

Baptism of Our Lord

January 12, 2025

WELCOME! *We are blessed to worship with you today! If you are visiting, we are delighted that you're here. If you have any questions, please ask anyone near you. To find out everything going on at St. Paul's, visit www.stpaulsokc.com.*

SERVING TODAY:

Reader: Joyce Martin
Ushers: Garrett Purdum, Phil Crissup, Rod Randall & Jerry Wagner
Children's Message: Tom Todd
Altar Guild: Amy Bandi
Communion Assistants: Carolyn & Elie Behrens, Nola Pirog, Paula Schopflin, Silver Woodbury & Jill Botkin
Video assistant: Tracy Caine
Acolyte & Crucifer: Maisyn & Evie Hardison

PRELUDE: Ron Wallace

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(Pause for silent reflection)*
Gracious God,

Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion, forgive us our sin, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you in the newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together in Christ. By grace we have been saved and in the name of Christ your sins are forgiven. ***Amen.***

OPENING HYMN:

#521 ***O Day of Rest and Gladness***

vs. 1, 2 & 4

O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,
O balm for care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright:
on you the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,
sing, "Holy, holy, holy," to the great God triune.


On you at earth's creation, the light first had its birth;
on you, for our salvation, Christ rose from depths of earth;
on you, our Lord victorious the Spirit sent from heav'n;
and thus on you, most glorious, a threefold light was giv'n.

New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest,
we reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blest,
We sing to you our praises, O Father, Spirit, Son;
the church its voice upraises to you, blest Three in One.

The Lord be with you.
And also, with you.

Kyrie 3 & 4

Refrain



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

Let us pray. 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

43 But 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—⁷everyone 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

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,

ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;

worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

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

the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;

the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;

the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,

and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

⁷The voice of the LORD

bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;

the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹The 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!"

¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;

the LORD sits enthroned as sovereign forevermore.

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;

give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

SECOND READING Acts 8:14-17

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The 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). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Word of God, Word of Life. ***Thanks be to God.***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia!

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark. ***Glory to you, O Lord***

GOSPEL READING Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John 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. ¹⁷His 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."

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

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Tom Todd

SPECIAL MUSIC

Come Thou Fount

SPLC Adult Choir

MESSAGE

Pastor Stefanie Rowinski

HYMN

#777

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

vs. 1, 2 & 4

“Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty; drink the water I will give.
If you knew what gift I offer, you would come to me and live.”

Refrain: Jesus, ever-flowing fountain, give us water from your well.
In the gracious gift you offer there is joy no tongue can tell.

“Come to me, all travelers weary; come that I may give you rest.
Drink the cup of life I offer; at this table be my guest.” *Refrain*

“Come to me, repentant sinners; leave behind your guilt and shame.
Come and know divine compassion, turn to me, I call your name.” *Refrain*

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

On this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, when Christ was revealed as the Beloved Son, we turn to God our Father confident that he will hear and answer our prayers:

For the Church, that all who have been baptized will be inspired by the Holy Spirit to give united witness to the Lord. (*Silence.*) Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For all those who do not yet know Jesus as the beloved Son of God, that they may open their hearts and come to believe in the Good News. (*Silence.*) Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For peace with justice throughout the world, that all people will turn from hatred to love and from violence to peace. (*Silence.*) Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For a true spirit of humility and evangelization that, in our preaching, prayer and example, we may always point away from ourselves and towards the living Christ. (*Silence.*) Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For all those in our church, both children and adults, who will be baptized in the coming year. (*Silence.*) Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For the sick, the lonely, the housebound and the vulnerable that, in the midst of their suffering, they will experience the loving arms of Christ. (*Silence.*) Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Open the heavens, Almighty Father, and pour out your Spirit upon your people gathered here in prayer. Renew in us the grace of our Baptism so that we may reflect ever more faithfully the image of your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ who is Lord for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

