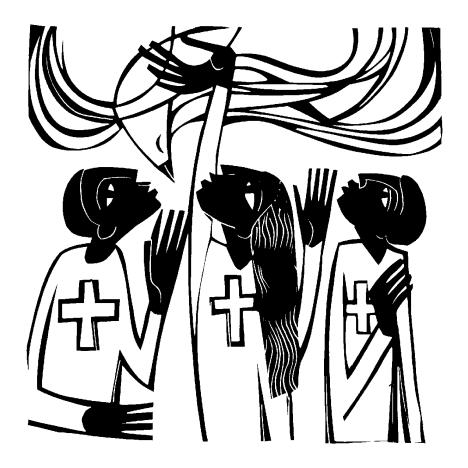
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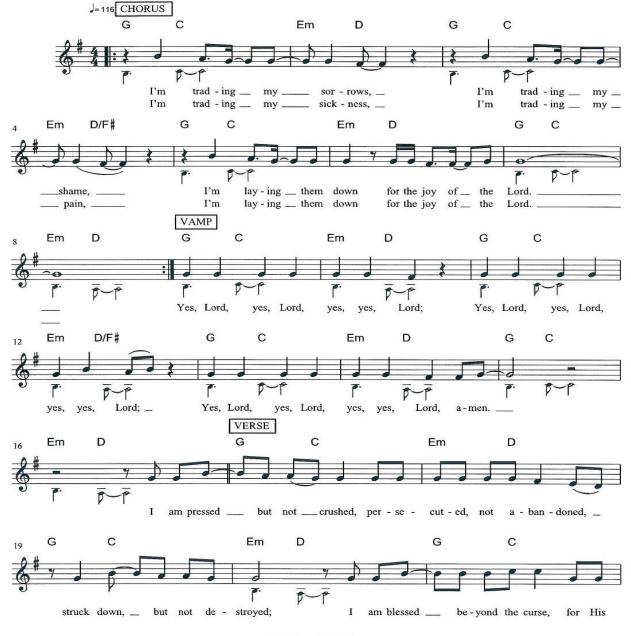
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GATHERING

Music to Prepare Us for Worship

Gathering Songs "Trading My Sorrows" & "Fill My Cup" Trading My Sorrows

> Words and Music by Darrell Evans



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Trading My Sorrows - 2



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Fill My Cup F C Fill my cup, let it overflow, who-o-oa C G C Fill my cup, let it overflow, who-oa yeah C F Fill my cup, let it overflow, who-oa yeah C F Let it overflow with lo-ove.

Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong, they are weak but He is strong. *(Chorus)*

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now am found was blind but now I see. Public Domain

Welcome, Worship Orientation 101, Connection Cards

No Longer Strangers Prayer – Cassidy Caya

Let us pray together the no longer strangers prayer. Creator God, We are always looking for you, for your love and presence. Open our eyes to see you, already there, in one another; friends and strangers alike. Amen.

Meet Someone New

We practice being Christians by extending our hand in friendship to people we may not know very well or at all. If we can't practice it here in worship, where else can we do it? Go ahead, make the first move. "Hi, my name is ______. You're new to me." OR "Can I introduce myself to you?" are good ways to start. We simply cannot be afraid of one another.

Reprise "Fill My Cup"

Confession – Leah Pollmann Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. Amen God of mercy and never ending grace, come to us and help us. Turn us from sin. Turn us toward you. Stir up the power of your Holy Spirit so that we might be able to say out loud what it is we've done and receive your forgiveness right here, right now.

Let us confess that God is God and we are not.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Generous, Re-creating God, There is nothing we can hide from you – the good, the bad. All of it. You know who we have loved and who we have refused to love. You know how we've sectioned off our hearts and our lives. You know what we've done. You know what we've let die on the vine. We are sorry. We ask you to forgive us, to make us new, to have more power in our lives than the sin we let define us.

