**GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**GREETING (ELW p. 213)**

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 (ELW p. 215)**

Let us pray.

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**ANNOUNCMENTS**

Welcome to worship on this 19th Sunday of Pentecost, can you believe it is October 3 already! Where has the year gone! Welcome to our guests this morning who are here to celebrate the baptism of Theo and Mila. I am honoured to be able to share in this gift of grace from God. The twins are the very first baptisms for me.

Note- masks are required to be worn during the service. They must cover your chin, mouth and nose and be well fitting. Masks will be worn during the baptism, there will be an opportunity for photos without masks when the service is over and the congregation is not in the sanctuary. Masks will need to be put back on when photos are finished.

There are a number of folks to keep in your prayers this week. Bob Ziegler, brother of Murray and Donna passed away on Sunday September 26 at his home in Milverton, The funeral was held yesterday. Andrea Martinez, cousin of Maureen and Don Hammer passed away on Wednesday Sept 29, after battling a brain tumour for a number of years.

Norma Hammer had a stroke on Thursday evening. A table mate of hers noticed that Norma seemed off and alerted staff right away. She was taken to Stratford hospital and was given medication to prevent further damage. We will remember them in our prayers this morning.

*Assembly rises*

**PRESENTATION**

*Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font.*

God who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into the 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 for each candidate, in turn, present the candidates:*

We present ***Theo Kyle Roger Banghart and Mila Jacqueline Banghart*** for baptism.

*The presiding minister addresses parents or others who bring for baptism children who are not able to answer for themselves:*

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

***Response Danielle and Kyle:*we do.**

As you bring *your children* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with *them* among God's faithful people, bring *them* to the word of God and the holy supper, teach *them* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,

place in *their* hands the holy scriptures, and nurture *them* in faith and prayer,

so that *your children* 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.

Do you promise to help *your children* grow in the Christian faith and life?

***Kyle and Danielle:*I do.**

*The presiding minister addresses sponsors:*

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture *these persons* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

***Lindsay and James****:*I do.

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly:*

People of God, do you promise to support ***Theo and Mila***and pray for *them* in *their* new life in Christ?

**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.*

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

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

*Response:* I renounce them.

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

*Response:* I renounce them.

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

*Response:* I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

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.**

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.**

\**Or,* “he descended into hell,” *another translation of this text in widespread use.*

**THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

*Water may be poured into the font before or during the thanksgiving. At the font, the presiding minister begins the 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.**

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. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and 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 the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism 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.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

**BAPTISM**

*The presiding minister baptizes each candidate. water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:*

*Theo Kyle Roger*, I baptize you in the name of the Father,\*

*water is poured on the candidate's head a second time:*

and of the Son,

*water is poured on the candidate's head a third time:*

and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister baptizes each candidate. water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:*

*Mila Jacqueline*, I baptize you in the name of the Father,\*

*water is poured on the candidate's head a second time:*

and of the Son,

*water is poured on the candidate's head a third time:*

and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**Theo and Mila, You belong to Christ,** **in whom you have been baptized.** **Alleluia.**

*The presiding minister continues:*

Let us pray.

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

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

Sustain ***Theo*** 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. **Amen.**

Sustain ***Mila*** 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. **Amen.**

*The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized.*

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

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

**WELCOME**

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

***Jane:*** 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.*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**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.**

*Family returns to seats.*

We continue with our opening hymn

**GATHERING SONG*Dearest Jesus, We Are Here* (ELW 443)**

1 Dearest Jesus, we are here,
gladly your command obeying.
With this child we now draw near
in response to your own saying
that to you it shall be given
as a child and heir of heaven.

2 Your command is clear and plain,
and we would obey it duly:
"You must all be born again,
heart and life renewing truly,
born of water and the Spirit,
and my kingdom thus inherit."

3 Therefore we have come to you,
in our arms this infant bearing;
truly here your grace we view;
may this child, your mercy sharing,
in your arms be shielded ever,
yours on earth and yours forever.