COMMUNION

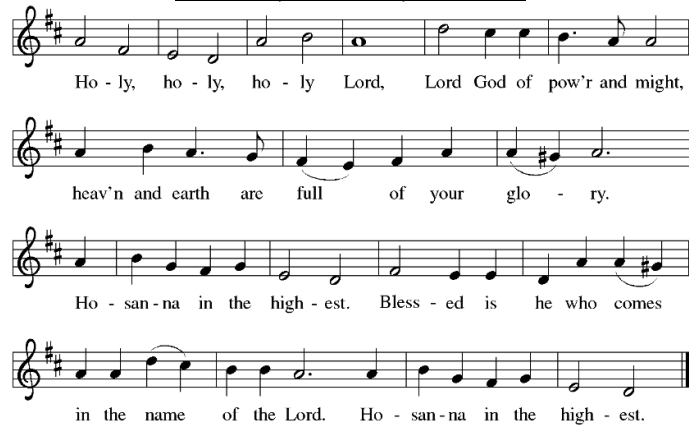
The Lord be with you. **And also, with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to the glory of your Name:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to all of them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

...By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

Let us pray. ***Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.***

THE BLESSING

May the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Ron Wallace

SENDING

Go in Peace. Remember the poor. ***Thanks be to God.***

Please note there is no offertory during service, our offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary, or you can give online using the link on our website, www.stpaulsokc.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FREE JIGSAW PUZZLES

Today only in the narthex. Those not taken today will be donated. Questions- see Diane Dewing.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Are you interested in knowing more about St. Paul's? Join us for part 2 of our Sunday school class TODAY at 10:45am. To RSVP or if you have questions, contact Pastor Stefanie pastorstefanie@stpaulsokc.com!

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION & FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK LUNCH

January 26th after worship service. Bring your favorite soup, salad or sweet! We will also welcome our new members. Questions- ask a member of the Outreach Board.

HOT DOG VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers to help with our hot dog ministry on Wednesday afternoons. You can sign up on the SPLC website under the "Sign up" link. If you have any questions, please contact Misty Veit.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL COORDINATOR

We are looking for a point person to coordinate & schedule meals on Wednesday night. This does not involve cooking unless you want to! We do still need volunteers to prepare meals too! You can find a sign up link on the SPLC website. If we cannot find enough volunteers, we will have to cancel meals. If you have any questions, please reach out to Risa Powell.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS

There are new activity bags for the kids to use during church. Please take a new, age-appropriate bag and put your child's name on the card in the front pocket. Personal items from the old bags are in your family mailbox. If your child's bag needs to be refreshed (more blank paper, pencil sharpened, etc.) after worship, place the bag in the blue box near the doors to the narthex. If the bags can be used again, please put them back in the appropriate box. The bags are not checked routinely so please dispose of trash in the cans at the back of the church. There are age-appropriate folders for guests, these folders can be placed in the blue box after worship. Enjoy the new items and if you have any questions, contact Jill Botkin.

XYZ

Will meet January 16th, at 1:00 in the church activity center. Chris & Terry Beloncik will host and are planning a fun game day with snacks and drinks. We hope you'll be able to join us.

WOW AUCTION

We are ROARING to remind you that our Annual WOW Auction is coming up on Sunday, February 23. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! Sign up at the table in the Narthex or use the link or QR code to sign up on Sign-Up Genius. Auction items, soups/etc., and your help preparing and taking down are needed. **Sign up [HERE](#)! Ask a member of the Y&F board for more details.** Important dates to remember:

2/16/25 - ALL WOW ITEMS NEED TO BE DROPPED OFF/SUBMITTED

2/17-20/25- Basket prep- time varies by day



JANUARY ACTIVITIES

1/12- Worship & Education

New Member Class

1/15- Wednesday Night Activities

5:30 Children's Handbells

5:45 Meal

6:30 Education & Adult Choir

1/16- XYZ

1/17- Youth Lock-in

1/19- Worship & Education

New Member Class

1/22- Wednesday Night Activities

5:30 Children's Handbells

5:45 Meal

6:30 Education & Adult Choir

1/26- Worship & New Member Reception

Blackwelder Brass

1/29- Wednesday Night Activities

5:30 Children's Handbells

5:45 Meal

6:30 Education & Adult Choir