

## The Service for the Lord's Day

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Baptism / Sunday School starts/Teacher Commissioning

*Welcome! We are glad that you are here. We hope that you are blessed by your encounter with God today.*

*The \* indicates points in the service where you are invited to stand, if that is comfortable for you.*

*However, if it is better for you to remain seated, feel free to do so.*

*All are invited to join in speaking or singing when **Bolded** words appear.*

September 8, 2019

The service begins with the music of preparation.

9:30 am

## Gathering the Community of Faith

Prelude

Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne in C Major

Dietrich Buxtehude

Call to Worship *(from Psalm 34)*

One: O magnify the Lord with me,

**All: and let us exalt God's name forever.**

One: Look to God and be radiant,

**All: so our faces shall never be ashamed.**

One: O taste and see that the Lord is good;

**All: happy are those who take refuge in God.**

\*Hymn 826 Lift High the Cross

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Holy God, like children long indulged, we are quick to presume your pardon, your sanction of the way we live. We turn away from neighbors in need, sharing fragments that remain only after our cravings have been met. Merciful Maker, you created us for better use; remake us now. Where we are distorted re-center and reshape us, bring us low and raise us up. Then fire our hearts until we shine with your glory and find our place in your purpose. Amen.**

Silent Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away;

**All: see, everything has become new.**

One: Sisters and brothers, in the name of Christ I declare

that your story is known, your sin is forgiven, your life is made new!

**All: Let us live as those reborn.**

\*Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

\*Greeting and Sharing Christ's Peace

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

## Proclaiming God's Word

Children's Message

*The Promises We Make*

*Children's Offering will be collected as they come forward for the message.  
Childcare for infants through two-year-olds is available in the nursery, room 11.  
All children and youth depart for Sunday School after the message.  
Breakfast Club will meet this morning in Room 22.*

Commissioning of Sunday School Teachers

Sacrament of Baptism of Emmitt Jude Winther, son of Christopher and Gabrielle Winther.

Presentation

Elder Anker Winther

Profession of Faith and Renewal of Baptismal Vows

\*Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Welcome

Elder: Members of the household of faith, I commend this family to your care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**All: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome Emmitt into Christ's church.**

Prayer for Illumination

Mindy D'Amico

First Reading

Psalm 139: 1-6,13-18 (pg. 503)

Anthem

What Shall I Render?

Allen Pote

What shall I render to my God for all the good things the Lord has done for me? I will lift up the voice of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones. O Lord, I am your servant, I am your servant, the child of your handmaid. You have loosed my bonds and set me free. Praise the Lord!

Gospel Reading

Luke 14: 25-33 (pg. 850)

Sermon

*Spiritual Gift: Single-hearted Focus*

Rev. Amy E. S. Lincoln

\*Hymn 720

Jesus Calls Us

Please list prayers on pink slips in the pew — pass them to the ushers during the hymn.

## Responding to God's Word

