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MONTE STOLTZMAN IN CELEBRATION OF JAKE'S BIRTHDAY

GALATIANS LITURGY

Worship in a traditional order drawing words from Paul's letter to the churches in Galatia.

Opening Hymn ***Baptized into Your Name Most Holy*** *LSB 590*

Invocation (based on Galatians 1:3-7)

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

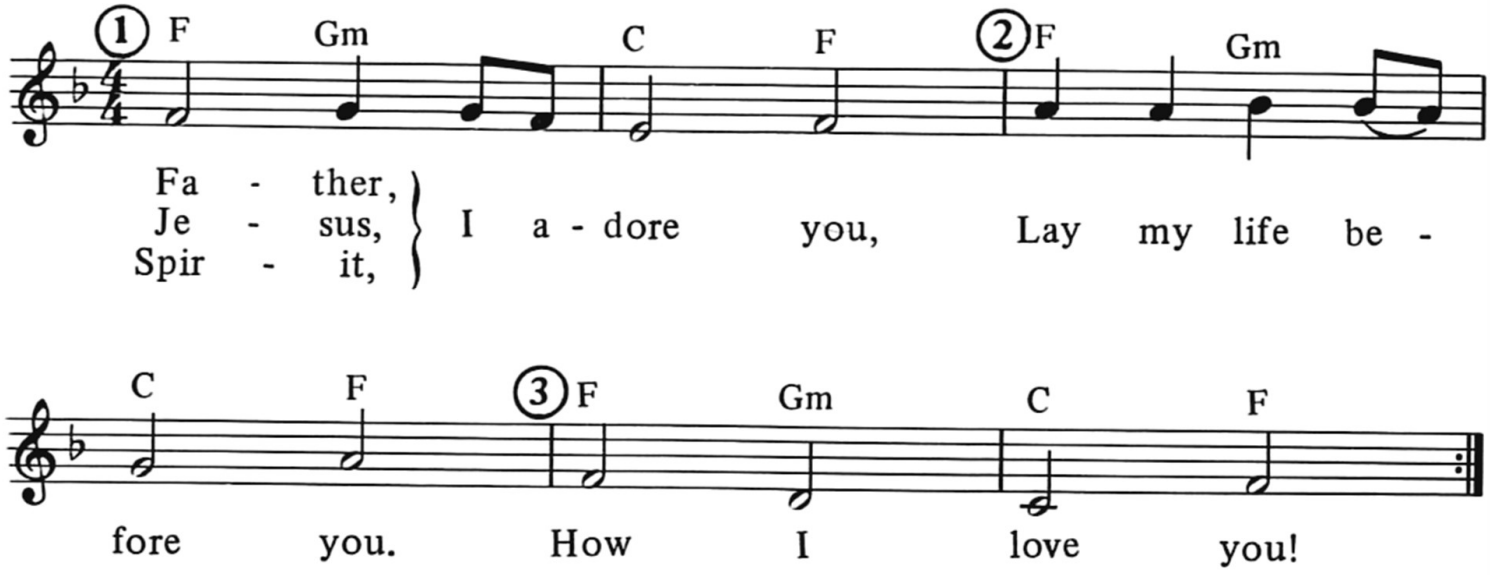
P: Grace and peace to you from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ,

C: who gave himself for our sins

P: to rescue us from this present evil age.
C: To Him be the glory forever and ever!
P: There's really no other Gospel in the world that says:
C: we're saved by grace.
P: No other religion where
C: eternal life is a gift of God.
P: You were unfree, slaves to sin, but now in Jesus Christ,
C: God has freed the unfree. Amen.

(Thursday) Baptism of Dylan Soto

Song of Praise ***Father, I Adore You***



Confession and Absolution (based on Galatians 2:16-17,20)
P: No one is justified by the works of the Law.
No one is made righteous by their actions.
C: We are not righteous in God's sight.
We have been found to be sinners.

Pause in silence in remembrance of our sins

P: But you have been crucified with Christ, and you now live and have the hope of life after death through the faithfulness of Christ Jesus who loves you and gave Himself on the cross for you. Therefore, in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.
P: Christ has set you free.
C: He has freed the unfree. Alleluia.

Verse of Response *Blake Flattley & Ben Squires*

This Week's Reading ***Galatians 1:13-17, 2:11-21 (NET)***

13 For you have heard of my former way of life in Judaism, how I was savagely persecuting the
church of God and trying to destroy it. 14 I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my
contemporaries in my nation, and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my
ancestors. 15 But when the one who set me apart from birth and called me by his grace was
pleased 16 to reveal his Son in me so that I could preach him among the Gentiles, I did not go
to ask advice from any human being, 17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to see those who were
apostles before me, but right away I departed to Arabia, and then returned to Damascus.

11 But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he had clearly
done wrong. 12 Until certain people came from James, he had been eating with the Gentiles.
But when they arrived, he stopped doing this and separated himself because he was afraid of
those who were pro-circumcision. 13 And the rest of the Jews also joined with him in this
hypocrisy, so that even Barnabas was led astray with them by their hypocrisy. 14 But when I
saw that they were not behaving consistently with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in

front of them all, "If you, although you are a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you try to force the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

15 We are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners, 16 yet we know that no one is justified by the works of the law but by the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by the faithfulness of Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified. 17 But if while seeking to be justified in Christ we ourselves have also been found to be sinners, is Christ then one who encourages sin? Absolutely not! 18 But if I build up again those things I once destroyed, I demonstrate that I am one who breaks God's law. 19 For through the law I died to the law so that I may live to God. 20 I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So the life I now live in the body, I live because of the faithfulness of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. 21 I do not set aside God's grace, because if righteousness could come through the law, then Christ died for nothing!

