



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ROOTED AND GROWING

### **Baptism of Lydia Ann Hoke**

September 21, 2025 8:15 am

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## **WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**                    **“Andante Religioso from Sonata No. 4 in B Flat”**    **Felix Mendelssohn**

## **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

We worship in the name in which we baptize, in the name of the Father, ✠ the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*(Pause for reflection)*

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

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**\*GATHERING HYMN**

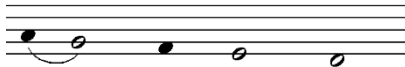
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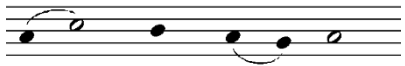
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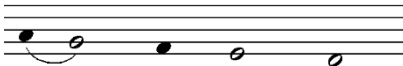
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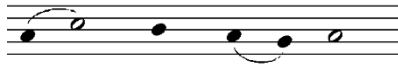
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**Deacon Emily Myallis**

## SERMON

**Rev. Robert J. Myallis**

## \*HYMN OF THE DAY

**#416 "At the Name of Jesus"**

**+ SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR LYDIA ANN HOKE +**

*We are washed, forgiven, and claimed as God's children forever*

**INTRODUCTION**

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. The power of sin is put to death in this holy flood, and we are raised with Jesus Christ to new life. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and sent out in mission for the world.

**PRESENTATION**

*The presiding minister addresses parents, Sarah and Eric Hoke:*

Trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child, Lydia Ann Hoke baptized?

**Response: We do.**

As you present Lydia for Holy Baptism, you are entrusted with gifts and responsibilities:

- to bring her to services in God's house
- to teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed and the Ten Commandments
- to provide her with the Holy Bible and instruction about it
- to remind her of her Baptism and bring her to the Lord's Supper
- to nurture her in faith, love and compassion

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

**Response: I do.**

*The presiding minister addresses the congregation:*

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

**Response: We do.**

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

*The presiding minister addresses the parents:*

I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess, together with your sisters and brothers, the faith of the Church.

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

**Response: I do renounce them.**

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

**Response: I do renounce them.**

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

**Response: I do renounce them.**

*The presiding minister addresses the congregation:*

With the whole church in heaven and earth, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**Response: 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?

**Response: 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.**

## THE BAPTISM

### THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks and praise.

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

Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator of the waters of the earth. You are the river of life. You led your people through the river Jordan and called them to life in covenant. Your Son was baptized in the river Jordan to begin his mission among us. Send your Holy Spirit into this water and into the baptized. Create us all anew that we may serve this needy world; for we trust in the name of Jesus, your Son, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

### BAPTISM

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

Beloved child of God, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

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

### PRESENTATION OF A CANDLE

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. (*Matthew 5:16*)

### WELCOME

Through baptism Lydia has been received into the household of God, entrusted with the good news of Jesus Christ, and strengthened to serve by the Holy and life-giving Spirit.

*The Congregation offers a word of welcome:*

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and as a fellow disciple.**

### \*PRAYER

### \*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



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## \*OFFERING SONG

### #583 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

**Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my silver and my gold, not as mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose.**

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## \*OFFERING PRAYER

Lord of the harvest,  
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed... ...Do this in remembrance of me.  
For as often as we do this, we proclaim the great mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**



## \*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.

## LAMB OF GOD



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## COMMUNION

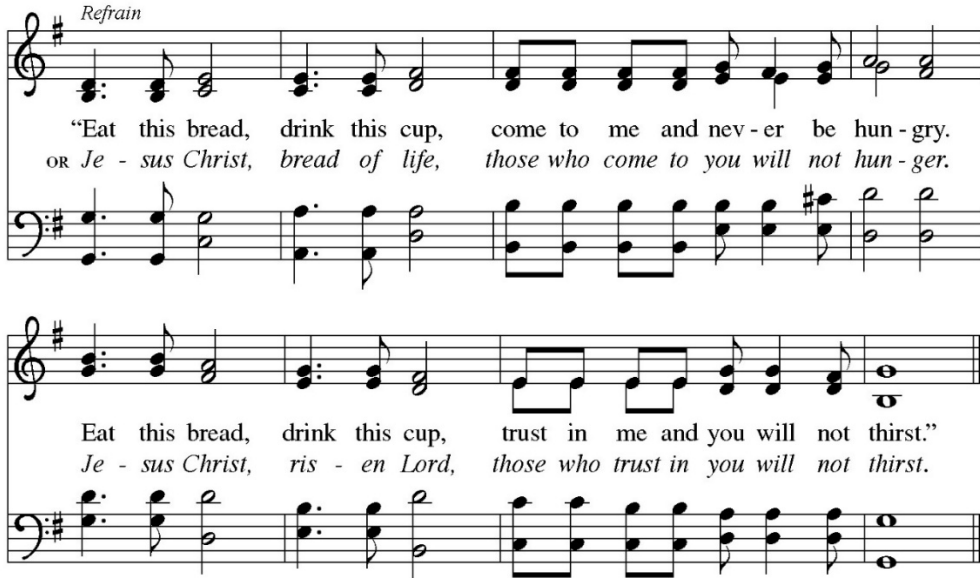
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## COMMUNION MUSIC

