



# CROSS OF CHRIST Lutheran Church

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**October 4, 2020**  
**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Outdoor Worship**

# GATHERING

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GREETING

May grace, mercy, and peace of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

# WORD

## FIRST READING

Philippians 3: 4b - 14

The reading is from the book of Philippians.

Even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 21: 33 - 46

The Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Pastor Kathleen Armstrong



## SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Kaleb Seth Folkerts, son of William Lewis Folkerts III and Briana Therese Folkerts.

### Introduction

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.

### Presentation

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you as parents and sponsors desire to have *Kaleb Seth Folkerts* baptized into Christ?

**Response: I do.**

As you bring *Kaleb Seth Folkerts* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he 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.

*William and Briana*, do you promise to help *Kaleb Seth* grow in the Christian faith and life?

**Response: I do.**

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture *Kaleb Seth* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

**Response: I do.**

People of God, do you promise to support *Kaleb Seth* and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**Congregation: We do.**

### Profession of Faith

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, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**Response: I renounce them.**

Parents, Sponsors and People of God, do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

***Congregation: 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 the dead.  
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.***

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***Congregation: 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.***

### **Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

***Congregation: And also with you.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

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.

***Congregation: Amen.***

### **Baptism**

*Kaleb Seth*, I baptize you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

### **Laying on of Hands**

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

Sustain *Kaleb Seth* 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.

*Kaleb*, child of God,  
you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit  
and marked with the cross of Christ forever.  
Amen.

### **Welcome**

Let us welcome the newly baptized:

### **BAPTISMAL SONG**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### Prayer Response

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always  
**And also with you.**

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| <b>MEAL</b> |
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### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*All are welcome at Jesus' table. He gives of himself in the bread and wine, and invites us to receive it for the forgiveness of sin. We invite you to share in your homes the sacrament of the Lord's table.*

*Say the Words of Institution and then the Words of Distribution*

### 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."

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

## **WORDS OF DISTRIBUTION**

Give to one another the bread, "Body of Christ given for you."  
Give to one another the wine, "Blood of Christ shed for you."

## **BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ bless you and keep you always in God's grace.

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER**

We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**



## SENDING

### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom you have made them all.  
The earth is full of your creatures.

These all look to you to give them their food in due season.  
When you give to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the ground.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever;  
may the Lord rejoice in his works.

### HYMN OF ST. FRANCIS

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice with us and sing;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
O burning sun with golden beam  
And silver moon with softer gleam;  
Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### PRAYER

*(Lay hands on pets)*

Almighty God, you have made us and all living things. For these pets who give us joy, we thank and praise you. We trust your care, O God. Make us faithful as we care for our pets. In so doing we share in your love for all creation.

**Amen.**

### BENEDICTION

Father, † Son and the Holy Spirit,  
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

Go in peace, Christ is sending you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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