



HOLY COMMUNION JANUARY 8, 2024 BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE AND PREPARATION

*During the prelude, prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, peruse the bulletin, find the scripture readings in the pew Bible, and focus your thoughts on the Lord. You may pray: **Merciful God, we come to Your table trusting not in our own righteousness, but in Your abundant mercy. Grant us so to eat and drink the body and blood of Your dear Son, that we may live in Him and He in us, now and forever. Amen.***

INTRODUCTION

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the spirit/wind moved over the waters. Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit comes upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesian disciples, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

WELCOME AND MEDITATION

(Please rise.)

GATHERING HYMN "When Jesus Came to the Jordan"
(ELW # 305 - Fred Pratt Green)

1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John,
 2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,
 3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;

he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.
 for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.
 this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - 'ry bond - age break.

He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,
 So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,
 Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:

to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.
 the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.
 to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

(= All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.)

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, Who creates us and forms us, Who redeems us and calls us, Who unites us and sends us. **C: AMEN.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us acknowledge our need for mercy and give thanks for the gift of baptism.

(Please kneel. Silence is kept for self-examination.)

(Liturgist pours water into font at each mention of water.)

P: We give You thanks, O God, for in the beginning Your voice thundered over the waters and by Your Word You created light and all things, calling forth life in which You took delight.

Through the flood You delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea You led Your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river Your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. At the font You claim us as Your children, making us heirs of Your promise and servants of all.

C: We praise You for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise You for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. By the baptism of His death and resurrection, Your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The

floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise.

P: The Holy Spirit has been poured out; the baptized have been washed in this cleansing water and clothed with Christ; Let us live by the Spirit in God's forgiveness, grace and love.

C: AMEN.

GREETING *(Please rise.)*

P: The boundless grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God, and the light of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAISE SONG *"Morning Has Broken"*

(Maj 74 - favorite - Eleanor Farjeon)

1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,
black - bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
born of the one light E - den saw play!
Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,
Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray together:

C: Holy God, Creator of light and Giver of goodness, Your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in Your grace, and transform us by Your Spirit, that we may follow after Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

RESPONSIVE READING....Psalm 29 (*congregation: indented*)

Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones,

ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

worship the LORD in the splendor of His holiness.

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

the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is powerful;

the voice of the LORD is majestic.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;

the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,

Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD strikes

with flashes of lightning.

The voice of the LORD shakes the desert;

the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD twists the oaks and strips the forests bare.

And in His temple all cry, "Glory!"

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;

the LORD is enthroned as King forever.

The LORD gives strength to His people;

the LORD blesses His people with peace.

GLORIA PATRI (*Music: Henry W. Greatorex*)

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost, As it was in
the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING....Genesis 1:1-5.....Pg. 1

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING....Acts 19:1-7.....Pg. 1726

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Please rise.*)

“Thy Strong Word” verse 1 (LBW # 233)

1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark-ness; at thy speak-ing
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark-ness, dark as night and
it was done. For cre - at - ed light we thank thee,
deep as death, broke the light of thy sal - va - tion,
while thine or - dered sea - sons run,
breathed thine own life - giv - ing breath.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who
light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

Text: Martin H. Franzmann, 1907-1976 Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1869-1944

GOSPELMark 1:4-11.....Pg. 1551

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *“Christ, When for us...” vs 3-4*

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *verse 2*

(Young children go to Children’s Church)

(Please sit. See outline in Announcements insert.)

SERMON “Jesus Gets Baptised”

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

HYMN OF THE DAY *(Please rise.)*

“Eternal Ruler of the Ceaseless Round” (LBW # 373)



1 E - ter - nal Rul - er of the cease-less round of cir - cling
2 We are your own, the chil - dren of your love, as dear - ly
3 We would be one in ha - tred of all wrong, one in our
4 Oh, clothe us with your heav'n - ly ar - mor, Lord. Your trust - y



plan - ets sing - ing on their way, guid - ing the
loved as your be - lov - ed Son; de - scend, O
love of all things true and fair, one with the
shield and sword of love en - dure; our con - stant



na - tions from the night pro - found in - to the glo - ry
Ho - ly Spir - it, like a dove and rule our hearts, that
joy that finds a voice in song, one with the grief that
in - spi - ra - tion be your Word; we ask no vic - to -



of the per - fect day: rule in our hearts, that we may
we may be as one— as one with you, to whom we
trem - bles in - to prayer, one in the strength that makes your
ries that are not yours. Give or with - hold, let pain or



live a - new, guid - ed and strength - ened and up - held by you.
ev - er tend; as one with him, our broth - er and our friend.
chil - dren free to fol - low truth, and thus in you to be.
plea - sure fall: to know that we are serv - ing you is all.

