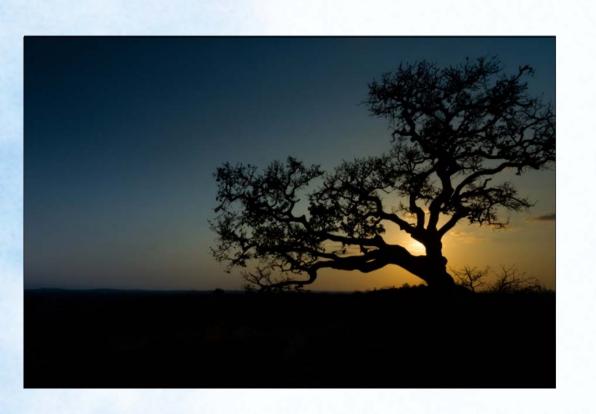
Welcome in the name of The Triune God

- Prelude by Roxanne Groff
- Office of the Acolyte
- Ringing of the Bell



Parable of the Fig Tree

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism...

P: We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: God of mercy,

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

C: Jesus was faithful even in the face of death, yet we so often fail you in day to day living. Our commitment is shaky, our promises are unreliable, and our actions are questionable. We quit when discipleship becomes difficult and complain that we don't get enough credit.

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

C: Forgive us our neglect of your mission and our lukewarm devotion and wake us up to the urgency of your gospel.

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

P: God is gracious and pardons all our shortcomings. May the giver of life forgive us our sins and restore us to the joy of discipleship and service, for the sake of Jesus our faithful Lord.

C: Amen.

* BAPTISMAL SONG

Borning Cry

ELW 732

Verses 1 & 2
Before Baptism

Verses 3 & 4 After Baptism



* Borning Cry

"I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold. I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."

* Borning Cry

"When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong. If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun."

Baptismal party gathers at the font.



P: In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates 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; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ.

P: As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsors and Parents present Emerson for Baptism

Sponsors and Parents:

We present <u>Scarlett Danielle Kemper</u> to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

The minister addresses the sponsors and guardians.

P: In Christian love you have presented Scarlett for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully care for her and help her in every way as God gives you opportunity, that she may bear witness to the faith we profess, and that, living in the covenant of her Baptism and in communion with the Church, she may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ.

- P: Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?
- **Sponsors and Parents: I do.**
- P: Congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church, do you promise to assist these sponsors and parents to fulfill these obligations?
- C: We do and we ask God to help and guide us.

- 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 him thanks and praise.
- Water is poured into the Baptismal Font as the prayer is said.
- P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth.

P: By the gift of water, you nourish and sustain us and all living things. By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land.

P: In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth.

P: In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that Scarlett Danielle Kemper who is about to be here baptized may be given new life.

P: Wash away her sin, cleans her by this water, and bring her forth as an heir of your glorious kingdom. To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen

The minister addresses the baptismal group and the congregation.

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

C: I do.

- 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, 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.*

^{*}Or, He descended to the dead.

C: 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.

- 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. Amen

P: <u>Scarlett Danielle Kemper</u>, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

The minister lays both hands on the head of each of the baptized and prays for the Holy Spirit:

P: God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament.

P: Pour your Holy Spirit upon <u>Scarlett</u>: 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.

C: Amen

The minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

P: <u>Scarlett Danielle Kemper</u>, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen

A lighted candle is given to the baptized (to the sponsor of a young child) by a representative of the congregation who says:

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

P: O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon Jesse and Tracey. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for this Child given to them as a gift from you.

P: Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with Scarlett, the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

* WELCOME

The ministers and the baptismal group turn toward the congregation; a representative of the congregation says:

P: Through Baptism God has made Scarlett our new sister in Christ and a fellow member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that together we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

* WELCOME

C: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.

Applause is appropriate as the pastor presents the newly Baptized to the congregation. All return to their places.

* Borning Cry

3 "In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun. When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes, I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise."

* Borning Cry

4 "I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold."

* 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.

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

C: And also with you.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray... Merciful God, You long for your people to bear the fruits of mercy and repentance. Tend and guide our growth into a faithful nation who serves you and the people you love, for the sake of Jesus.

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

C: Amen.

•Scripture Reading Luke 13:1-9, 31-35

R: The Scripture reading is from the Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 13th Chapter.

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

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

Luke 13:1-9, 31-35

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. 4Or those

Luke 13:1-9, 31-35

eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." ⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found

Luke 13:1-9, 31-35

none. 7So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' 8He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. 9 If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

Luke 13:1-9, 31-35

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." 32He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. 33Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because

Luke 13:1-9, 31-35

it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' 34 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!

