



Baptism of Our Lord

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Welcome! Words in **bold** are said together.

The Lord's Prayer

We pray together with confidence the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us to pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. Congregation: Amen.

L: Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely. (silence for reflection)

L: Mighty God, lover of justice, C: you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

L: The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in + Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. C: Amen.

Gathering Song – Be Still for the Presence

1. Be still, for the Presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.
Come, bow before Him now, with reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.
2. Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.
He burns with holy fire, with splendor He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of Light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.
3. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him,
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Prayer of the Day – O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 42:1-9 p. 584

Here 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. ² He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; ³ a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching. ⁵ Thus 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: ⁶ I 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, ⁷ to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸ I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹ See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 29 p. 438

¹ Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

² **Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

³ The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

⁴ **The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶ **He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

⁷ The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

⁸ **The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹ The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl and strips the forest bare, and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

¹⁰ **The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

ALL: ¹¹ May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Acts 10:34-43 p. 895

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how 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. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to

appear, ⁴¹ not 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. ⁴² He 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. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (sung) p. 102, setting 1

*Please stand for the reading of the gospel.

The holy Gospel according to *Matthew*. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 3:13-17 p. 784

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

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

David Ingram

Song of the Day– Grace Like Rain

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 so clearly

Refrain: Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me
Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away, washed away

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed. *Refrain.*

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing Your praise than when we first begun. *Refrain x2.*

Apostle's Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of God's People

Each petition ends "Lord, in your mercy," please respond: **hear our prayer.**

Sharing the Peace – L: The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of

Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: And also with you.

Offering

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Offering Song – You are My All in All

1. You are my strength when I am weak, you are the treasure that I seek,
You are my all in all.
Seeking You as a precious jewel, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool, You are my all in all.

Refrain: Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name, Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

2. Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, rising again, I bless Your name,
You are my all in all.
When I fall down, You pick me up, when I am dry, You fill my cup,
You are my all in all. (*Refrain x2*)

Offering Prayer

God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the breadth of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving p. 107

Holy, Holy, Holy p. 108

Christ's Words of Institution and Communion

Invitation to Communion

L: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table; taste and see.

Post Communion Prayer

L: Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: Amen.

Announcements

- Undecorate the church? take home a poinsettia!
- Tomorrow – 7pm Council Meeting
- Coming up: Jan. 19 OFFICE CLOSED

Closing Song – Holy Water by We the Kingdom

Blessing

L: May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise + bless you now and forever. C: Amen.

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. C: Thanks be to God.

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