

Welcome in the Name of The Triune God

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Rivers of Living Water



- **Prelude by
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- **Office of the
Acolyte**
- **Ringling of the Bell**

**Scripture Focus:
John 7:37-52**

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*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: Merciful God,

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

C: Jesus shows us all the ways that we fall short. He also provides a way out of the holes we dig ourselves into. Forgive us our sins, and show us how to make better choices, be better friends, parents, kids, partners, and co-workers. Let Christ's light shine through us, for the sake of Jesus we pray. Amen.

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

L: Jesus does, indeed, forgive. Jesus cleanses us of our sin and recreates us in God's image. Receive the entire forgiveness of all your sins. Go, and walk free of guilt, shame, and sin. You are made new! In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

* Hymn of Praise

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty LBW 250

(Verses 1-3 & 5 Only)



*** Open Now Thy Gates of Mercy LBW 250**

**1 Open now thy gates of beauty,
Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty
waits for God who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
filled with solace, light, and grace!**

*** Open Now Thy Gates of Mercy LBW 250**

**2 Gracious God, I come before thee;
come thou also unto me;
where we find thee and adore thee,
there a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter thou,
let it be thy temple now!**

*** Open Now Thy Gates of Mercy LBW 250**

**3 Here thy praise is gladly chanted,
here thy seed is duly sown;
let my soul, where it is planted,
bring forth precious sheaves alone,
so that all I hear may be
fruitful unto life in me.**

*** Open Now Thy Gates of Mercy LBW 250**

**5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,
let thy will be done indeed;
may I undisturbed draw near thee
while thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
here is balm for all our woes.**

*** 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.

* **KYRIE**

A: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord have mercy.**

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord have mercy.**

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord have mercy.**

*** KYRIE**

A: For this Holy House, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

A: Help, save, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray... God of all who thirst, You sent your son, Jesus, to bring the living water of eternal life to all the earth. Quench the thirst of all who long for your word, your truth, and your presence, for the sake of him who gave everything to save all, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.





The Ohio River



•Scripture Reading

**R: The Scripture reading is from
the Gospel according to Saint
John, the 7th chapter.**

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

- **John 7:37-52**

³⁷On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’” ³⁹Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were

- **John 7:37-52**

to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified. ⁴⁰When they heard these words, some in the crowd said, “This is really the prophet.” ⁴¹Others said, “This is the Messiah.” But some asked, “Surely the Messiah does not come from Galilee, does he? ⁴²Has not the scripture said that the Messiah is

- **John 7:37-52**

descended from David and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?” ⁴³So there was a division in the crowd because of him. ⁴⁴Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

⁴⁵Then the temple police went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, “Why did you not arrest

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him?” ⁴⁶The police answered, “Never has anyone spoken like this!” ⁴⁷Then the Pharisees replied, “Surely you have not been deceived too, have you?” ⁴⁸Has any one of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? ⁴⁹But this crowd, which does not know the law—they are accursed.” ⁵⁰Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus

- **John 7:37-52**

before, and who was one of them, asked, ⁵¹“Our law does not judge people without first giving them a hearing to find out what they are doing, does it?” ⁵²They replied, “Surely you are not also from Galilee, are you? Search and you will see that no prophet is to arise from Galilee.”

- **John 7:37-52**

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ
(Spoken)

SERMON



SPECIAL MUSIC



*** 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: Lord, in your mercy,

The congregation will respond with:

C: Hear our prayer.

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayer concludes...

P: Grateful for your everlasting faithfulness, we lift our hearts and our prayers to you, merciful God, in the name of your son, 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 PRAYER



* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Communion is by pre-filled kits. All the Baptized are welcome to celebrate this Holy Meal.

Please do not open the Communion Chalice until instructed to do so.

*** DIALOGUE**

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 him thanks and
praise.**

*** Preface**

P: It is indeed right...

...join their unending hymn

*** Sanctus**

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*** Eucharistic Prayer**

P: Almighty Lord, we praise your shining light, your glowing grace. From before the earth's foundation, you loved us and promised us life forever. Within the earth's deep sadness, we laud your great and glorious might. Despite our tears and sinning, we sing of the gladness of your mercy. We praise your Son, our Morn-ing Star. Christ is our diamond bright, our treasure dear.

*** Eucharistic Prayer**

P: He is our living Savior who has ransomed us in love. He keeps us yours and fails us never—today, tomorrow, and every day.

P: On the night before his great salvation, he 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.

*** Eucharistic Prayer**

P: 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. With joy we tell our story: Al-le-lu-ia!

C: Al-le-lu-ia!

*** Eucharistic Prayer**

P: We call for your Spirit on us and this meal. Refresh our souls with this heavenly food, the body and blood of your Son. Nourish us as branches of your tree, and enlighten us with your undying flame. We sing out to the Father, we ring out to the Son, we exult in the Spirit. Transport us in our yearning, and be for us the end and the beginning, our purest pleasure, our victorious crown, our never-ending love.

*** Eucharistic Prayer**

P: And so we pray and praise: A-men, a-men, a-men, a-men.

C: A-men, a-men, a-men, a-men.

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: We are united into one Body by this heavenly food, so let us pray as 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,

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

*** INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: All who hunger or thirst are invited to the table. Jesus is the living water that gives life to all. Come, the feast is prepared for you!

Please dispose of the empty cup in the trash receptacle on your way out of the Sanctuary.

*** POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: May this Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen, keep, and unite us, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*** POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray... We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS



*** SENDING BLESSING**

P: God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

C: Amen.

*** SENDING SONG**
“Shall We Gather at the River”
ELW 423



***Shall We Gather At The River ELW 423**

**1 Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?**

Refrain

**Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.**

***Shall We Gather At The River ELW 423**

**2 On the margin of the river,
washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day.**

Refrain

**Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.**

***Shall We Gather At The River ELW 423**

**3 Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we ev'ry burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown.**

Refrain

**Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.**

***Shall We Gather At The River ELW 423**

**4 Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace.**

Refrain

**Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.**

*** DISMISSAL**

P: Until we gather again as God's people to offer our worship and praise, depart in Christ's Love,

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

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