Luke 13:1-9, 31-35

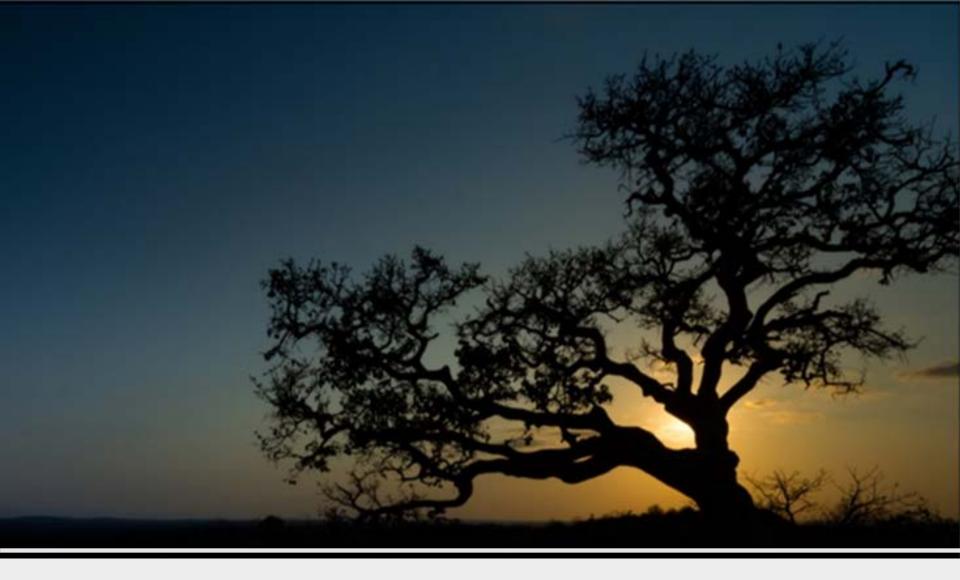
And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

• Scripture Reading Luke 13:1-9, 31-35

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

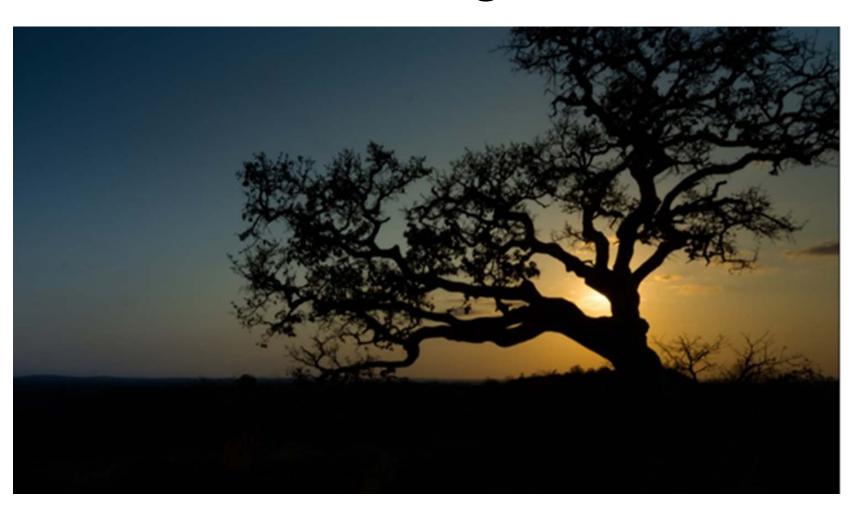
The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

C: Praise to You, O Christ (Spoken)



SERMON

Special Music Jake Angles



* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition will end with the words,

A: God of mercy,

The congregation will respond with:

C: Hear our prayer.

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayer concludes...

P: You hear all your children's prayers and gather the lost into your loving arms.

Teach us to put our trust in you, and in our Lord and savior Jesus Christ.

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

C: Amen.

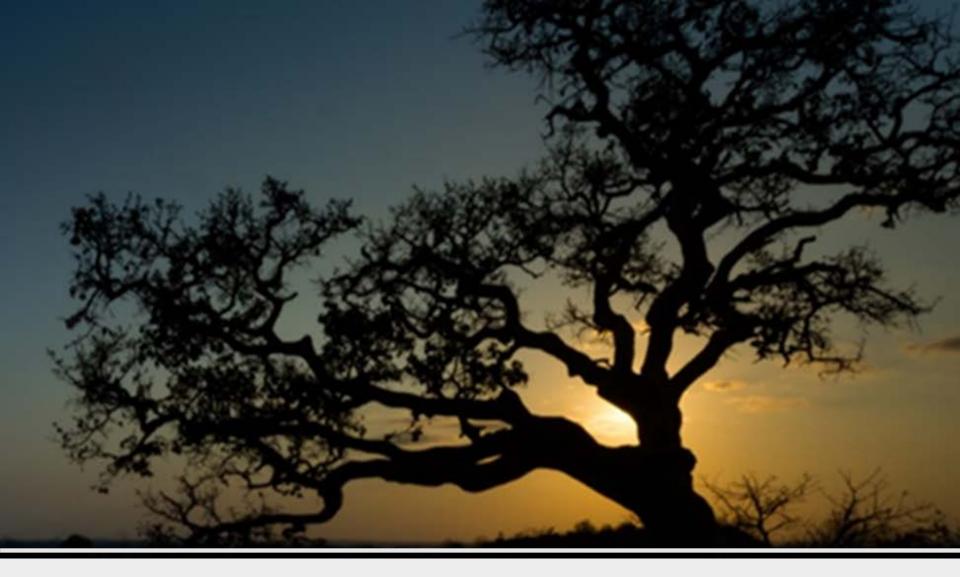
* SHARING OF THE PEACE

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.

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

C: And also with you.



Offering Prayer

* THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: We pray as Jesus taught...

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

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,

* THE LORD'S PRAYER

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

C: 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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

* SENDING BLESSING

P: You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

C: Amen.

* SENDING SONG

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

Sent Forth by God's

Blessing

LBW 221



LBW 221

The congregation may sing with facemasks on:

1 Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended the fruits of this service in all who believe.

LBW 221

The congregation may sing with facemasks on:

1 The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us to work for your kingdom and answer your call.

LBW 221

The congregation may sing with facemasks on:

2 With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living, the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing God's children, the whole human race.

LBW 221

The congregation may sing with facemasks on:

2 With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us; unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

* DISMISSAL

P: Until we gather to Worship our great God next time, depart in Christ's Love,

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

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

Postlude by Roxanne Groff

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