### “Eat This Bread”

*Refrain*



“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.  
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”  
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

Cantor will sing the verses:

1. Christ is the Bread of life, the true bread sent from the Father. **Refrain**
2. Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, but this is the bread come down from heaven. **Refrain**
3. Eat his flesh and drink his blood, and Christ will raise you upon the last day. **Refrain**
4. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. **Refrain**
5. If we believe and eat this bread, we will have eternal life. **Refrain**

### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

### \*BLESSING

**\*SENDING HYMN**

**#793 “Be Thou My Vision”**

**\*SENDING**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**“You Servants of God”** setting by Nancy M. Raabe

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**PRELUDE**

**"Fanfare"**

**Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens**

**WELCOME**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**"Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun"**

**TALLIS' CANON**

**St. Paul Choir**

**Thomas Tallis, 1505-1585**

**arr. Nancy Raabe**

*Awake, my soul, and with the sun thy daily stage of duty run.  
Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise to pay thy morning sacrifice.  
Lord, I my vows to thee renew. Disperse my sins as morning dew.  
Guard my first springs of thought and will, and with thyself my spirit fill.  
Direct, direct, control, suggest, this day, this day all I design or do, all I design or say,  
That all my pow'rs, with all their might, in thy sole glory may unite.  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below;  
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*Refrain*



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the  
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for  
 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for  
 hun-gry and the poor; that  
 friends and fam-i-ly; for  
 wa-ter and the word; that you



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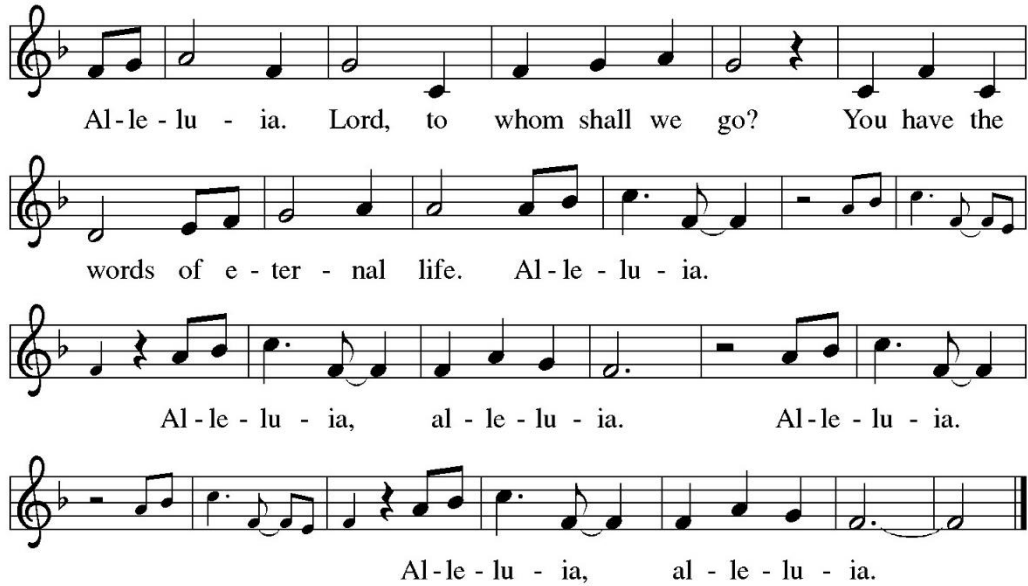
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and the life everlasting. Amen.

*\*The word "catholic" in the creed means universal or world-wide. If you have any questions, the pastoral staff are happy to discuss.*

## **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Each portion of the prayers concludes with these or similar words:*

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

## **\*PEACE**

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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.**

