

# BAPTISM of the Lord

*and the holy Spirit  
descended upon him  
in bodily form like a dove.  
And a voice came from heaven,  
“You are my beloved Son;  
with you I am well pleased.”*

Luke 3:22

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*Setting One*

Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings.  
We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God, when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.

## Prelude

# Joys & Concerns

## Confession and Forgiveness

**P.** Blessed be the holy Trinity, †one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

**C.** Amen

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P.** Most merciful God,

**C.** **we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

**P.** Rejoice in this good news: In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**C.** Amen

## Gathering Hymn

*When Jesus Came to Jordan*

ELW 305

## Greeting

**P.** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C.** And also with you.

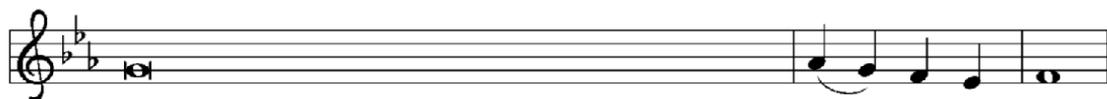
*Kyrie*



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



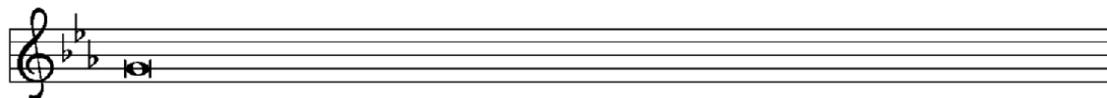
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

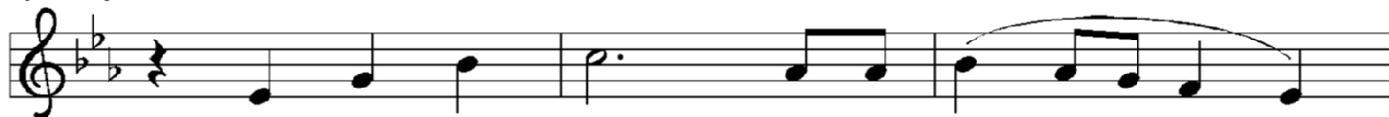


Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

*Hymn of Praise*



Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

### Prayer of the Day

A. Let us pray

**C. Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### First Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall

not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth--everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

L. Word of God, word of life.

C. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalmody:** **Psalm 29** (tone 4) chanted responsively



Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

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

**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the LORD  
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

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

**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as sovereign forevermore.**

O LORD, give strength to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.



When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

- L. Word of God, word of life.
- C. Thanks be to God.

# Alleluia!

## Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## P. The holy gospel according to Luke, chapter three.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."



- C. Glory to you, O Lord.
- P. The gospel of the Lord.
- C. Praise to you, O Christ.

**The Sermon**

“Pleasantries Abound”

Pastor Wayne Dubnansky

**Baptisms of Mark and Everett Mahnken**

ELW 227

**Hymn of the Day**

*Borning Cry*

ELW 732

**Prayers of Intercession**

A. The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

*A brief silence.*

By the Holy Spirit, you gather your church and send it out in mission to share the good news of Jesus. Inspire your faithful people to be fervent in prayer and service, that all people know they are precious in God’s sight. God of grace,

C. **hear our prayer.**

P. Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C. **Amen.**



**The Peace**

P. Jesus said: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled. May His peace be with you always.

C. **And also with you.**

**The Offering**

**Anthem**

*O Living Breath of God*

Choir

**Offertory**

*As With Gladness Men of Old – vs. 1-2*

ELW 302

**Offertory Prayer**

A. Blessed are you, O God,

C. **Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen**

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across bar lines. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and eighth notes with some rests.

P: It is indeed right and salutary...

## Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across bar lines. The melody is more complex than the Thanksgiving section, featuring some dotted notes and longer phrases.

## Eucharistic 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.



## Invitation to Communion

**P.** Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

**C.** Amen

## Communion Hymns

<i>Brightest and Best of the Stars</i>	<i>ELW 303</i>
<i>As with Gladness Men of Old, vs. 3-5</i>	<i>ELW 302</i>
<i>Crashing Waters at Creation</i>	<i>ELW 455</i>

## Post Communion Prayer

**P.** We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

**C.** Amen

## Blessing

**P.** God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, † bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

**C.** Amen

**Dismissal**

**P.** Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

**C.** Thanks be to God.

**Postlude**

Brad Hunnicutt



**Servers for Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

Assisting Minister .....	Alecia Harrison
Reader .....	Sylvia Lambert
Altar Guild .....	Sylvia Lambert
Acolyte .....	Antonio Smith

**Flowers** this week provided by JW Ingram in honor of Mark & Everett Mahnken's Baptism and in memory of Mary Ann Kyles Ingram, Lewis, Lee, Eric Kyles and Wynn Britt

**Candles** for the month of January provided by Julia Lochra in honor of many family Birthdays.

Honor a loved one by making a donation for candles in the sanctuary for the month or the flowers that beautify the church each Sunday. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the hallway.





## **Your Rotary Crew Needs Your Help**

As you may know the Rotary Crew serves breakfast at 7 am every Wednesday to the generous Garner Area Morning Rotary. Our current crew consists of Alecia Harrison, Don Craig and Helen Holderman. Pastor Wayne kindly makes coffee on Tuesdays and Kathi Tichansky gifts us with a sweet each week. Kathi's talent is baking and she generously makes a treat for us each week before heading to work. YAY to Kathi!!!

### **Immediate Need:**

Alecia will have knee surgery at the end of January and we need a replacement for several weeks. This would involve arriving at church at 6 am to help cook and serve and stay until around 8:30 or 9:00 to clean.

### **Ongoing Need:**

Clean up crew from 8 until 9. Can you volunteer once a week, once a month?

Casserole makers - We serve 4 casseroles once a month. A dish every few months would help.

### **Contingency plan:**

What happens when the regular crew has conflicts? We need people who are willing to jump in and help when one or more of us can't be there. It would be helpful if you could shadow us on a Wednesday to see what is involved and if this would work for you. Not everything is done early on Wednesdays. We also need help shopping, setting up on Tuesday afternoon or evening for the non-early birds.

Please contact Alecia, Don or Helen if you can help or if you have further questions.

# January Events

Jan 9	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
	10:00 am	Worship Service – Baptism of Our Lord
	11:30 am	Council Meeting after Worship
Jan 12	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
		<b>* Chime Choir will Resume in February</b>
Jan 16	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
	10:00 am	Worship Service – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany
	11:30 am	Parish Committee
Jan 19	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Jan 20	6:30 pm	Social Concerns Meeting
Jan 21	7:00 pm	Inspirational Book Club
Jan 23	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
	10:00 am	Worship Service – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

11:30 am



ANNUAL  
CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING

Jan 24	7:00 pm	Worship & Music Committee
Jan 26	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Jan 30	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
	10:00 am	Worship Service – 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany
Feb 5	10 am – 1 pm	<b>Leadership Retreat</b>