Hear this Good News: You are not your mistakes. You are a beloved Child of God, known by God as precious and lovely and forgiven. Rejoice! By grace you have been saved. **Alleluia! Thank you, God!**

Greeting – Landon Butler

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the community of the Holy Spirit is with you all **And also with you.**

KYRIE ELEISON (Lord, Have Mercy)



Prayer of the Day – Audrey Seifert

Let us pray,

A brief silence is kept before the prayer. (Audrey, in your head, count to 5, then start the prayer with "God of promise.")

God of promise, you are the one who keeps promises to us – to love us, to be faithful to us, to save us from ourselves. Remind us daily that you call us children of God, that you are with us in all of life, bringing about new life through us. Thank you for the gift of your love we know through Jesus Christ. Amen

THE STORY

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS -- All Saints' Day Litany

We remember the great ancestors of our faith, from Abraham and Sarah to Paul and Phoebe.

We remember. We are sisters and brothers.

We remember the prophets and priests, the ministers and teachers who have taught us the ways of God.

We remember. We are sisters and brothers.

We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles, those who have gone before us in our life on earth. We remember. We are sisters and brothers.

We remember children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives and parents whose lives ended too soon.

We remember. We are sisters and brothers.

Today we remember those from our River of Hope family who continue their eternal life not here with us but in the life to come. We miss them so much. We love them. We are awash with them in the waters of baptism.

Silence to remember those from River of Hope who have died. You are invited to whisper or say out loud the names of those you remember.

We remember those dear ones we love and miss from our families, our community, and our world:

We remember...You are invited to whisper or say out loud the names of those you remember.

We remember the promises God makes in baptism – they are waters that never dry up or run out. These waters connects us, living and dead and yet to be born. These waters join us together, wrap us up in eternal grace. These waters claim us and make us who we are by the power of God's Holy Spirit. We remember and celebrate with those who have entered the body of Christ through baptism this year:

Welcome Child of God, Elert Alan Nordquist

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Welcome Child of God, Keagan Harvey Paulsen

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Gracious God, it is your love, your love that never ends, that joins us together as sinner/saints, living here and now and alive in eternal life in you. Your gift of the Holy Spirit goes out with us, into the storms and the deafening silence whispering to us again and again that we are never alone. Let us rest in this promise. **Amen.**

Borning Cry



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LANDON BUTLER: Today, our story and God's story is found in the scriptures chosen by the confirmation youth.

ALL: Glory to you O Lord.

My name is Landon Butler and the scripture I chose is Jeremiah 29:11

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

My name is Cassidy Caya and the scripture I chose is Genesis 41:37-40

The proposal pleased Pharaoh and all his servants. Pharaoh said to his servants, 'Can we find anyone else like this—one in whom is the spirit of God?' So Pharaoh said to Joseph, 'Since God has shown you all this, there is no one so discerning and wise as you. You shall be over my house, and all my people shall order themselves as you command; only with regard to the throne will I be greater than you.'

My name is <u>Adria Gasser</u> and the scripture I chose is Genesis, the story of Noah and the ark found in Genesis chapters 6 - 9. I will read to you from chapter 9, verse 16

When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.'

My name is <u>Kylie Huls</u> and the scripture I chose is Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

My name is Maddy Nordman and the scripture I chose is John 16:33

I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!'

My name is <u>Elise Plath</u> and the scripture I chose is Proverbs 18:19 Do a favor and win a friend forever; nothing can untie that bond.

My name is Leah Pollmann and the scripture I chose is Jeremiah 23:16

Thus says the Lord of hosts: Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you; they are deluding you. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the Lord.

My name is Sabrina Schofield and the scripture I chose is Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

or everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

My name is Audrey Seifert and the scripture I chose is 1 Timothy 4:12

Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, you faith, and your purity.

Sermon

Affirmation of Baptism

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

Those making affirmation are presented by a sponsor or another representative of the congregation:

Parents/sponsors and all those who are here to support this particular youth will simply stand up from where they are seated and present their loved one. The names will be in alphabetic order and will appear on the power point slide.

We present <u>name</u>, who desires to make public affirmation of <u>her/his</u> baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God,

we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism. The assembly may stand and 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? 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; help my unbelief. (from Mark 9:24)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? I believe; help my unbelief. (from Mark 9:24

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; help my unbelief. (from Mark 9:24

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.