. . . We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
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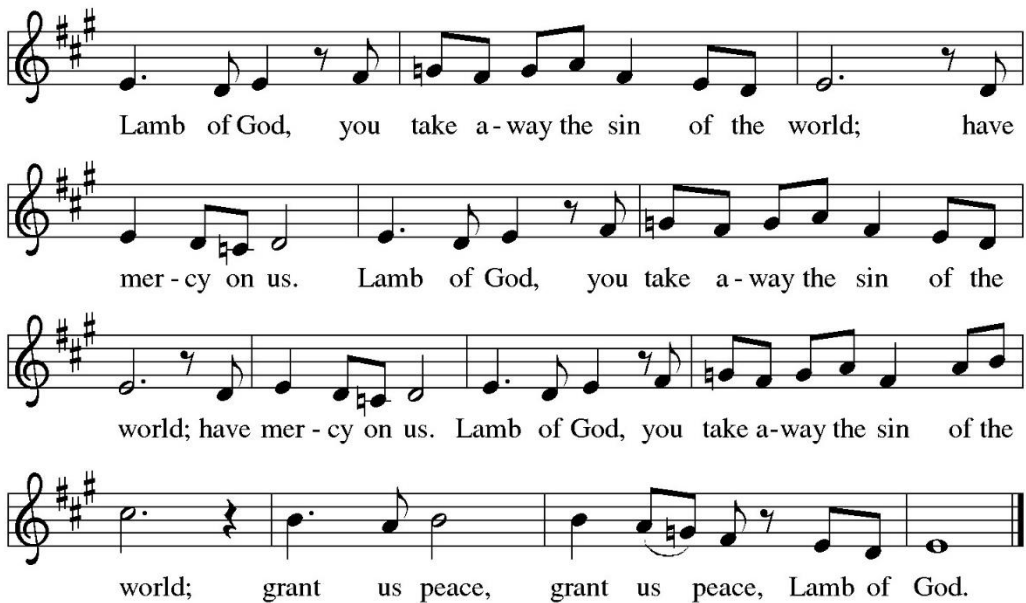
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## LAMB OF GOD



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## COMMUNION MUSIC

### “As We Gather at Your Table” St. Paul Choir

Text by Carl P. Daw Jr.  
Music by K. Lee Scott

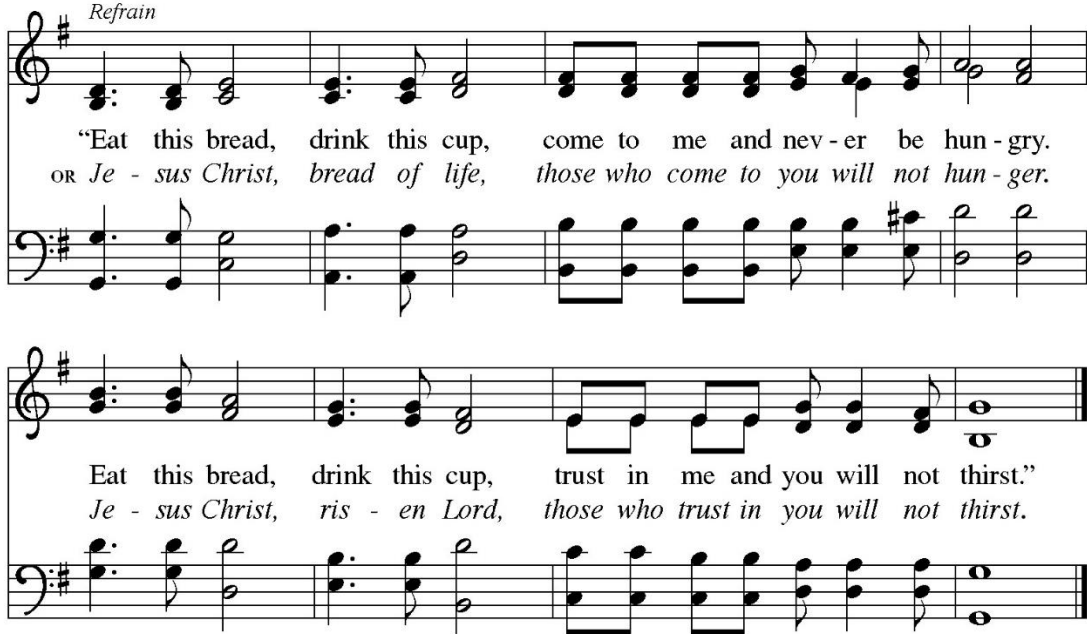
As we gather at your table, as we listen to your Word, help us know, O God, your presence;  
Let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it for our own;  
Teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;  
Send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where this is strife.  
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;  
May we still behold your image in the world you die to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast where triumphant  
Love will welcome those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,  
As we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy, the sounding joy.

### “Eat This Bread”

*Refrain*



“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.  
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”  
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

**\*BLESSING**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

**#793 “Be Thou My Vision”**

**\*SENDING**

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

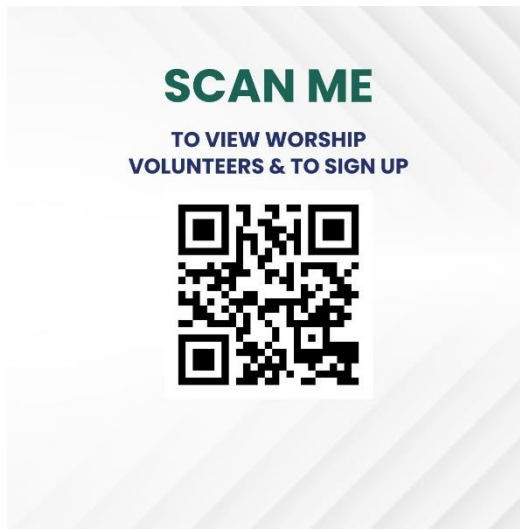
**“You Servants of God”**

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