13th Sunday after Pentecost
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Memorial Service for
Ghulam Feroz
and Divine Service with
Holy Baptism

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Holy Baptism

We welcome into our fellowship this morning Albert Lamsuanlian Phiamphu, son of Samuel Phiamphu and Mary Thaithul, and brother of Isaac. They were members of the Lutheran Church in India and will be joining our congregation.

Stand

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

P Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” And the apostle Peter has written, “Baptism now saves you.”

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

The pastor addresses each candidate:

P How are you named?
R Albert Lamsuanlian Phiamphu

The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of each candidate while saying:

P Albert, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your forehead and upon your heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P Let us pray.
Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Albert according to Your boundless mercy and bless him with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in him, which has been inherited from Adam and which he himself has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that he be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, he would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.
They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.” And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The pastor places his hands on the head(s) of the candidate(s), and the congregation joins in praying:

Lord’s Prayer

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;
and 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.

The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even forevermore.

Amen.

Sit

The pastor addresses the candidate(s) and asks the following questions:

Albert, do you renounce the devil?
Yes, I renounce him.
Do you renounce all his works?
Yes, I renounce them.
Do you renounce all his ways?
Yes, I renounce them.

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?
Yes, I believe.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?
Yes, I believe.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?
Yes, I believe.

Albert, do you desire to be baptized?
Yes, I do.
The pastor pours water three times on the head of each candidate while saying:

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

The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized while saying:

**P**  
The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.  
**C**  
Amen.

The pastor may light a baptismal candle from the paschal candle and give it to the newly baptized while saying:

**P**  
Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

The newly baptized may be welcomed with the following:

**A**  
In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus’ name as our brother in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.  
**C**  
Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.

Stand

**P**  
Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Albert the new birth in Holy Baptism and made him a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as he has now become Your child, You would keep him in his baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure he may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**C**  
Amen.

**P**  
Lord and Giver of life, look with kindness upon the father and mother of Albert and upon all our parents. Let them ever rejoice in the gift You have given them. Enable them to be teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own Baptism that they may share eternally with their children the salvation You have given them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**C**  
Amen.

**P**  
Almighty and everlasting God, since You govern and sanctify the whole Christian Church by Your Holy Spirit, hear our prayers for all her members, and mercifully grant that by Your grace we may serve You in true faith; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**C**  
Amen.

**P**  
Peace be with you.  
**C**  
Amen.

All return to their places.
Memorial Service

On Monday of this week the Lord called into his presence our brother Ghulam Feroz. There will be a visitation with his family and funeral service for Ghulam in Urdu conducted by the extended family’s pastor on Wednesday, August 25 from 11 AM to 2 PM here, at Ascension. Today we remember our brother and the promises made to him in baptism by his Lord and ours, Jesus Christ.

594 God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It

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Stand
Remembrance of Baptism

In Holy Baptism Ghulam was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all his sin. St. Paul says: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"

We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray. O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Ghulam and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 29:11–19

The vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, “Read this,” he says, “I cannot, for it is sealed.” And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, “Read this,” he says, “I cannot read.”

And the Lord said:
"Because this people draw near with their mouth
and honor me with their lips,
while their hearts are far from me,
and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men,
therefore, behold, I will again
do wonderful things with this people,
with wonder upon wonder;
and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish,
and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden."

Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your counsel,
whose deeds are in the dark,
and who say, “Who sees us? Who knows us?”
You turn things upside down!
Shall the potter be regarded as the clay,
that the thing made should say of its maker,
“He did not make me”;
or the thing formed say of him who formed it,
“He has no understanding”?
Is it not yet a very little while
until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field,
and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?
In that day the deaf shall hear
the words of a book,
and out of their gloom and darkness
the eyes of the blind shall see.

19 The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD,
and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

P The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.”*
They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds,
C there is none who does good.

P The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man,*
to see if there are any who understand,
C who seek after God.

P They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt;*
there is none who does good,
C not even one.

P Have they no knowledge, all the evil-doers* who eat up my people as they eat bread
C and do not call up on the LORD?

P There they are in great terror,*
C for God is with the generation of the righteous.

P You would shame the plans of the poor,*
C but the LORD is his refuge.

P Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!* When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,
C let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

C Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, Amen.

Stand

Verse

P Alleluia, alleluia.* Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;
C to Him be glory and power forever.* Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.

1When the Pharisees gathered to [Jesus], with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. 3[For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders, and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) 5And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” 6And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,
“‘This people honors me with their lips, 
but their heart is far from me; 
7in vain do they worship me, 
teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’

8You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.”

9And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! 10For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ 11But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban’ (that is, given to God) — 12then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, 13thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed
P God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty, 
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, 
the only-begotten Son of God, 
begotten of His Father before all worlds, 
God of God, Light of Light, 
very God of very God, 
begotten, not made, 
being of one substance with the Father, 
by whom all things were made; 
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; 
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. 
He suffered and was buried. 
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. 
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, 
the Lord and giver of life, 
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, 
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, 
who spoke by the prophets. 
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, 
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, 
and I look for the resurrection of the dead 
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.
Sermon

Kneel/Stand

Prayer of the Church

**P** Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead. Almighty God, You have knit Your chosen people together into one communion in the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Give to Your whole Church in heaven and on earth Your light and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and so pass with Him through the gate of death and the grave to our joyful resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Grant that all who have been nourished by the holy body and blood of Your Son may be raised to immortality and incorruption to be seated with Him at Your heavenly banquet. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Give to the family of Ghulam and to all who mourn comfort in their grief and a sure confidence in Your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Give courage and faith to the bereaved, that within the communion of Your Church they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.
Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Receive our thanks for Ghulam and for all the blessings You bestowed on him in this earthly life. Bring us at last to our heavenly home that with him we may see You face to face in the joys of paradise. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

O God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence that because He lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come will be able to separate us from Your love, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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 Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for by your death you have destroyed death, and by your resurrection have opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:
Lord’s Prayer

Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to 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;
and 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.

The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.
Distribution

The Lord’s Supper is a gift from Christ, offered to those He is building together as one body. Members who have pledged themselves to each other and to the teaching at Ascension through the Rite of Confirmation are invited to receive (1 Cor. 1:10). Those who are not members of Ascension but who would like to receive the Sacrament are invited to meet with Pastor after worship to discuss a period of instruction (Ephesians 4:20-24).

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1 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!
2 The Lord has promised good to me, His portion be As long as life endures.
3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares I safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And then prevail In heaven’s joy and peace.
5 When we’ve been there ten thousand years, Bright sing God’s praise Than when we’d first begun.
Benedicamus
   L  Let us bless the Lord.
   C  Thanks be to God.

Benediction and Dismissal
   P  The Lord bless you and keep you.
      The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
      The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
   C  Amen.

   P  Let us go forth in peace,
   C  in the name of the Lord. Amen.

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