



Sunday, January 12, 2025 | The Baptism of Our Lord | United Lutheran Church | Worship at 10:15am

~ WE GATHER ~

PRELUDE

Kathleen Thompson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN* *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*

ELW Hymn #445

**Please stand
as you are able.*

GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

MINISTRY THROUGH MUSIC

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus and Light of the World

Sing & Ring Choir with Ruth Ann Tuseth, Director and Gretchen Kindseth, Piano

~ WORD ~

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 43:1-7

First Lesson:

Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring the people home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.

¹ 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. ² When 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.

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

⁴ Because 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.

⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you; →

I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
⁶ I 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."

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

PSALM

Psalm 29

¹ Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
² **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due
God's name; worship the LORD in the
beauty of holiness.**
³ The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; the LORD is
upon the mighty waters.
⁴ **The voice of the LORD is a powerful
voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice
of splendor.**
⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar
trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of
Lebanon;
⁶ **the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a
calf, and Mount Hermon like a young**

wild ox.
⁷ The voice of the LORD bursts forth
in lightning flashes.
⁸ **The voice of the LORD shakes the wil-
derness; the LORD shakes the wilder-
ness of Kadesh.**
⁹ 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!"
¹⁰ **The LORD sits enthroned above the
flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king
forevermore.**
¹¹ O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of
peace.

Second Lesson:

Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.

SECOND LESSON

Acts 8:14-17

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.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Molly Haagenson

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*

from ACS #1088

**Please stand
as you are able.*



Hal-le, hal-le-lu - jah. Hal-le, hal-le-lu - jah. Hal-le-lu-jah, hal-le-lu-jah,



hal - le-lu - jah. Hal - le-lu - jah, hal - le-lu - jah, hal - le-lu-jah!

GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

P: The holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3rd Chapter.
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel:

The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.

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 thong

of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His 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."

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.**

SERMON

Pastor Karla Coen-Tuff

HYMN OF THE DAY

Baptized and Set Free

ELW Hymn #453

APOSTLES' CREED*

ELW pg. #127

**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.**

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

ELW pg. #237

P: You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

C: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: God of grace...

C: Receive our prayer.

GREETING OF PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

~ MEAL ~

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG*

This Little Light of Mine [vs. 1&2] from ELW Hymn #677

**1. This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine; [repeat 2X]
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**2. Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine; [repeat 2X]
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

Hymn of the Day
This hymn follows the theme of the readings and reflects the message of the sermon.

Creed:
We respond to God's word together when we say the Creed. Creed comes from the Latin word "credo" which means "I believe". In our worship we use either the Apostles' or Nicene Creed. These Creeds were written over 1700 years ago so the world would know what Christians believe.

Prayers of Intercession

These prayers in the service follows the directive of the Apostle Paul to young Timothy, a pastor: "I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone - for Kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness".

The Peace

This is a greeting used by Christians for almost two thousand years as a way to show that we are in God's family and love and care for one another.

The Offering

Another way of responding to God's Word is by giving ourselves and our money for the work of Christ's Church throughout the world.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: Our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

All: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving
The opening dialogue between pastor and people that begins the Holy Communion part of the service. These words, dating from the second century, are likely the most ancient part of the Great Thanksgiving.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

Communion Distribution
The ushers will direct you forward. All bread is gluten free. Grape juice is available. If you would like grape juice, please indicate that to the server.

COMMUNION

SONG DURING COMMUNION *Be Known to Us, Lord Jesus* from ACS pg. 40

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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

All: Amen.

~ SENDING ~

Blessing/Benediction

This prayer asking for God's blessing upon the assembly as we go out into the world doing God's will.

BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

ELW Hymn #543

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Live in hope. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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