

Baptism of Our Lord

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First Lutheran Church + St. Peter, Minnesota
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Renewed by Christ in Word, water, bread & wine we serve the community and the world.

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children.

Gathering

Gathering Music “*Shall We Gather at the River*”

Robert Hobby

Welcome

+Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who stretches out the heavens,
who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Loving God,

**we confess that we have turned from your way
to follow our own ways.**

Forgive us for the times

we have spoken or acted too quickly;

we have not spoken or acted at all;

we have hurt those closest to us;

we have hurt those we have yet to know;

we have thought more about ourselves than others;

we have thought less of ourselves than we ought.

Turn us around, and give us a fresh start,

so that we can live again as your children. Amen.

Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right.

Even when we have messed up, God puts us together.

God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children.

Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of † Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

+Gathering Hymn “*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*”

ELW 310

+Greeting

Word

First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

God's servant Israel is endowed with the Spirit. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever keep it from fulfilling its task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the new assignment of the servant is to bring light to the nations.

L: A reading from Isaiah.

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

²He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;

³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,

⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.

⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29 (sung responsively between Leader and Congregation)

Refrain: (sung first time by Leader and by ALL thereafter):

The voice of the LORD is up - on the wa - ters.

Tone:

¹Ascribe to the ¹ LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo- ¹ ry and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory ¹ due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beau- ¹ ty of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of ¹ glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the ¹ mighty waters.

⁴The voice of the LORD is a pow-¹erful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a¹ voice of splendor. R

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the¹ cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the ce-¹dars of Lebanon;

⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip¹ like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a¹ young wild ox.

⁷The voice¹ of the LORD
bursts forth in¹ lightning flashes.

⁸The voice of the LORD¹ shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilder-¹ness of Kadesh. R

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the¹ forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are¹ crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned a-¹bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for-¹evermore.

¹¹O LORD, give strength¹ to your people;
give them, O LORD, the bless-¹ings of peace. R

Second Reading

Acts 10:34-43

L: A reading from Acts.

Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

L: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

+Gospel Acclamation (*sung by ALL*)

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. The first staff is a vocal line in G major (one flat) with a treble clef and a common time signature. It contains the melody for the first two phrases: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,'. The second staff is a piano accompaniment line in the same key and time signature, providing harmonic support for the vocal line. The lyrics 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the piano staff.

+Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:13-17

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the third chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

L: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Alan Bray

+Hymn of the Day *"Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"*

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+Apostles' Creed

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+Prayers of Intercession

Installation of Congregational Council Members

+Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Meal

Offering *"Take Me to the Water"*

Alice Parker

*Take me to the water to be baptized.
Wade in the water and be baptized.
Rest beside the water, restore my soul.
Drink the living water, and never thirst.
Take me to the water to be baptized.*

-Traditional Spiritual

+Offertory Prayer

+The Great Thanksgiving, Preface, Sanctus

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+Eucharistic Prayer & Lord's Prayer

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Communion Distribution Hymns

"Lamb of God"

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"Crashing Waters at Creation"

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"Baptized and Set Free"

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+Post-Communion Prayer

Sending

+Sending Hymn *"Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God"*

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+Prayer, Announcements

+Benediction

Come to the water: Christ is beside us. Christ is among us. Where Christ is there is plenty for all.

Come to the table: Christ is beside us. Christ is among us. Where Christ is there is plenty for all.

Go out with joy: Christ is beside us. Christ is among us. Where Christ is there is plenty for all.

- Zebulon Highben, after Isaiah 55:1, and St. Patrick

+Dismissal

A: We join in proclaiming:

C: Renewed by Christ in Word, water, bread and wine, we go in peace to serve our community and the world. Thanks be to God!

+Sending Music *"Deep River"*

William Bleim

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