4 Gracious head, your member own;
shepherd, take your lamb and feed it;
prince of peace, make here your throne;
way of life, to heaven lead it;
precious vine, let nothing sever
from your side this branch forever.

5 Now into your heart we pour
prayers that from our hearts proceeded.
Our petitions heav'nward soar;
may our heart's desires be heeded!
Write the name we now have given;
write it in the book of heaven!

**WORD**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

**FIRST READING: Genesis 2:18-24**

A reading from Genesis.

18The Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” 19So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. 20The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. 21So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. 22And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. 23Then the man said,
 “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.” 24Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 8**

 1O  Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—
 2you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.
 3When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
 4what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?
 5Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.
 6You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:
 7all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,
 8the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.
 9O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12**

A reading from Hebrews.

1Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, 2but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. 3He is the reflection of God’s glory and the exact imprint of God’s very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.
 2:5Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. 6But someone has testified somewhere, “What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them?
 7You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, 8subjecting all things under their feet.”
Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,9but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.
  10It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. 11For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, 12saying,
 “I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

2Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” 3He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” 4They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” 5But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. 6But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ 7‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, 8and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. 9Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”
  10Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. 11He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; 12and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”
 13People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. 14But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. 15Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” 16And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON (ELW p. 217)**

**HYMN OF THE DAY  *God, When Human Bonds Are Broken* (ELW 603)**

1 God, when human bonds are broken
and we lack the love or skill
to restore the hope of healing,
give us grace and make us still.

2 Through that stillness, with your Spirit
come into our world of stress,
for the sake of Christ forgiving
all the failures we confess.

3 You in us are bruised and broken:
hear us as we seek release
from the pain of earlier living;
set us free and grant us peace.

4 Send us, God of new beginnings,
humbly hopeful into life.
Use us as a means of blessing:
make us stronger, give us faith.

5 Give us faith to be more faithful,
give us hope to be more true,
give us love to go on learning:
God, encourage and renew!

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Made children and heirs of God’s promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence.*

Holy One, you have raised up faithful leaders throughout history. Empower those discerning a call to ministry and all seminarians, that they continue to be formed for the sake of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have established a diverse and beautiful creation. Revive declining species and preserve endangered lands. Cultivate in us a sense of wonder for the world you created. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You desire for us not to be alone and to live in community with one another. Strengthen relationships between nations and peoples, that we celebrate and support one human family. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You share in our experiences and struggles. Bless all who live with any mental or physical disability, and all who live with illness or injury. Inspire creative communities, spaces, and environments that are accessible and hospitable. We remember today, Eddy, Elaine, Lynette, Barb, Sarah, Bonnie, Mary, Tilly, Robert, Helen, Katie, Nicole, Esther, Phyllis, John, the family of Bob Ziegler, the family of Anita Martinez, Norma, the lives and memory of the thousands of buried children at residential school sites across Canada, and those we name either out loud in the silence of our hearts. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You give the gift of Holy Baptism, in which we experience the grace and love of a living God. Be with Theo and Mila as we celebrate this day, keep them steadfast in your care and love. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have established and nurtured relationships that extend beyond those gathered here today. Bless our members who can no longer travel to worship with us and remind us of their continued role in this community of faith. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You promise eternal life to all your children. Thank you for the people of faith who have gone before us, we remember today, Bob Ziegler and Anita Martinez. Strengthen our trust we have in you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**PEACE (ELW p. 217)**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD (ELW p. 220)**

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**Amen.**

**LORD’S PRAYER (ELW p. 221)**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

**SENDING**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

**BLESSING (ELW p. 221)**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG*Go, My Children, with My Blessing* (ELW 543)**

1 "Go, my children, with my blessing,
never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you,
you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing,
you are my own."
2 "Go, my children, sins forgiven,
at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you,
what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven,
at peace and pure."
3 "Go, my children, fed and nourished,
closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving,
joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished,
joyful and free."

**DISMISSAL (ELW p. 222)**

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

**Thanks be to God.**

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