of flesh will fail you,  
you dare not trust your own.  
Put on the gospel armor;  
each piece put on with prayer.  
Where duty calls or danger,  
be never wanting there.**

**4 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
the strife will not be long;  
this day the din of battle,  
the next the victor’s song.  
The soldiers, overcoming,  
their crown of life shall see,  
and with the King of glory  
shall reign eternally.**

# \* **DISMISSAL**

**P: ... Depart in Christ's Love.**

**C: Seeking, welcoming, and serving  
all. Amen!**

## **POSTLUDE**

**By**

**Roxanne Groff**

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