

# HALLELUJAH ANYHOW (MARTYRDOM)

JULY 14 - 10AM

ACTS

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSING and SENDING for the ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING PEACE

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OPENING SONG

*"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"*

CCLI# 4768151

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... Lord,

**help us to imitate what we worship, and so learn to love even our enemies, for we learn today of a man who knew how to pray even for his persecutors. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

## BAPTISM OF ROBERT NEIL ADRIAN

God, who is rich in mercy and love... for the life of the world.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have **Robert Neil Adrian** baptized into Christ?

Parents and Sponsors: We do.

As you bring **Robert** to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities...

Do you promise to help **Robert** grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Sponsors: We do.

*Congregation may stand as you are able.*

People of God, do you promise to support **Robert** and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**We do.**

To all the baptized, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

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.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Congregation may be seated.*

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

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain **Robert** 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.**

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

**Amen.**

We present this candle to you as a reminder of your baptism and the word of Jesus to, *“Let your light so shine before others that they might see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven.”* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome Robert into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: giving thanks and praise to God so that we can bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

*Please be seated.*

## **CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

### **LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

### **COMMUNION VIDEO**

### **COMMUNION SONG**

*“Great Are You Lord”*

**CCLI# 6460220**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

### **A READING FROM ACTS 6:1-12; 7:54-60**

<sup>1</sup>Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. <sup>2</sup>And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. <sup>3</sup>Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, <sup>4</sup>while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word." <sup>5</sup>What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup>They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. <sup>7</sup>The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. <sup>8</sup>Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup>Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and others of those from Cilicia and Asia, stood up and argued with Stephen. <sup>10</sup>But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which

he spoke. <sup>11</sup>Then they secretly instigated some men to say, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God." <sup>12</sup>They stirred up the people as well as the elders and the scribes; then they suddenly confronted him, seized him, and brought him before the council.

<sup>54</sup>When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. <sup>55</sup>But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>Look, he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup>Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup>Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

THE WORD OF THE LORD. THANKS BE TO GOD.

## ACTS OF RESURRECTION

### REFLECTION

Pastor John Anderson

### SONG OF THE DAY

*"In Christ Alone"*

CCLI# 3350395

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray...

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

Lord, take and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all I have and call my own. You have given all to me. To you, Lord, I return it. Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace, that is enough for me. In Christ's Holy name we pray. **Amen.**

### GATHERING OF THE OFFERING

*"King of My Heart"*

CCLI# 7046145

### OFFERING PRAYER

*Please stand as you are able.*

### BLESSING

### SENDING SONG

*"Reckless Love"*

CCLI# 7089641

### SENDING

Go in peace, as we share the Resurrection by:

**Loving Jesus, Changing Lives, and Reaching Out to Serve. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### POSTLUDE

We look forward to you and/or your family joining us:  
**Sunday, July 21**  
**8am & 10am – Worship**

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## Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

### Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see

### Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

### Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love amazing grace

### Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

### Chorus(twice)

My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love amazing grace

## Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine  
You are forever mine

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## Great Are You Lord

### Verse

You give life You are love  
You bring light to the darkness  
You give hope You restore ev'ry heart that is broken  
Great are You Lord

### Chorus

It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise  
We pour out our praise  
It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise to You only

### Verse

You give life You are love  
You bring light to the darkness  
You give hope You restore ev'ry heart that is broken  
Great are You Lord

### Chorus

It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise  
We pour out our praise  
It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise to You only

### **Bridge(3X)**

And all the earth will shout Your praise  
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing  
Great are You Lord

### **Chorus(repeatedly)**

It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise  
We pour out our praise  
It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise to You only

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## **In Christ Alone**

### **Verse 1**

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

### **Verse 2**

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

### Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

### Verse 4

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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## King Of My Heart

### Verse 1

Let the King of my heart  
Be the mountain where I run  
The fountain I drink from  
Oh He is my song  
Let the King of my heart  
Be the shadow where I hide  
The ransom for my life  
Oh He is my song

### Chorus

You are good good oh  
You are good good oh  
You are good good oh  
You are good good oh



## Verse 2

Let the King of my heart  
Be the wind inside my sails  
The anchor in the waves  
Oh He is my song  
Let the King of my heart  
Be the fire inside my veins  
The echo of my days  
Oh He is my song

## Chorus

You are good good oh  
You are good good oh  
You are good good oh  
You are good good oh

## Bridge(twice)

You're never gonna let  
Never gonna let me down  
You're never gonna let  
Never gonna let me down  
You're never gonna let  
Never gonna let me down  
You're never gonna let  
Never gonna let me down

## Ending

When the night is holding on to me  
God is holding on  
When the night is holding on to me  
God is holding on

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# Reckless Love

## Verse 1

Before I spoke a word You were singing over me  
You have been so so good to me  
Before I took a breath You breathed Your life in me  
You have been so so kind to me

## Chorus

(And) O the overwhelming never-ending reckless  
Love of God  
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found  
Leaves the ninety-nine  
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it  
Still You give Yourself away  
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless  
Love of God yeah

## Verse 2

When I was Your foe still Your love fought for me  
You have been so so good to me  
When I felt no worth You paid it all for me  
You have been so so kind to me

## Chorus

## Bridge(3X)

There's no shadow You won't light up  
Mountain You won't climb up  
Coming after me  
There's no wall You won't kick down  
Lie You won't tear down  
Coming after me

## Chorus

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray...

Thank You, Lord, for the open doors of the Church. Thank You for the exuberant little ones, for the faithful retired attendees. Thank You for the piano playing, the guitar tuning up, the voices of all ranges reaching the roofs. Thank You for all who lead us in Worship. Thank You for Your Word remaining the same all over the world. Thank You for the body coming alongside us. Thank You for loving us through the Church. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord, please be with our Youth and their Leaders as they attend the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Keep them safe, draw them into Holy fellowship with other believers, and strengthen their faith so that they may return with a renewed boldness to share the good news of Jesus Christ with all whom they meet. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord, give us the boldness of Stephen in the face of persecution. Be with those around the world who are persecuted for what they believe. Help us to be bold witnesses to Christ in a world to often uninterested in hearing the message of Jesus. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord, today we lift up to you all who are hurting in mind, body, or Spirit. We pray especially for *Kathy, Carol, Dane, Marcia, John, Jeanne, Heather, Betty, Florence, Bob, Myrna, Jim and Mark.* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord, take and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, All I have and call my own. You have given all to me. To you, Lord, I return it. Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace, that is enough for me. In Christ's Holy name we pray. **Amen.**