Gathering Music Greeting Announcements Song "As We Gather" Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness Prayer of the Day God of righteousness, you are ever-faithful to your promises to your people. In this season of anticipation, stir up your power and come. Strengthen our hearts and transform our lives so that we might always be prepared for the coming of 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 Malachi 3:1-4, 4:5-6 L: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God. L: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God. Faith Seeds and Lighting of the Advent Wreath Payton Eastman Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them. The Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia to you alone. Lord, to whom shall we go? You alone have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, to you alone. Response after the Gospel "Praise to You, O Christ" Sermon "Connecting the Messianic Dots" Pastor Scott Grorud Song" "Jesus, name above all names" Service of Holy Baptism: Luka James Breeggemann son of Kelvin and Sophia Breeggemann

Sponsors: Sarah Van Sickle and Vanessa Breeggemann

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I 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. Amen.

Welcome for Newly Baptized

Pastor: God has made this new brother a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus. We receive him with love and rejoice with him at his entrance into our fellowship.

Congregation: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.

Offering/Special Music "Breath of Heaven" Mona Hjerpe and Ronda Eckhart

Offertory Response "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

LBW #565 Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711 Tune: Vom Himmel Hoch

Prayers of the Church

The Words of Institution "One Bread, One Body" WOV #710

The 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 Distribution

Benediction

Song "May you run and not be weary"

What Does This Mean?

- 1. What is your initial reaction to Gabriel's harsh criticism of Zechariah?
- 2. Why was that criticism warranted?
- 3. How did Luke try to help his readers avoid Zechariah's error?
- 4. What is the message of today's Gospel reading when we "connect the dots"?

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