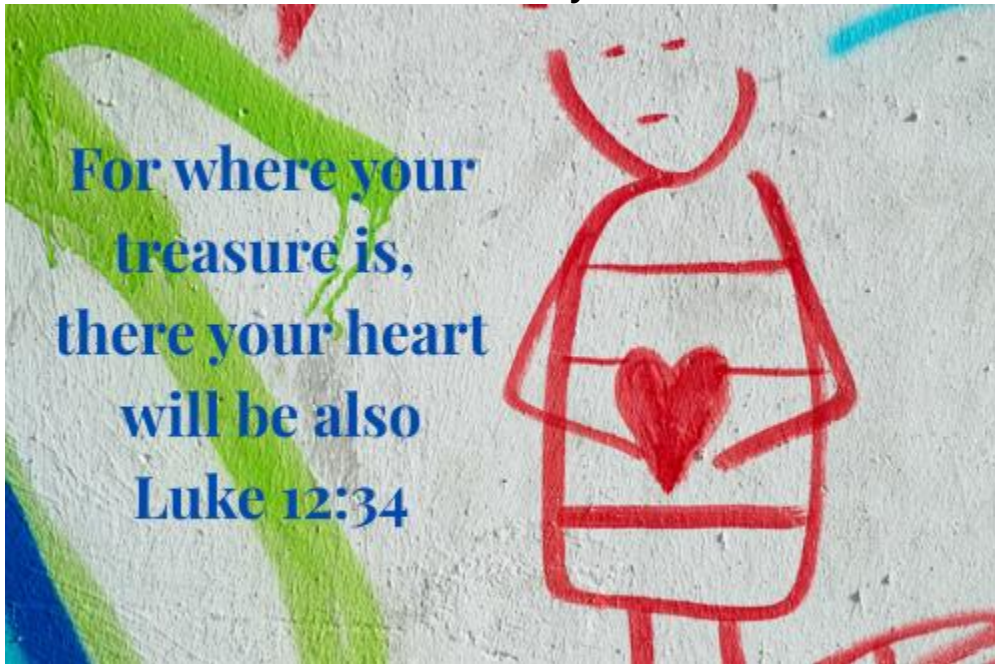


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We rejoice in the waters of baptism where Jesus meets us in newness of life...Jesus washes away our sin, covering us in grace and mercy.

We rejoice in the waters of baptism which are filled with the Holy Spirit...the Spirit awakens our hearts to justice and our lives to love.

Rejoicing in the gift of these sacramental waters we are filled with gratitude.

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**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**Opening Hymn Come to the Water of Life ACS 955**

All who are thirsty for mercy, all who are thirsty for love, all who are thirsty for love, for mercy come, come to the Water of life.

All who are thirsty for healing all who are thirsty for touch; all who are thirsty for touch, for healing come, come to the Water of life.

All who are thirsty for beauty; all who are thirsty for truth; all who are thirsty for truth, for beauty come, come to the Water of life

All who are thirsty for justice; all who are thirsty for peace, all who are thirsty for peace, for justice come, come to the Water of life.

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**Greeting**

## **Prayer of the Day**

God of Joy, in this season of resurrection and rejoicing we have much for which to give thanks. Guide us to respond generously to your faithfulness so that your church might continue to be a community where all are welcome to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

## **Children's Message**

Centering Song [Jon Guerra - Where Your Treasure Is \[OFFICIAL LYRIC VIDEO\]](#)

## **Welcome the Word**

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

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## **Scripture Reading**

**Luke 12:13-34**

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

He said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, you of little faith! And do not keep seeking what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that seek all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

## **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day**

### **You Are the Seed WOV 753**

You are the seed that will grow a new sprout; you’re a star that will shine in the night; you are the yeast and a small grain of salt, a beacon to glow in the dark.

You are the dawn that will bring a new day; you’re the wheat that will bear golden grain; you are a sting and a soft, gentle touch, to witness wherever you go. (refrain)

Go, my friends, go to the world, proclaiming the great love of God, messengers to tell the way of life, peace and pardon for all. Be, my friends, a loyal witness, from the dead Christ arose; "Lo, I'll be with you forevermore, till the end of the world."

You are the flame that will lighten the dark, so resplendent with hope, faith, and love; you are the shepherds to lead the whole world to waters and pastures of peace. You are the friends that I chose for myself, you're the word that I want to proclaim. You are the new reign of God built on rock where justice and truth are at home.  
(refrain)

You are the life that will nurture the plant; you're the waves in a turbulent sea;  
yesterday's yeast is beginning to rise, a new loaf of bread it will yield.  
There is no place for a city to hide, there's no mountain can cover its might;  
let your light shine so that your loving works give honor and glory to God. (refrain)

### **Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is

seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Merciful God, Receive our prayer

**Peace**

**Offering**

### **Offertory Response**

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives they are yours; we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you we are an offering, we are an offering.

### **Offering Prayer**

God of Abundance, everything we have is yours. It all belongs to you. As an act of worship and a sign of trust we return this portion to your keeping. Do with it what you will. Give us only your love and grace at this table. That is enough for us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### **Words of Consecration**

Jesus invites us to rejoice in the sacramental life. He sets a table with his body and blood and bids us to partake in its promise. Before Christ died he shared this holy meal with his disciples...The

resurrected Christ reserved a place at this table for you with forgiveness and mercy on the menu. Come and receive God's goodness. May the gracious Holy Spirit be poured out upon this bread and cup as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us...

### **The Lord's Prayer**

### **Communion Distribution**

### **Post Communion Blessing**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

God of New Life, in this meal we were made mindful of your mercy and grace. May these gifts encourage us to rejoice through sharing the time, talents and treasures you have given us so that the world may know that we have seen the Lord. In the name of Jesus, the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

### **Announcements**

### **Blessing**

The Triune God rejoices in you!

You have been blessed to be a blessing.

May God our Creator create in you a generous heart

May Jesus our Savior inspire in you a desire to give and

May the Holy Spirit our Guide lead you to share abundantly

in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **Sending Hymn            We All Are One In Mission ELW 576**

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts  
united

by Christ the Lord of all.

A single great commission compels us from above to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love. We all are called for

service,

to witness in God's name. Our ministries are different, our purpose  
is  
the same, to touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace, so  
every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace. Now let us be  
united and let our song be heard. Now let us be a vessel for God's  
redeeming Word. We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,  
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Alleluia! Alleluia

**Dismissal Alleluia! Christ is risen.**

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Go in peace. Rejoice in the Resurrection. Give with a generous heart.

**Thanks be to God!**