

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Baptism of Abilene Marie Johnson

Parents: Jacob & Erin Johnson

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Prelude, Welcome & Announcements

Welcoming Hymn ELW 328 *Restore in Us, O God* (all verses)

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Holy God,
we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold.
We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up.
We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred.
For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

Here is a flood of grace:

Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restore the promise of life through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Kyrie

Prayer of the Day

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Reading

John 12: 20-33

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Rev. Kristen Massa, *Associate Pastor*

Celebration Hymn ACS 1043 *Spirit, Open My Heart* (all verses)

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Profession of Faith –

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

And to you, all people of God: 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 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.

Prayers of Intercession

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Peace

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

Offering Response & Offering

Let the vineyards be fruitful

Lamb of God

Communion Song ACS 925 *Beautiful Things* (all verses)

Prayer after Communion

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the bread of life. **Amen.**

Closing Blessing

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Song ELW 545 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessings* (all verses)

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share your bread. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Preaching: **Rev. Kristen Massa**
Presiding: **Rev. Michael Short**
Assisting Minister: **Tammy Swenson Lepper**
Lector: **Janet Heukeshoven**
Altar Guild: **Greta Poser, Donna Peterson,**
Marilee Fish, Carly LeGere
Acolytes: **Cal Dahlke, Lauren Indra**

Bread Baker: **Karen Jacobson**
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Communion Assistants: **Connie Larson, Mary Larkie**
Ushers: **Brian Neuberger, Don Peterson, John Larkie,**
Jason Quarberg
Videographer:
Children's Sermon:
Vocalists: **Central Singers**

Please remember in your prayers this week:

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Karen Freiheit (Cancer)
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