Text: John W. Chadwick, 1840–1904, alt. Music: SONG 1, Orlando Gibbons, 1583–1625

SMALL CATECHISM READING

L: Let us confess our faith by reading a portion of Luther's Small Catechism, *Appendix I - Evening Devotions*:

L: When we go to bed in the evening, we should bless ourselves with the sign of the Holy Cross and say:

C: May the will of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be done! Amen.

L: Then, kneeling or standing, let us say the creed, pray the Lord's Prayer and pray this little prayer as well:

C: My Heavenly Father, I thank You, through Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, that You have graciously protected me today. Forgive, I pray, all my sins and the evil I have done. Protect me, by Your grace, tonight. I put myself in Your care, body and soul and all that I have. Let Your Holy Spirit and the angels be with me, so that the evil enemy will not gain power over me. Amen.

L: After this, go to sleep immediately with joy.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please kneel.)*

(Response: L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.)

OFFERING

We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!

WE COMMUNE WITH CHRIST

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Please rise.)*

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.

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, He lived among us to reveal Your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to His own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn: *(WOV p 36)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, heav - en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Blessed are You, O holy God: You are the Life and Light of all. By Your powerful Word You created all things. Through the prophets You called Your people to be a light to the nations. You sent the Living Word, Jesus, Your Son. He is Your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us Your mercy and might.

In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

Remembering, therefore, His preaching and healing, His dying and rising, and His promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in Your holy and life-giving light. By Your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of Your Son. Through Him all glory and honor is Yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in Your holy Church, both now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(sung)*

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

COMMUNION *(Please be seated)*

All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior may partake. Please fill out a communication card and put it in the offering plate. We have returned to kneeling for communion by "tables." People who want to minimize contact and maintain greater physical distance can take a pre-filled glass and stand a foot back from the altar rail. For a gluten-free rice wafer (blue-green) say "Rice." Grape juice (white) is in pre-filled glasses. Those not ready to receive communion may come for a blessing.

LAMB OF GOD *(WOV p 39)*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS *(sung while others are receiving.)*

1. "As with Gladness Men of Old"

(LBW # 82 - Text: William C. Dix; Tune: Conrad Kocher)

1 As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be - hold;
 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;
 5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright need they no cre - a - ted light;

as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
 there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;
 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
 and when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;

so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee.
 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.
 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n - ly king.
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
 there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our king.

2. “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

(ELW # 310 - Text: Christopher Wordsworth; Tune: Jakob Hintze)

1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Proph - et, Priest, and King su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God - head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill:
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,

1-3 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
 4 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

(Communion visitors come forward during last verse.)

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

SENDING OF COMMUNION *(Please rise.)*

L: Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples and sent them into the world, bless those who go forth to share Your word and sac-

rament with those who are sick or homebound. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know Your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: AMEN.**

BLESSING

P: God the Father, light-creator; God the Son, Light from Light; and God the Holy Spirit, light-revealer, bless you and give you peace. **C: AMEN.**

SENDING HYMN

“Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized” (ELW # 304)

1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you
 2 God called you "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant
 3 Straight - way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the
 4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be

came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as
 true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's
 call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to
 signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may

ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.
 ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.
 give your life for all, to give your life for all.
 per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984, alt. Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN 8 6 8 6 6, Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561

PASSING THE PEACE

L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit, let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK

GREETER: Sarah Barlow
LIVE STREAM: Mike Zyskowski
SOUND: Chris Chmela
SONG LEADER: Bella Zyskowski
LITURGIST: Patty Stein
LECTOR: Ruthann Kistler
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Ruthann Kistler
USHER: 8:30-Irene Graham
COMMUNION SERVER: 8:30-Patty Stein
COMMUNION VISITS: Sharon Branigan, Pastor David
ALTAR GUILD: Alyce Stein, Patty Stein
COUNTERS: Karen Brown, Mike & Bella Zyskowski
PHONETREE: Jonathan Mosebach
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Mike Zyskowski
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship - 8:30 & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM
(*Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts*)

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