

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE
A CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM
SEPTEMBER 17, 2022
ZION LUTHERAN, TAMAQUA, PA

*Note: Pastor White will ask for prayer requests at the start of this evening's service.
Worshippers are also invited to add their own prayers during Prayers of the People.*

GATHERING

Prelude: "I Will Follow Him"

Video: "What Is Baptism?"

Gathering Song: "In Christ Alone"

Welcome – Pastor Cindy White

Gathering Words – Please remain seated

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it

God sees the hurt of all God's people.

Praise the God of our salvation!

God wants everyone to be saved.

Praise the God of our salvation!

God sent Jesus to give himself for all.

Praise the God of our salvation!

Gathering prayer

Let us pray together: **We confess that we find your medicine hard to swallow. The quick fixes of this world are so much more pleasant, leaving us free to go back to our usual routines. But your medicine is powerful. And if we take it, it will remake and renew our lives. It will reorient us to you and to you alone. Turn us toward your love for justice and true worship.**

Forgive our sins, for which you weep. Forgive our hesitation. Grant us courage to choose you as our physician, and to serve you and you alone. Amen.

Sharing of Peace

May the Peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Godsightings:

Where have you seen God at work in your life?

The Order for Holy Baptism: Liberty Alexandria Coleman

A prayer for a young person, upon her baptism

God of grace, **you love us even when we feel unloved. You accept us even when we are imperfect. You have a plan and a purpose for us. Gather Liberty Alexandria**

Coleman into the arms of your embrace. Help her always to know that you walk beside her.

May the waters of baptism be a sign of your love for her, and the mark of your salvation throughout all the days of her life. In Jesus' name; Amen

Song: "Baptised in Water"

IN HOLY BAPTISM OUR GRACIOUS HEAVENLY FATHER LIBERATES US FROM SIN AND DEATH BY JOINING US TO THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. WE ARE BORN CHILDREN OF A FALLEN HUMANITY; IN THE WATERS OF BAPTISM WE ARE REBORN CHILDREN OF GOD AND INHERITORS OF ETERNAL LIFE. BY WATER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT WE ARE MADE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH WHICH IS THE BODY OF CHRIST. AS WE LIVE WITH HIM AND HIS PEOPLE, WE GROW IN FAITH, LOVE, AND OBEDIENCE TO THE WILL OF GOD.

***(Sponsors)* We present Liberty Alexandria Coleman to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.**

IN CHRISTIAN LOVE YOU HAVE PRESENTED **LIBERTY** FOR HOLY BAPTISM. YOU SHOULD, THEREFORE, FAITHFULLY BRING HER TO THE SERVICES OF GOD'S HOUSE, AND TEACH HER THE LORD'S PRAYER, THE CREED, AND THE TEN COMMANDMENTS. AS SHE GROWS IN YEARS, YOU SHOULD PLACE IN HER HANDS THE HOLY SCRIPTURES AND PROVIDE FOR HER INSTRUCTION IN THE CHRISTIAN FAITH, THAT, LIVING IN THE COVENANT OF HER BAPTISM AND IN COMMUNION WITH THE CHURCH, SHE MAY LEAD A GODLY LIFE UNTIL THE DAY OF JESUS CHRIST. DO YOU PROMISE TO FULFILL THESE OBLIGATIONS?

***(Parents & Sponsors Respond)* I do.**

THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

And also with you.

LET US GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD OUR GOD.

It is right to give him 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.

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 CLOUDS AND FIRE THROUGH THE SEA, OUT OF SLAVERY INTO THE FREEDOM OF THE PROMISED LAND. 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 OF 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.

POUR OUT YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, SO THAT THIS YOUNG PERSON WHO IS HERE BAPTIZED MAY BE GIVEN NEW LIFE. WASH AWAY THE SIN OF THIS PERSON WHO IS CLEANSED BY THIS WATER AND BRING HER FORTH AS AN INHERITOR 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.

I ASK YOU TO PROFESS YOUR FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS, REJECT SIN, AND CONFESS THE FAITH OF THE CHURCH, THE FAITH IN WHICH WE BAPTIZE. DO YOU RENOUNCE ALL THE FORCES OF EVIL, THE DEVIL, AND ALL HIS EMPTY PROMISES?

(Parents & Sponsors Respond) I do.

DO YOU BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER?

(All) I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

DO YOU BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He 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 and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

LIBERTY ALEXANDRIA COLEMAN, I BAPTIZE YOU IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Amen.

GOD, THE FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR FREEING YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS FROM THE POWER OF SIN AND FOR RAISING THEM UP TO A NEW LIFE THROUGH THIS HOLY SACRAMENT. POUR OUT YOUR HOLY SPIRIT UPON LIBERTY, 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.

Amen.

LIBERTY ALEXANDRIA COLEMAN, CHILD OF GOD, YOU HAVE BEEN SEALED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT AND MARKED WITH THE CROSS OF CHRIST FOREVER.

Amen.

(ZION REP.) LET YOUR LIGHTS SO SHINE BEFORE OTHERS THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN.

O GOD, THE GIVER OF ALL LIFE, LOOK WITH KINDNESS UPON THE FAMILY OF THIS YOUNG PERSON. LET THEM EVER REJOICE IN THE GIFT YOU HAVE GIVEN THEM. MAKE THEM TEACHERS AND EXAMPLES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR HER. STRENGTHEN THEM IN THEIR OWN BAPTISM SO THEY MAY SHARE ETERNALLY WITH LIBERTY THE SALVATION YOU HAVE GIVEN THEM, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.

Amen.

(ZION REP.) THROUGH BAPTISM GOD HAS MADE THIS SISTER A MEMBER OF THE PRIESTHOOD WE ALL SHARE IN CHRIST JESUS, THAT WE MAY PROCLAIM THE PRAISE OF GOD AND BEAR HIS CREATIVE AND REDEEMING WORD TO ALL THE WORLD.

We welcome you both into the Lord's family. We receive you both as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.

Amen.

THE WORD (Luke 16:1-13)

Gospel reading – Please remain seated

May the words that are spoken, and the reflections of our hearts, be worthy of your grace, O God,

to whom all honor and glory is given now and forever more. Amen.

A reading from Luke: **16** Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. ² So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’

³ “The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg— ⁴ I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’

⁵ “So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’

⁶ “‘Nine hundred gallons^[a] of olive oil,’ he replied. “The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’

⁷ “Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’ “‘A thousand bushels^[b] of wheat,’ he replied. “He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’

⁸ “The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. ⁹ I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

¹⁰ “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.¹¹ So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? ¹² And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?

¹³ “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

The Gospel of Our Lord
Praise to You, O Christ!

Today’s message – Pastor Cindy White

Special music – “Borning Cry” – Pastor Cindy White

Praise & Prayer

The Offering Moment

Let us pray: **Source of every good gift, you call us to be wise with the true riches of your kingdom May this offering show such wisdom, that having been found faithful in a little, you will trust us to be faithful in much. We offer you these gifts in gratitude for your love, that they may bring healing and light to those in need. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

(Note: Worshipers are also invited to add their own prayers at this time.)

God calls us to be a praying people. Let us join in prayer,
offering our praise, thanksgiving, and concerns to God ...

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayers

The Lord’s Prayer – Spoken

The sending

Sending song – “When It’s Been Said and Done” -

Benediction

And all God’s people say **Thanks be to God.**