

Baptism of Our Lord

Lectionary 1, Year C

January 12, 2024

When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you



Ringing of Bell

PRELUDE *Wash, O God, Our Sons & Daughters*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our creator, our protector,
our wellspring of life.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting that God receives our words
and the meditations of our hearts,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

**C: you speak blessing and compassion into
the world. Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.
We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume
the worst about one another. Cleanse us
from our faults and release us from their
grasp. Show us your lovingkindness.
Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

P God proclaims these words of assurance:
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are mine."
In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit,
you are made free. Refreshed by the
waters of mercy, live anew as beloved
children of God.

P: Amen.

Wash O God Our Sons and Daughters

1 **Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where
your cleansing waters flow. Number them among
your people; bless, as Christ blessed long ago.
Weave them garments bright and sparkling;
compass them with love and light. Fill, anoint
them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's
delight.**

2 **We who bring them long for nurture; by your
milk may we be fed. Let us join your feast
partaking, cup of blessing, living bread. God,
renew us, guide our footsteps; free from sin and
all its snares, one with Christ in living, dying, by
your Spirit, children, heirs.**

3 **Oh how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined,
all your ways! To your name be glory, honor! With
our lives we worship, praise! We your people
stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born.
By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us;
God, transform!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his
baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as
your beloved Son.

**C: 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**

Please be seated for the readings

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 43:1-7

God's message to the Israelites in exile

¹But now 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.

²When 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.

³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of
Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because 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.

⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your
offspring from the east, and from the west I will
gather you; ⁶I 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—⁷ everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

PSALM 29 *We read 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 king forevermore.

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

SECOND READING: ACTS 8:14-17

Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.

¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶ (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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◆ GOSPEL: LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22

C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

The baptism of Jesus

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ 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 strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His

winning 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."

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² 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."

P: THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.

C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S WORD

MESSAGE *Pr. D.J. Chatelaine*

HYMN

No. 304

Christ When for Us You Were Baptized

1 **Christ, when for us you were baptized, God's Spirit on you came, as peaceful as a dove, and yet as urgent as a flame, as urgent as a flame.**

2 **God called you, "My beloved Son"; you are God's servant true, sent to proclaim the reign of heav'n, God's holy will to do, God's holy will to do.**

3 **Straightway and steadfast until death you Then obeyed the call to serve with free and willing heart, to give your life for all, to give your life for all.**

4 **Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord; your cross on us be signed, that likewise in God's service we may perfect freedom find, may perfect freedom find.**

APOSTLES 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 INTERCESSION

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERTORY—OFFERING—GLOBE OFFERING

Children are invited to bring an offering to the globe in the front of the church.

◆ OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

C: Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Spoken*

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The joy of the Lord is our strength.

Come, eat this meal of gladness.

Please be seated

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HYMN *Baptized and Set Free* No. 453

1 We are people created, chosen by God. Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love. Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.

2 We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed. Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed. For whatever the need, God is greater indeed: endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.

3 We are nourished by water, all living things, and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings. As we journey toward home, may your presence be known: precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.

4 Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song. All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong. Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink.

C Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The Spirit of the triune God †
bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.

C Amen.

◆ HYMN *Thy Holy Wings* No. 613

1 Thy holy wings, O Savior, spread gently over me, and let me rest securely through good and ill in thee. Oh, be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place, and let my ev'ry moment be lived within thy grace.

2 Oh, let me nestle near thee, within thy downy breast where I will find sweet comfort and peace within thy nest. Oh, close thy wings around me and keep me safely there, for I am but a newborn and need thy tender care.

3 Oh, wash me in the waters of Noah's cleansing flood. Give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good. Oh, take into thy keeping thy children great and small, and while we sweetly slumber, enfold us one and all.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Waterlife*

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OL/SKU#02378 *Thy Holy Wings (harm)*
OL/SKU#25950 *Thy Holy Wings (text)*
OL/SKU#97131 *Waterlife (Piano)*

CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUN 1/12	9 AM WORSHIP 10 AM Sun.School 10 AM Coffee
WED 1/15	5:30-7 PM Confirmation 6 Council
THU 1/16	7 PM AA
SAT 1/18	6-8 PM FAMILY SNOW TUBING (<i>see below</i>)
SUN 1/19	9 AM WORSHIP – <i>2nd Sun aftr Epiph</i> 10 AM Sun. School 10 AM Coffee

SUN 1/26 - Annual Meeting Date

FAMILY SNOW TUBING
Saturday, Jan. 18th, 6-8 pm
at Steeplechase-Mazeppa.
Call or e-mail Bryana Lothert at:
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**Hymn Sing & Supper,
Organ Repair Fundraiser
4 to 7 pm – Sun. Jan. 19**

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