

~ *The Reverend Philip C. Spohn* ~

As you enter the worship space, feel free to go to the altar and light a candle representing your life and the light you are to the world. May you shine brightly throughout the week.

*Baptism/Anniversary Sunday*

## **Order of Worship**

**Prelude**

**Steve Wysocki**

No matter who you are or where you are on your faith journey, **you are welcome here!**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**We are gathered and ready and aware of God's presence.**

**Chime~**

**Silence~**

**Prayer~**

**Opening Hymn:**

*Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*

**ELW #618**



### **An Order for the Baptism of Santino James Savant**

The baptism of Jesus is dying to our self-centered endeavors and being resurrected into a life marked by grace, love and hope. When we live in the baptism of Jesus, we touch the hearts of others and help open them to the Holy Spirit and new life in Christ. Live and grow in the new life you have been given!

#### **Presentation of Santino**

*Pastor Phil addresses parents*

Trusting in the grace and love of God, do you, Nick and Morgan, desire to have Santino baptized? **We do.**

As you present Santino for baptism, we want to remind you of the gifts and responsibilities that you have to offer him. Life is a journey, and the start we get makes a difference. Today you are making a promise to do all that you can to see that Santino is nurtured in love at home and within a Christian community of faith. May love and understanding never be in want in your home.

Nick and Morgan, do you promise to help Santino grow in the Christian faith and life? **We do.**

*Pastor Phil addresses sponsors*

Sarah and Bailey, Santino will grow up surrounded by family, friends, and relatives. You are special people to Nick and Morgan. Will you, with the gifts God has given to you, ensure that the compassion, love, and grace Jesus lived and taught are reflected in your relationship with Santino? **We will.**

*Pastor Phil addresses congregation*

Participation in a community of faith is essential to the Christian life. Each of you as followers of Jesus share in creating a welcoming and nurturing community of faith. Will you use your talents, gifts, and resources to further the ministries of this church as we seek to help all people grow in faith? **We will.**

Water is essential in the journey of life.

- The waters of baptism represent a spiritual cleaning that Jesus offers with forgiveness and love.
- The waters of baptism represent filling the thirsty wells of our souls with the word of God's grace and hope.
- The waters of baptism represent the washing away of the ego-driven self so that the life-giving spirit of God can dwell within.

Jesus says, "Go therefore to all people and make them disciples, followers of Jesus, and baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19)

It is in this spirit that we welcome Santino into a journey with Jesus, forever a child of God.

Send your Holy Spirit upon this water so that Santino 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. Amen.

*Pastor Phil baptizes Santino*

Santino, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sustain Santino 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 love of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

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

*A candle is lighted representing the baptized life*

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

God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon Nick and Morgan. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of God's love for Santino. Strengthen them in their own baptism so they may live a life of grace and be the light and love of Christ to Santino. **Amen.**

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:28)

**Santino, child of God, by this act of baptism, we welcome you to a journey that will take your whole life. This isn't the end. It's the beginning of your life with God. What God will make of you, we know not. Where God will take you, surprise you, we cannot say. This we do know, and this we say – God is with you.**

**Time for All Ages**

**Josh Gulotta**

**1st Reading: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7**

**Ursula Merriman**

<sup>15</sup> The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

<sup>3:1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die, <sup>5</sup> for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

**Lenten Speaker Series:** “My Faith Journey”

**Tim Feather**

**Gospel Acclamation:** *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

**ELW #325**

Verse 1 - SOLO, Travis Stahler; Verses 2 & 3 - ALL, Choir & Congregation

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. <sup>2</sup> He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4</sup> But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,  
‘He will command his angels concerning you,’  
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, <sup>9</sup> and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’”

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Help us God, as we seek to interpret what this means for our lives.

**Homily**

## Reception of Tithes & Offerings

February Special Offering

Food Bank - Fresh Produce

**Choir Anthem:** *Praise and Adoration*

Mary Kay Beall and Stan Pethel

**Offering Response:** *Praise and Thanksgiving*

**ELW #689** vs. 1 & 3

**Prayers of the Church**

**Tim Brown**

*After each petition:* We are growing in faith. **Open our eyes to know good and evil.**

Joe Meier, Monica Wagner, Michael Colavita, Charlie Kimble, Mel Jones, Chip Rust, Tiffany Weddle, Bill Bergstresser, Dawn Ward, Bobbie Dietz, Sheila, Chris Kline, The Kmetz Family, Leona, Richard, Ashley Viegas, Mary Ann Kolumber, Michel Daage, Mariah Butterfield, George Suarez, Meghan, Bill Tone, Kyle  
*When a name is placed on the Prayer List, it will remain there for one month unless you notify us. If you would like a call, a visit, or communion from Pastor Phil, please call the church office.*

*Finally, and together:* **Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus,  
our strength and salvation, whom we love and follow.  
Amen.**

## 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.**

**Closing Hymn:** *Lift High the Cross*

**ELW #660**

**Benediction:** *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

**ELW #545** v. 1

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

## Postlude

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**Quiet Communion** Please join the Eucharistic Team at the Altar if you wish to receive Communion.