

Baptism of Jesus

January 8, 2023



Ringling of Bell

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God's voice gathers us together

C: to remember our Baptism and to feast at the table.

L: God's voice flows like living waters of grace

C: resounding in our souls.

L: God's voice stirs the waters of baptismal hope,

C: calling us to be bearers of peace.

L: You speak, Holy God,

C: and your voice silences the chorus of chaos and we cry, "Glory!"

L: You speak, Word of Life,

C: and the waters of the Jordan embrace you in grace; and we cry, "Glory!"

L: You speak, Spirit of Wonder,

C: and we are given a new name.

L: You shout your joy for us,

C: and we know we are loved; and we cry, "Glory!"

HYMN *Baptized in Water*

ELW 456

- 1 **Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praise we sing.**
- 2 **Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our king:
one with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praise we sing.**
- 3 **Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our king:
born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praise we sing.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

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, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S WORD

A READING FROM ISAIAH 42:1-9

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.

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

PSALM 29 *Read responsively*

- L: Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
C: **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**
L: The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
C: **The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**
L: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
C: **the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
L: The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.
C: **The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
L: 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!"
C: **The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for evermore.**
L: O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Jesus Name Above All Names*

Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, glo - ri - ous
Lord. ——— Em - man - u - el, God is with us, bless - ed Re -
deem - er, Liv - ing Word.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: MATTHEW 3:13-17

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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."

P: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Intern Kris Kincaid

HYMN *Baptized and Set Free*

ELW 453 vss. 1,2,4

- 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.**
- 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!**

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 — SHARING OF PEACE

GENEROSITY IN ACTION: OFFERING—OFFERTORY—GLOBE OFFERING

Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church. Globe offerings will go to one of our global mission partners to be decided by our youth.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Merciful God,

C: receive the gifts we bring, ourselves, our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION — LORD'S PRAYER — INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- 1 **Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,
and make me love you as I ought to love.**
- 2 **I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no op'ning skies;
but take the dimness of my soul away.**
- 3 **Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!**
- 4 **Teach me to love you as your angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame:
the baptism of the heav'n-descended dove,
my heart an altar, and your love the flame.**

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

BLESSING

- P: The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path. The blessing of almighty God, Father, ☩ Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.
- C: **Amen.**

HYMN

Remember and Rejoice

ELW 454 vss. 1,2 & 4

- 1 **Remember and rejoice, renewed by floods of grace.
We bear the sign of Jesus Christ, that time cannot erase.**
- 2 **In life, in death, we trust in God's most holy name,
forever traced by water sign, and sealed by Spirit flame.**
- 4 **God, bless us by your grace; remind us of your care.
Renewing Spirit, fill us now, inspire our work, our prayer.**

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SENDING L: Go in peace. Christ is your light. **All: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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CALENDAR

Sun/JAN 8	9 AM	WORSHIP w/Communion/BAPTISM OF JESUS - In Person & Live-Streamed
	10 AM	Sunday School
	7 AM	AA
Wed/JAN 11	6 PM	WED WORSHIP
	6:30 PM	Confirmation
Thu/JAN 12	1 PM	LOVE DAY
	5:30 PM	Worship/Evangelism
	6:30 PM	Stewardship
	7 PM	AA
SUN/JAN 15	9 AM	WORSHIP w/Communion – In Person & Live-Streamed
	10 AM	<i>GENERATION POTLUCK after Worship: Bring a favorite dish to share. Hosted by Worship/Evangelism Committee</i>
	7 PM	AA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Date – Sunday January 29 after Worship – Annual Meeting