



Service of the Word
Installation of Bishop Anne Cecile Edison-Albright
East Central Synod of Wisconsin
Sunday, April 11, 2021

Thanksgiving for Baptism

*Just as God's work of creation never ends, so the gifts we receive in baptism are renewed every day.
Let us give thanks together for the life given us in baptism.*

Silence

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life:
for the water to bathe in, water to drink, for the waters to play in and waters
of beauty, for water that inspires wonder, and water that gives life to our planet.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place:
for water from our tap, for rain, for Lake Michigan, for the Wisconsin River,
for Green Bay, for the Fox River, for the Tomorrow River.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place.

We give you thanks for your salvation through water:
for delivering Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,
for leading your people Israel through the sea to freedom,
for preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought
for healing your servant Naaman from his leprosy,
for guiding your people across the river Jordan into new beginnings,
for quenching the thirst of the Samaritan woman with living water.

We give you thanks for your salvation through water.

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We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized:
for all who gather here, for our godparents and baptismal sponsors,
for children and grandchildren, and those whose baptismal promises we hold,
for our brothers and sisters in Christ whom we have never seen but to whom we are bound.

We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.

We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.

We give you thanks for life in Jesus Christ through your Holy Spirit:
for our entry into Christ's death through these waters,
for our new birth into a life of freedom and service,
for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.

We give you thanks, holy Trinity, now and forever.

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Amen.



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing be to God our
 2 Not our own ho - li - ness, nor that we have
 3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come in vis - i -
 4 Praise to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



mak - er, source of all bless - ing, prod - i - gal cre -
 striv - en brings us the peace which you, O Christ, have
 ta - tion; you are the truth, our hope, and our sal -
 Spir - it: one Lord, one faith, one source of ev - 'ry



a - tor. Bap - tized and made your own, now we come be -
 giv - en. Bap - tized and set a - part, strength - en us, O
 va - tion. Bap - tize with joy and pow'r, give, O Dove de -
 mer - it. Here now re - new your church through this sym - bol



fore you, and we a - dore you.
 Sav - ior, with grace and fa - vor.
 scend - ing, life nev - er end - ing.
 giv - en; grant peace from heav - en.

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Rev. Michelle Nickodemus, Dean of Tomorrow River Conference

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. Inspire all pastors to proclaim your word diligently and your people to receive it willingly, that finally we may receive the crown of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading Acts 4: 32-35

Rev. Jen Fite Dean of Green Bay Conference

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104:24-34

Setting by Anne Krentz Organ

Second Reading I John 1:1-2:2

Rev. Lois Graper, Dean of Shawano Conference

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive our-selves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel John 20:19-31

Rev. Leah Woehr-Grande, of Tomorrow River Conference

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Judeans, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

1 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, who make the cross your own,
 2 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, look past the church - 's door,
 3 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, through whom the word must sound—
 4 When men - ace melts a - way, so shall God's will be done,
 live out your creed and risk your life for God a - lone;
 and see the ref - u - gee, the hun - gry, and the poor.
 cry out for jus - tice and for peace the whole world round:
 the cli - mate of the world be peace and Christ its sun;
 the God who wears your face, to whom all worlds be - long,
 Take hands with the op - pressed, the job - less in your street,
 dis - arm the powers that war and all that can de - stroy,
 our cur - ren - cy be love and kind - li - ness our law,
 whose chil - dren are of ev - ery race and ev - ery song.
 take towel and wa - ter, that you wash your neigh - bor's feet.
 turn bombs to bread, and tears of an - guish in - to joy.
 our food and faith be shared as one for ev - er - more.

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Apostles' Creed

Rev. Brad Dokken, Dean of Oshkosh Conference

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

INSTALLATION OF BISHOP

Presentation

Kerry Fehrman, ECSW Vice President

I present Anne Cecile Edison-Albright, who has been elected and called by the church, for installation into the office of bishop of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin.

Address and Questions

A reading from John: Jesus said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (John 20:21-23)

A reading from Matthew: Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20).

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you guardians, to feed the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son." (Acts 20:28).

A reading from Second Timothy: "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

And again: "Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us." (2 Timothy 1:13-14).

To you is being given the care of the pastors, deacons and congregations of this church.
I ask you in the presence of God and of this assembly:

Will you assume the office of bishop of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you be faithful in your office? Will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God through the call of the church?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you carry out this ministry in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Confessions of the Lutheran Church, and in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you be diligent in your study of the Holy Scriptures and in your use of the means of grace? Will you love, serve, and pray for God's people, nourish them with the word and sacraments, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you give faithful witness in the world, that God's love may be known in all that you do?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

*Will you guide, encourage, and support the ministers and the congregations
of this church/synod in their ministries?*

*Will you be an advocate for the ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,
and will you support this church's work with global and ecumenical partners?*

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things,
graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

The assembly responds: **Amen.**

Please Stand

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

*People of God, representatives of this synod, will you receive Anne Edison-Albright
as a servant of God and a shepherd in the church of Jesus Christ?*

We will, and we ask God to help us.

*Will you pray for her, help and honor her for her work's sake,
and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?*

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Hymn of Invocation

Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove

Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we give you thanks that by your Holy Spirit you sustain the church.

By the power of the Holy Spirit
you call, gather, enlighten, and sanctify the whole church.

Pour out your Spirit upon Anne Edison-Albright to empower and enlighten her ministry as a bishop in your church. Sustain her as a shepherd who tends the flock of Christ with love and gentleness, and oversees the ministries of the church with vision and wisdom. Uphold her as a faithful steward of your holy word and life-giving sacraments and a strong sign of reconciliation among all people. Give courage and fortitude to sustain her in this ministry. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior and Lord, through whom all glory and power and honor are yours in your holy church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

The office of bishop is now committed to you
in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Leader: Lord Jesus, risen Christ,
Assembly: **Send your Spirit.**

Remember to rekindle the gift of God that is within you. For God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self-control. **Amen.**

Giving of a Cross

Peace

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

Offering

As the Deer Runs to the River

Today's offering will be designated to AMMPARO. AMMPARO was envisioned after witnessing the plight of children who are forced to flee their communities because of complex and interrelated reasons, including chronic violence, poverty, environmental displacement and lack of opportunities in El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala.

Offering Prayer

God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.
Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.
Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;
for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Rev. Rich Block, Co-Dean of Wisconsin River Conference

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now
and forever. Amen.**

Blessing

Lord and God, intimate savior of our lives and cosmic ruler of the universe, in Jesus you are the substance of things hoped for and the knowledge of things unseen. Visit any who struggle under the shadow of doubt; minister among all who suffer beneath the claims of oppressive rule; resurrect your children, your church, and your earth. Bless those who have not seen and yet believe, and shape your wounded body the church to let the world see you through its scars. Lift every voice to sing your Easter glory, until the day when all stand before your throne, in eternal communion with one another and with you, One holy and undivided Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

Sending Hymn

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

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1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,
2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low
3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture
4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;



from this meal of love and grace;
af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole;
God has called us to re - ceive;
cour - age be our dai - ly breath;



may we through such love en - vi - sion
bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed
pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,
mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion



whose we are, and whose, our praise.
to re - lease and to con - sole.
Spir - it - ed then let us live.
from this day and un - to death.



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



God, the won - der of our days.
Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

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Dismissal

Rejoice and be glad, Christ is with you.

Christ is with us indeed. Hallelujah!

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