AFFIRMATION IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ASSEMBLY The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ? We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

As the confirmation youth are blessed, the congregation is invited to light candles in prayer for them and for any loved ones you want to remember on this day, All Saints Day. There is a table designated for this just on the edge of our worship space.

Those making affirmation may kneel. The presiding minister prays for God's blessing.

A chair will be placed in the center. The youth will sit in the chair and be surrounded by family, Godparents, mentors and others who want to bless.

Let us pray, we give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in ______ 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

THANKSGIVING FOR MENTORS – ELISE PLATH

Let us pray - Dear God of relationship,

Thank you for the gifts of friendship, faith and the family of Christ. We thank you for these mentors and their love, attention and care for these youth: Rod Riewer, Nancy Jorgenson, Ron Johnson, Jeanette Lindberg, Melissa Schofield, Andy Koenig, Renee Kotlarz, Susan Johnson, Brenda Sandquist, Betty Brandt. Thank you God for these good and faithful witnesses to a life of faith. Amen.

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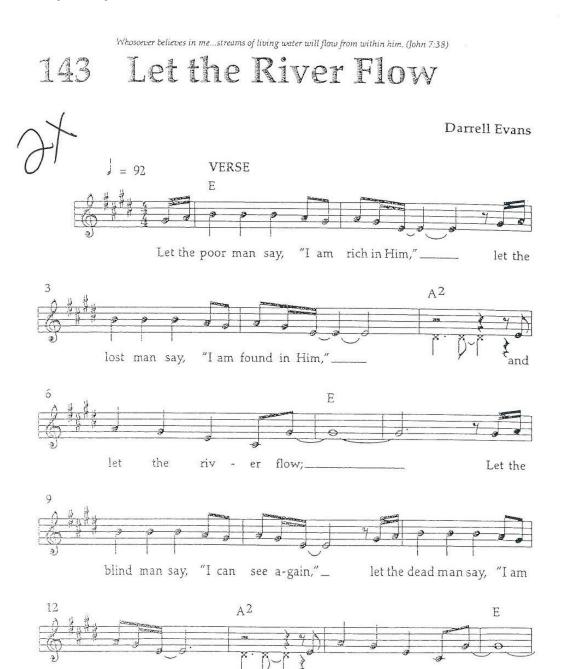
Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your father in heaven.

Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly. A representative of the congregation addresses the assembly. Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

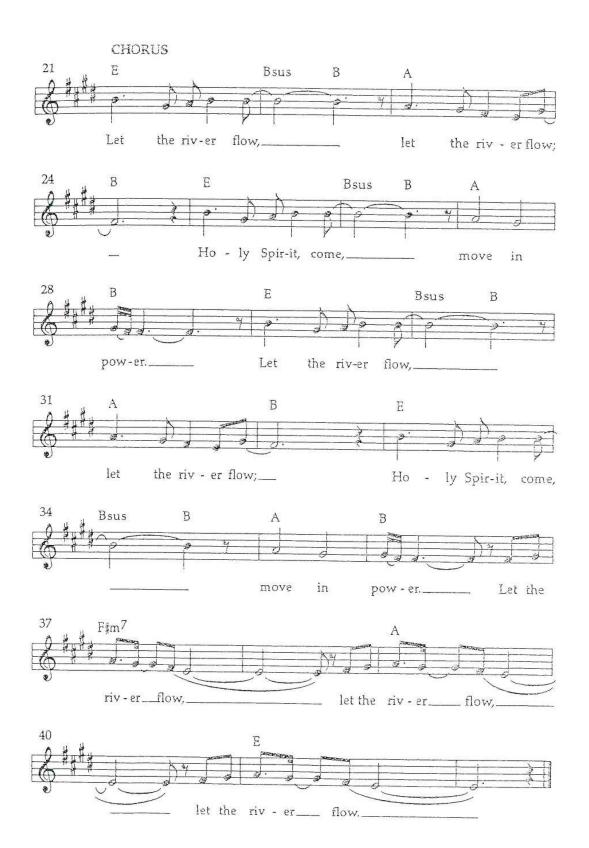
We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world. Alleluia!

