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+ *Those who are able please stand.*
(*Congregation responses are printed in bold type*)

LBW = Green book
WOV = Blue book

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

+ THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM FOR ALICE ELIZABETH COPELAND

PRESENTATION

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a 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.

Parents: We present Alice Elizabeth Copeland to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

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

Parents: We do.

As you bring your child to receive the gift of Holy Baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in her hands the Holy Scriptures,
and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that you and your child 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 child grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do.

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?

Sponsors: I do.

People of God, do you promise to support Alice and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

We do.

+ PROFESSION OF FAITH

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?

I renounce them.

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

I renounce them.

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

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. Amen

+ THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

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.**

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things. **Blessed be God, now and forever.**

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. **Blessed be God, now and forever.**

In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God, now and forever.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who are here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom. To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

BAPTISM

Alice Elizabeth Copeland I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia!

Let us pray....We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give this child new birth, cleanse her from sin, and raise her to eternal life. Sustain Alice 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.**

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

A lighted candle is presented to the newly baptized to symbolize the Holy Spirit's presence.

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

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

+GATHERING HYMN

“I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry”

WOV#770

+ 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

+ KYRIE

Cantor



We pray for peace, O Lord, make plow-shares of our swords, make



plow-shares of our swords: hear us when we cry to you.

Assembly



Lord, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Lord, have



mer-cy on us: hear us when we cry to you.

Cantor



Christ, make us grow in grace un - til we see your face, un -



til we see your face: hear us when we cry to you.

Assembly



Christ, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Christ, have



mer-cy on us: hear us when we cry to you.

Cantor



De - fend your church, O Lord, and root it in your word, and



root it in your word: hear us when we cry to you.

Assembly




Lord, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Lord, have

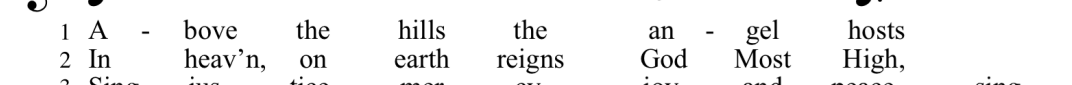


mer-cy on us: hear our cry. A - men.

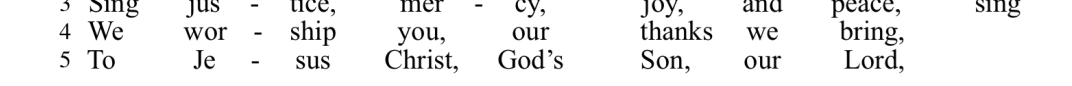
+ CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 A - bove the hills the an - gel hosts
 2 In heav'n, on earth reigns God Most High,
 3 Sing jus - tice, mer - cy, joy, and peace, sing
 4 We wor - ship you, our thanks we bring,
 5 To Je - sus Christ, God's Son, our Lord,



glo - ry! Glo - ry! Glo - ry! God's love is come to
 Yet ten - der - ly God
 God's own good will grants
 We bow be - fore you
 The Lamb of God, e -



seek the lost.
 hears our cry.
 sin's re - lease. Give glo - ry to God in the high - est!
 as we sing.
 ter - nal Word.

+ SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together ...

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: EXODUS 19:2-8

¹² The Israelites journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.³ Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: ⁴ ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself.

⁵ Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶ but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”

⁷ So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ^{8a} The people all answered as one, “Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 100

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands! ² Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God’s presence with a song.

³ **Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong; we are God’s people and the sheep of God’s pasture.**

⁴ Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the courts with praise; give thanks and bless God’s holy name.

⁵ **Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 5:1-8

¹ Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

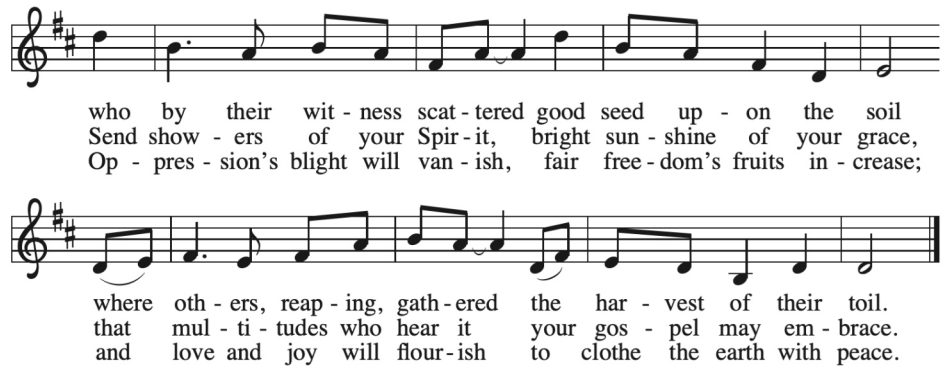
+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