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of the Day ***Listen, God Is Calling*** *LSB 833*

Collect (Prayer of the Day—Gal. 1:1-3,2:15-16) *adapted from Eugene Peterson's translation* The Message

P: Let us pray. Praise to You, Father God, who has raised Jesus the Messiah from the dead, and Who has given us this Gospel-Good-News for the sake of our salvation. May Your grace and peace always keep this Gospel-Good-News as our Message. We know very well that we are not set right with God by rule-keeping but only through faith in Jesus Christ. Thank You, Lord, for showing us that no human being can please You by self-improvement. We believe that Jesus is the Messiah and that we are set right before You by trusting in Him. In the Name of Jesus the Messiah, we pray. ***C: Amen.***

(Sunday) Children's Message

Sermon

Confession of Faith (spoken in unison) (based on Galatians 3:6-14,4:4-7)

Our forefather of the faith Abraham believed God,
and it was credited to him as righteousness.
We who believe are the descendants of Abraham,
just as God told Abraham:
"All the nations will be blessed in you."
No one is justified before God by the law,
because the righteous one will live by faith.
Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us,
so that the blessing promised to Abraham would come to us,
and by faith, we could receive the promise of the Spirit.
Because when the appropriate time had come,
God sent out his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,
to redeem those who were under the law,
so that we may be adopted as children with full rights.
And because we are His children,
God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts,
so that we call to God saying, "*Abba!* Father!"
So we are no longer slaves but His children,
who will inherit the gift of eternal life through God. Amen.

Offering & Prayer Requests

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

Offertory (Connected to Galatians 5:13-14) *LSB 894 st. 3,2*

(we join in singing as the offerings are brought forward to the altar)

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: 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.

Benediction (Blessing) (based on Galatians 5:1,6:18)

P: Christ has set you free.

C: He has freed the unfree.

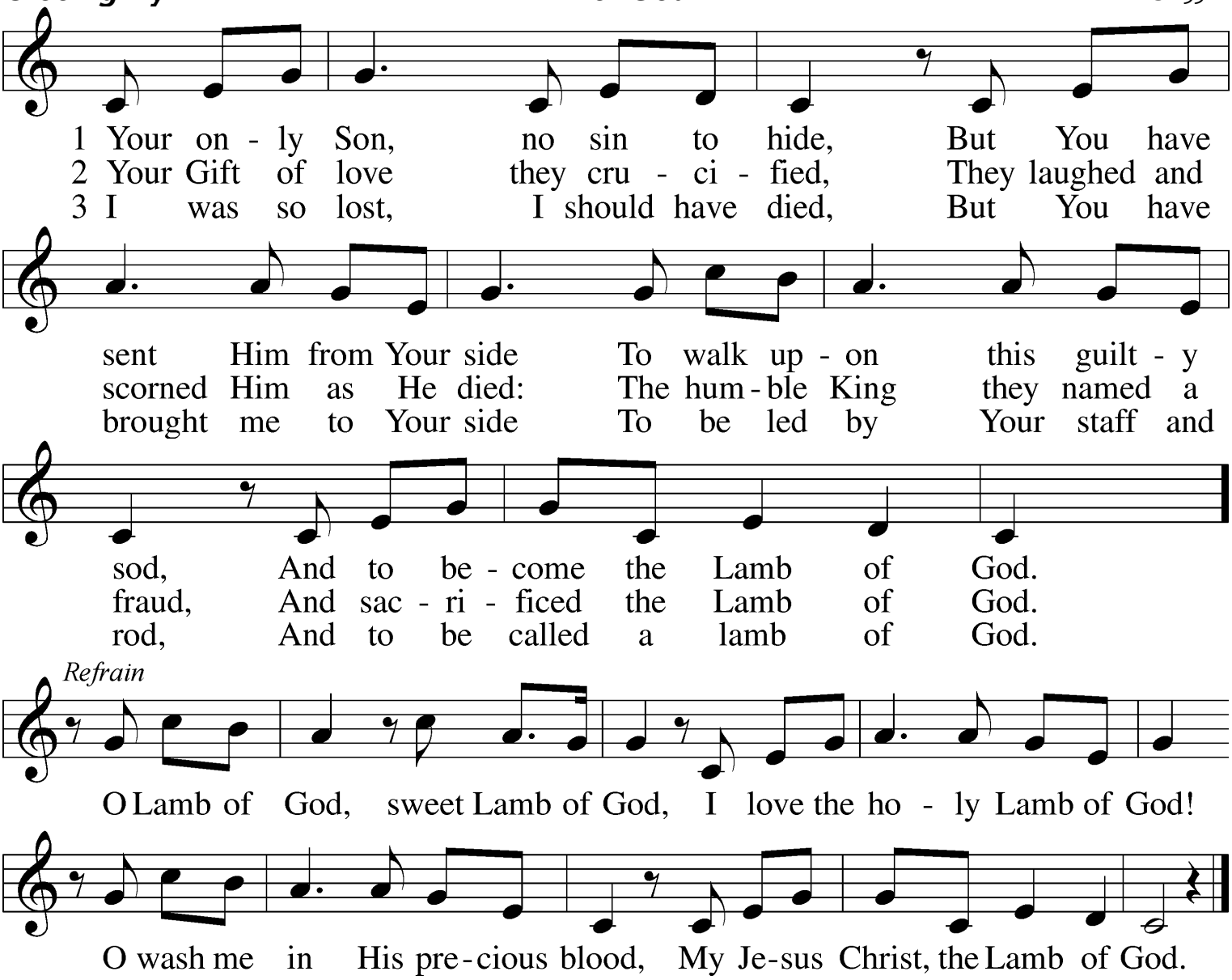
P: Stand firm and don't be enslaved by a religion of works.

C: He has freed the unfree.

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn ***Lamb of God*** *LSB 550*



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