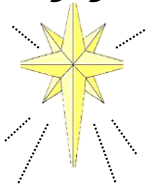


**JANUARY 7, 2024**

*Epiphany—Baptism of Jesus*



PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN OF THE MONTH: All Earth Is Hopeful  
No. 266

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
creator of darkness and light, word of truth,  
wind sweeping over the waters.

**C: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of  
God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: God, our rock and refuge,

**C: we pour out our hearts before you.  
We have known you but have not always  
loved you. We have wounded one  
another and sinned against you.  
We have not always recognized the Holy  
Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember  
your covenant. Renew your creation.  
Restore us, that we might proclaim your  
good news to all. Amen.**

L: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.  
God has spoken: The time of grace is now.  
In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.  
By the authority of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins  
are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

**C: Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: Glory be to God in Heaven  
ELW Setting 10 – Tune: HYMN TO JOY PG. 204

<sup>1</sup> Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill  
to all the earth. Mighty God of all creation,  
Father of surpassing worth: we exalt you, we  
adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you; here on  
earth our songs we raise.

<sup>2</sup> Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God  
and Lord of Love, Son of God and gracious  
Savior, you have come from heav'n above;  
on the cross you died to save us; now you  
reign at God's right hand. Hear our prayer;  
restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we  
stand.

<sup>3</sup> Holy One, we now acclaim you; Lord alone,  
to you we call; Holy One in faith we name  
you, God most high, yet near to all: Jesus  
Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's  
splendor bright. For the peace that we inherit,  
glory be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: O God, you revealed your Son to the nations  
by the leading of a star.

**C: Lead us now by faith to know your  
presence in our lives, and bring us at last  
to the full vision of your glory, through  
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who  
lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

READINGS

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 60:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the  
glory of the LORD has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup>For  
darkness shall cover the earth, and thick dark-  
ness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon  
you, and his glory will appear over you. <sup>3</sup>Nations  
shall come to your light, and kings to the bright-  
ness of your dawn. <sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes and look  
around; they all gather together, they come to  
you; your sons shall come from far away, and  
your daughters shall be carried on their nurses'  
arms. <sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant; your  
heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abun-  
dance of the sea shall be brought to you, the

wealth of the nations shall come to you. <sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

THE WORD OF THE LORD. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14     *We read responsively*

L: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

**C: May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.**

L: May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

**C: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.**

L: May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

**C: May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.**

L: In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

**C: May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.**

L: May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.

**C: For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.**

L: He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

**C: From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.**

MESSAGE<sup>A</sup>     *Pastor Kris Ferkin*

HYMN: Arise, Your Light Has Come     No. 314

<sup>1</sup> **Arise, your light has come! The Spirit's call obey; show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.**

<sup>2</sup> **Arise, your light has come! Fling wide the prison door; proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.**

<sup>3</sup> **Arise, your light has come! All you in sorrow born, bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.**

<sup>4</sup> **Arise, your light has come! The mountains burst in song! Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.**

SECOND READING ACTS 19:1-7

<sup>1</sup>While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." <sup>3</sup>Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." <sup>4</sup>Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." <sup>5</sup>On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—<sup>7</sup>altogether there were about twelve of them.

THE WORD OF THE LORD. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION     *Sung*     PG. 151

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK 1:4-11

**C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD**

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

P: THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD.

**C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

## CHILDREN'S WORD

MESSAGE<sup>B</sup> *Pastor Kris Ferkin*

HYMN:      On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry  
vs. 1,3,5      No. 249

<sup>1</sup> On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh; awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!

<sup>3</sup> We hail you as our Savior, Lord, our refuge and our great reward; without your grace we waste away like flow'rs that wither and decay.

<sup>5</sup> All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won, whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.

### 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      P: God of grace,  
                         C: Receive our prayer.

### SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.  
C: And also with you.

### 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: Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us.  
C: Meet us at this table, where we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING      *Spoken*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER  
WORDS OF INSTITUTION  
LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*The table is ready. Come and see.*

### DISTRIBUTION

HYMN: Baptized And Set Free      No. 453

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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!

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

L: God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life.

C: As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### BENEDICTION

P: God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,  
✠ bless you and remain with you always  
C: Amen.

### SENDING SONG:

Rise, Shine You People vs. 1 & 4 No. 665

**<sup>1</sup> Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered our human story; God in him is centered. He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded.**

**<sup>4</sup> Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us. Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us. Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation God's new creation.**

*Ringin' of Bell*

### DISMISSAL:

L: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

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### CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUN 1/7	9 AM	WORSHIP— <i>Epiph/Jesus' Bapt.</i>
TUE 1/9	7 PM	KAIC
WED 1/10	6 PM 6:30 6:30	WORSHIP Confirmation Ed You
THU 1/11	1 PM 5:30 7 PM	LOVE DAY Worship/Evangelism AA
SUN 1/14	9 AM 10 AM 10 AM	WORSHIP Sunday School Coffee

*Pick up 2024  
Offering Envelopes*

*Take Home Christmas  
Plants Before 1/10*

### **CALLING FOR ARTISTS TO PARTICIPATE IN KAIC INTERN BRITTANY PROJECT:**

*Good Friday Stations of the Cross*

First Lutheran to prepare Art for Station 8

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