Song/Hymn "Let the River Flow" As we sing together, the confirmands will remind the congregation of their baptism by sprinkling them with water from the fount.



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THE MEAL

Offering

All that we have and all that we are comes from God. Let us give back to God in a spirit of generosity. There will be enough. Please put your offering of gratitude to God in the plate as it passes by. Prayerfully consider giving a consistent financial gift to River of Hope so our community cannot just survive but thrive. The watering can is for Laundry Love. The Backpack is for pudding for Common Cup and the Backpack program.

Offering Song "We Are An Offering"



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Setting the Table

As the kids help set the table, they make a circle around the table and lead the congregation in the table prayer written by Martin Luther:

Thanksgiving for Gifts

Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let's pray: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. And let these gifts to us be blest. Blest be God who is our bread, may all the world be clothed and fed. Amen.

The Lord is 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.**

In the night when Jesus was betrayed by his best friends, he took bread. He blessed it and broke it and gave it to these same friends saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again after supper he took the cup, blessed it and gave thanks and gave it for all to drink saying, "this is the new covenant, the new promise, for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

The Lord's Prayer

You are invited to join hands with those around you in prayer. If you are not the hand-holding type, then simply fold your hands in front of you or hang onto this bulletin as you pray.

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. 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.

Invitation to the Meal

You are welcome to this meal. If you hunger and thirst for grace and mercy that comes through Jesus Christ, then Christ has set this table just for you. Bring all that you are and all that you have to the table. You will be fed. You are forgiven. There is enough.

Communion Songs "Down to the River to Pray, You Are Mine, Blest Are They"

Down to the River to Pray

Traditional

CHORUS F As I went down to the river to pray Studyin' about the good ol' way And who shall wear the robe and crown Good Lord, show me the way

C F Oh, sister let's go down, Let's go down, come on down Come on sisters let's go down Down to the river to pray (Chorus)

Oh, brother let's go down, Let's go down, come on down Come on brothers let's go down Down to the river to pray (Chorus)

Oh, sinner let's go down, Let's go down, come on down Come on sinners let's go down Down to the river to pray (Chorus)

You Are Mine



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Blest Are They



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Blessing after Communion – MADDY NORDMAN

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his peace. Amen.

Prayer After Communion – SABRINA SCHOFIELD

Let us pray: Gracious God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen

THE SENDING

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose? We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

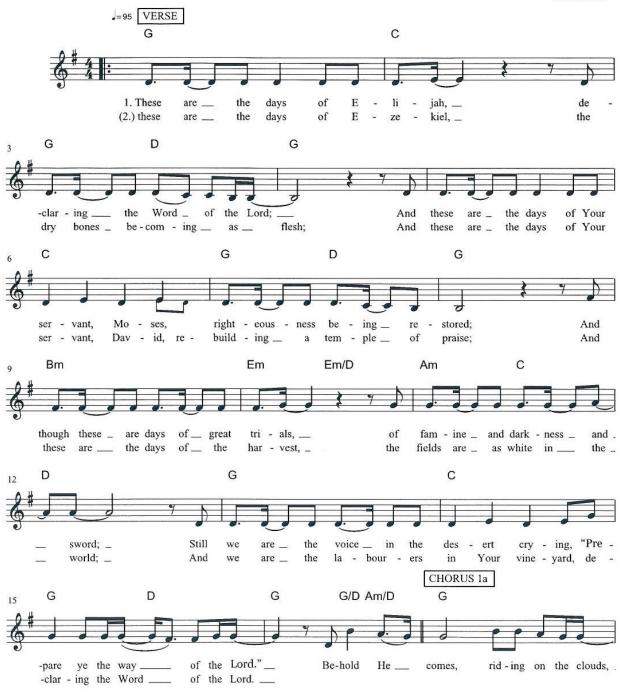
Blessing - ADRIA GASSER, KYLIE HULS

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you: Wherever he may send you may he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm; May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you; May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors. Amen.

Sending Song "Days of Elijah" – all kids, youth, and newly confirmed – come play a rhythm instrument!

Days Of Elijah

Words and Music by Robin Mark



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Go in peace, serve the Lord! Thanks be to God!

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