1 O God, whose word well-plant - ed yields fruit a hun-dred - fold,
2 O God of seed and har - vest, of sun and soil and rain,
3 O God, your fi - nal har - vest of his - t'ry's an - cient field



we praise your grac - es grant - ed to those who sowed of old,
at - tend the word we sow, lest its plant - ing be in vain.
will test with truth the proud - est that hu - man work can yield.



who by their wit-ness scat-tered good seed up-on the soil
Send show-ers of your Spir-it, bright sun-shine of your grace,
Op-pres-sion's blight will van-ish, fair free-dom's fruits in-crease;
where oth-ers, reap-ing, gath-ered the har-vest of their toil.
that mul-ti-tudes who hear it your gos-pel may em-brace.
and love and joy will flour-ish to clothe the earth with peace.

1+ GOSPEL: MATTHEW 9:35-10:8

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵ Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

^{10:1} Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [⁹ Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰ no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food. ¹¹ Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹² As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³ If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴ If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

¹⁶ “I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷ Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues, ¹⁸ and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the gentiles. ¹⁹ When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you at that time, ²⁰ for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹ Sibling will betray sibling to death and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²² and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³ When they persecute you in this town, flee to the next, for truly I tell you, you will not have finished going through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”]

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

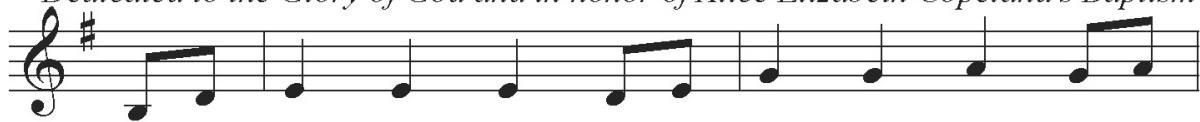
SERMON

Bishop Emily Hartner

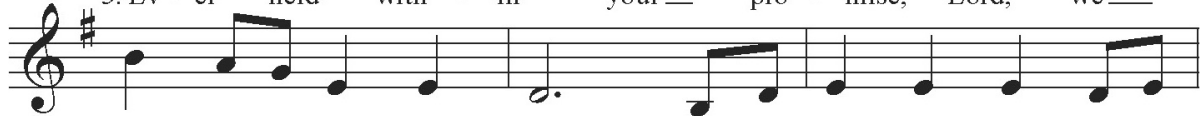
+ HYMN OF THE DAY

“Child of God, You're Always Mine”

Dedicated to the Glory of God and in honor of Alice Elizabeth Copeland's Baptism



1. At this font God comes near to us and
 2. Love claimed us long be - fore we knew the
 3. In wa - ter we are joined to Christ, who
 4. Child - ren of God, re - ceive this sign, the
 5. Ev - er held with - in your pro - mise, Lord, we



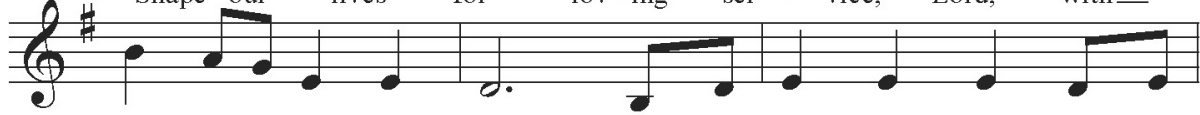
speaks a word of grace; where Christ re - ceives us
 mer - cy free - ly giv'n. Drawn by that love, we
 died and rose to save; bur - ied with him, we
 cross up - on your brow; sealed by Spi - rit and
 walk by faith each day; fed by your Word and



as come his own, and love has made a place.
 rise in grace, be - neath the grace of heav'n.
 marked by Christ, God's new be - yond the grave.
 Ho - ly Meal, you guide us on the way now.



