

"For all of you share in God's grace." (Philippians 1:7)



# FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

BAPTISM OF NEVAEH ELIZABETH SERRANO Sunday, April 6, 2025



Heaven (Ceiling of Brasilia Cathedral)

C.J. Briggs, Music Director Nicolette Cindric, Church Secretary Nancy Jermann, Liturgist Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

And a voice from heaven said,
"This is my child, the beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

~ Matthew 3:17

### ~ GATHERING TOGETHER ~

#### **PRELUDE**

# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Matthew 3; Philippians 1)

Suddenly, the heavens were opened and the Spirit of God descended like a dove. And a voice from heaven came, "This is my child, the beloved" For all of us share in God's grace.

\*GATHERING

LET US COME TO WORSHIP GOD

GTG #387

by I-to Loh

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#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come beloved children God. Come and worship together!

The bread of life satisfies our hunger and thirst.

You are witnessed, worthy, and welcomed today by Jesus, the bread of life.

The bread of life loves us and knows our needs.

Let us feast at the table of love and justice, where no one dines alone.

The bread of life has come to sustain us.

Believing this promise, let us worship together!

\*HYMN

FAIREST LORD JESUS

GTG #630

German hymn

CRUSADERS' HYMN

# \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of righteousness and justice, you know our hearts and minds. You see beauty in places we tend to ignore or neglect. We confess we have judged people and we have overlooked the value of others. We have neglected to honor the dignity of those unlike us or displaced from their homelands and have allowed our biases to shape our actions and choices.

Forgive us, God, for the times we have failed to reflect your love and justice. Open our eyes to see the worth of every person, and teach us to honor all your creation as beloved. Amen. [Silent Confession]

\*RESPONSE

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

GTG #422

PSALM 51

CREATE IN ME (Capers)

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Know you are forgiven and go in peace, ready to honor and love your neighbor as Christ has loved you. **Thanks be to God.** 

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

SPREAD THE WORD

OUTREACH TEAM

SACRED RECIPES

GRANDMA AMELIA SETELE'S CZECH HOUSKA BRAID

### ~ SHARING IN THE GOSPEL ~

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**HEBREW BIBLE** ISAIAH 43:16-21 Pew Bible p.632(OT)

**GOSPEL LESSON** 

JOHN 12:1-8

Pew Bible p.100(NT)

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.

For all of us share in God's grace.

**SERMON** 

AT THE TABLE WITH JESUS

### ~ TENDING THE GOOD NEWS ~

**HYMN** CHILD OF BLESSING, CHILD OF PROMISE

GTG #486

by Ronald S. Cole-Turner

KINGDOM

### CHILDREN OF GOD

### POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(see Insert)

### **NEVAEH ELIZABETH SERRANO**



#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

**RESPONSE** GLORY TO GOD,

GTG #582

WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

by Paul M. Vasile

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## ~ GOING FORTH TO NURTURE ~

#### THANKSGIVING FOR FAITHFUL SERVICE

A celebration of and blessing for outgoing Music Director C.J. Briggs

\*HYMN

JESUS, PRICELESS TREASURE

GTG #830

by Johann Franck

JESU, MEINE FREUDE

\*BENEDICTION (from John 6:58, Philippians 1:7)

This is the bread that came down from heaven.

For all of us share in God's grace.

**POSTLUDE** 

NEXT SUNDAY: LITURGY OF THE PALMS AND PASSION

Pieces of today's liturgy are from *Bread of Life Liturgy* (Illustrated Ministry)

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