

January 23, 2022
Third Sunday after Epiphany
New Member Sunday and Baptism of Otis Moylan



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAR PRAYER

A God of the universe, the mystery of the night sky inspires wonder within your people. The brilliant beauty of your creation reminds us of your loving creativity, and the vast expanse of the night sky helps us know we are held in your wide embrace. In this season of stars, guide us on with your promises, and bolster us in our faith, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

“Bright and Glorious Is the Sky” ELW 301 verse 6

And this star, as bright as day,
that will never lead astray
with its message so appealing,
is the word of God, revealing
Christ, the way, the truth, the life,
Christ, the way, the truth, the life.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

V 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.

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.

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.

V Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. 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 water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

P 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. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness,
grace, and love.

V To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE "Glory to God, Glory in the Highest"

ELW 164

Leader



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

All



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Leader All




To God be glo-ry for-ev - er! To God be glo-ry for-ev - er!

Leader Leader




Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1 Group 1, 2



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Leader



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1, 2, 3



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!

GREETING

V 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 Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

WELCOMING A NEW MEMBER – Sarah Micheel

P Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for this person, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as a new member into the life and ministry of this congregation.

V Sarah Micheel has come to our congregation from Victory of the Lamb in Franklin, WI.

Address and Questions

The presiding minister addresses those being welcomed.

P In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Sarah, sibling in Christ,

do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

Sarah: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P People of God, do you promise to support and pray for this new member in her life in Christ?

C **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Welcome

V Let us welcome this sibling in Christ to this community of faith.

C **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

A We give you thanks for our new member, Sarah, whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ and whom we have welcomed into this household of faith. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others, and bless her with a Spirit of wisdom and joy, through Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

FIRST READING

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

R ¹All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel.

²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

R Word of God, Word of Life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 19 (*We will read responsively*)

R ¹The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

²One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.

³Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

⁴their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

R ¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts.

R Word of God, Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Celtic Alleluia” ELW 174

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

P The Gospel according to Luke 4:14-21

C Glory to you, O Lord.

P ¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S TIME

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“When Our Song Says Peace” ELW 709 verses 1, 2

1 When our song says peace and the world says war,
we will sing despite the world.
We will trust the song, for we sing of God,
who breaks the spear and sword
and stills the storm of war.

2 When our song says free and the world says bound,
we will sing despite the world.
We will trust the song, for we sing of God,
who opens prison doors
and sets the captives free.

HOLY BAPTISM

(Cranberry Hymnal pages 227 – 231)

Presentation

Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font. The assembly is seated.

P 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.

Sponsors We present Otis Moylan for baptism.

P Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Otis baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

P As you bring Otis 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 Otis 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.

P Do you promise to help Otis grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: We do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Otis 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.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

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

C We do.

The assembly stands.

Profession of Faith

The presiding minister addresses candidates for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of young children. The assembly may join in the responses.

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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

**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.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Thanksgiving At the Font

Water may be poured into the font before or during the thanksgiving.

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 our thanks and praise.

P Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator of the waters of the earth. You are the fire of rebirth. You poured out your Spirit on your people Israel. You breathe life into our dry bones. Your Son Jesus promised to send the Spirit to us that the world may know your peace and truth.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, and breathe new life into those who are here baptized. By your Spirit adopt us all as your children, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

Baptism

Water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:

P Otis Moylan, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

The presiding minister continues:

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your child new birth, cleanse him from sin, and raise him to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays:

P Sustain Otis 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.

C Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

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

C Amen.

Welcome

A lighted candle may be given to the newly baptized as a representative of the congregation says:

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

The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly. A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.

“Let us welcome the newly baptized.”

C We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A Lord, in your mercy,

C Receive our prayer.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

V The peace of the coming Christ be with you all.

C And also with you.

OFFERING

Thank you for sharing your gifts with God!

OFFERTORY

“Praise the One who Breaks the Darkness” ELW 843 verse 1

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light;
praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel,
healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.

OFFERING PRAYER

A Gracious God, you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor. Accept the first fruits of time and toil, field and orchard we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and the care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

COMMUNION Great Thanksgiving (sung)

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface (*chanted*)

V It is indeed right...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

V Gathered into one by God's spirit, let us pray the prayer that the Lord Jesus taught us. God you are our parent, our mother,

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

LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

“Here is Bread” ELW 483

1 Here is bread, here is wine,
Christ is with us, he is with us.
Break the bread, taste the wine,
Christ is with us here.

Refrain

*In this bread there is healing,
In this cup is life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit,
Christ is with us here.*

2 Here is grace, here is peace,
Christ is with us, he is with us.
Know his grace, find his peace,
Feast on Jesus here. *Refrain*

3 Here we are, joined in one,
Christ is with us, he is with us,
We'll proclaim till he comes
Jesus crucified. *Refrain*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P The holy Three, the hold One increase your hope, strengthen your faith, deepen your love, and + grant you peace.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Let Steams of Living Justice Flow” ELW 710

- 1 Let streams of living justice
flow down upon the earth;
give freedom's light to captives,
let all the poor have worth.
The hungry's hands are pleading,
the workers claim their rights,
the mourners long for laughter,
the blinded seek for sight.
Make liberty a beacon,
strike down the iron pow'r;
abolish ancient vengeance:
proclaim your people's hour.
- 3 Your city's built to music;
we are the stones you seek;
your harmony is language;
we are the words you speak.
Our faith we find in service,
our hope in others' dreams,
our love in hand of neighbor;
our homeland brightly gleams.
Inscribe our hearts with justice;
your way—the path untried;
your truth—the heart of stranger;
your life—the Crucified.

SENDING

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

Contributors to this morning's Worship...Thank YOU!

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WELCOME
St. Paul's Lutheran Church – Milwaukee, Wisconsin
January 23, 2022

Good morning! We welcome all visitors to worship. Please see an usher for any questions. Thank you for worshiping with us!

****During our worship service** this morning, we will be welcoming Sarah Micheel to St. Paul's as a new member and we will welcome Otis Moylan as he is baptized. We are thrilled for them to join our St. Paul family!

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** is next week following the 10am worship service. It will also be streamed on our You tube channel. Please watch for the link soon in your Wednesday email.



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS
*** denotes newly added item*

Members with Special Concerns

Larry Schulz

Others with Special Concerns

Pam Bromberek, Bob Bromberek's sister-in-law

Katie Ruen, Pastor Ed's wife/friend of St. Paul's

Brian Coulter, longtime friend of Mark Voelz

Kathy Hilmoe, friend of MaryEllen & Howie Voelz

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Charles Schulz, father of Larry Schulz

Donna Kitzman, mother of Tim Kitzman

Jerry Zimmerman, former member

Avis Jeffers, cousins of Mary Ellen Voelz

Other Prayers:

- ~ We pray for solutions to the issues of violence facing our city, that all people might live in peace.
- ~ We pray for all ministries and nonprofits in the near west side.
- ~ For our partnership congregations: Shepherd of the Bay (Ellison Bay) and Galilee (Pewaukee)
- ~ For our Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and Greater Milwaukee Synod Bishop Paul Erickson.
- ~ For all military and other government personnel serving throughout the world.

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We welcome people of every age and size, color and culture, every sexual orientation and gender identity, socio-economic status and merit, every ability and challenge. We welcome believers and questioners, and questioning believers."