God's mer - cy wa - shes fear a - way, and our
 A - round this font, Christ ga - thers us, where
 The old has passed and the new has come, God's
 No fear of death, no pow'r of sin, can
 Shape our lives for lov - ing ser - vice, Lord, with



life be - gins a - new; Our God has claimed us
 love and care in - crease. In love we bear each
 pro - mise still re - mains; through death and life, through
 tear you from God's care; for Christ has joined you
 mer - cy deep and wide; send us forth to serve the



once for all and makes the pro - mise true.
 oth - er up as Christ leads us to peace.
 cross and hope, Christ breaks sin's hea - vy chains!
 to his life, and holds you in his care.
 world you made, with Christ still at our side.



Refrain

We're mer - cy washed and Spi - rit sealed and held in love di - vine;



through wa - ter, God is speak - ing clear: “Child of God, you're al - ways mine!”

Text: Joshua Lewis Copeland 1995-

Tune: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish Traditional

+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

+ SHARING THE PEACE

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

OFFERING

+ OFFERTORY SONG



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we



place up - on your ta - ble. We do not wor - ship
grew in your good plea - sure. What once was com - mon,
lift in prayer be - fore you. Lord, by your grace now



as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
dai - ly food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

+ OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together ...

Gracious God, you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor. Accept the first fruits of time and toil, field and orchard we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and the care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.


+ PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You sent your Son to reveal your never-failing love for creation. Through your Holy Spirit you provide for our nurture and protection, that we might have all things necessary for growth in grace and humble service to your people. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in adoring song.

+HOLY, HOLY, HOLY - "Long, Long Ago in Jerusalem"

Pastor sings the 3 verses, congregation joins in on the refrain

Refrain: Assembly



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, God's
glo - ry fills all heav'n and earth, God of pow-er and might.

+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+ LORD'S PRAYER

+ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good!

Thanks be to God.

O LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, to earth you came to
2 O Lamb of God, the on - ly Son, to
save us all from grief and shame. Shorn of your life, up -
us show mer - cy, Ho - ly One. You save the world from
on the tree you hung in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
all its sin. Lord, give to us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION – All of God's children are welcome at the table for communion. Come forward in two lines to receive the bread from the pastor and wine/grape juice from a communion assistant.

+ TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you always in his grace.

Amen.

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together....

Gracious God, we give thanks for your pruning, planting, and nurture. We rejoice that you have used the harvest of field and vineyard to renew and sustain us. Lead us as we go from this life-giving meal into lives of grateful service to you and your cherished creation; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

+ BENEDICTION

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 HYMN

"I Love to Tell the Story"

LBW#390



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; I'll sing this theme in glo - ry



and tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

+ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

<u>Serving 6/14/2026</u>		<u>Serving 6/21/2026</u>	
Organist	Becky Lippard	Organist	Teresa Yost
Children's Sermon	Randy Basinger	Lector	Jamey Basinger
Lector	Chris Sloop	Communion Assistant	Duane Nolan, Randy Basinger
Communion Assistant	Duane Nolan, Shelly Hunter	Security Team	Jacob Stirewalt Randall Miller
Acolyte	Cruz Beers	Sound System	Cody Ritchie
Security Team	Jeremy Parris, Cody Ritchie	Teller Team	Brent Yost, Sheila Basinger, Patsy Parnell
Sound System	Finn Basinger	Ushers	Jeff & Sharon Ritchie, Patsy Parnell, Karen Reynolds
Teller Team	Brent Yost, Sheila Basinger, Patsy Parnell		
Ushers	Jeff & Sharon Ritchie, Patsy Parnell, Karen Reynolds		

Prayer List

Immediate needs:

Shirley Stiller, Debbie Parris, Nancy Shue, Judy Copeland

Community Concerns:

Lily Gariepy (*Fish Fry Recipient*), Kassana Alexander, Sandy Whitaker, Christine Whitaker (*Pastor Josh*), Pastor David Drysdale (*Pastor Josh*), Lynn Potter (*Emily Copeland*), Tim & Judy Shue (*Mary Austin*), David Stirewalt (*Gene Stirewalt*), Kristie Thomas (*Jackie Hurlbut*), Brenda Cole (*Barbara Collins*)

Comfort:

Family and friends of Emily Stirewalt

Ongoing Needs:

John Miller, Bobby & Barbara Sloop, Mary Miller, Kari Overcash, Janice Gray, Janis Eury, Allen & Lynn Sloop, Sophie Hooks, Louise Vaughn, Judy Copeland, Diane Bouk, Arlene Wise, Hazel Miller, Ronnie Gorman, Earl Thomas, Jesse Martin, Alice & Michael Baglio, Laura Reynolds, Irene Miller, Ray Baker, Emily Weddington, Monica Crossen, Lynn Aldridge, Mike Stout

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