



"Do not fear, for I am with you."

The Baptism of Our Lord

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST SUNDAY 9:00 AM

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, +one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

C: Amen.

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

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

P: Rejoice in this good news: In +Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

This is The Spirit's Entry Now Hymn # 448

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

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

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.

A: A reading from Isaiah—

¹But 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, Ethiopia 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—

⁷"everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

The word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 29

“The voice of the LORD is upon the waters.”

A: ¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

C: ²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God’s name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

A: ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

C: ⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

A: ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

C: ⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

A: ⁷The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

C: ⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

A: 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!”

C: ¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

A: ¹¹O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17

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.

A: A reading from Acts—

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.

The word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

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.

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 thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with 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."

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.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the Sermon.

MEDITATION

O Come Rejoicing Arr. by Martha Lynn Thompson

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 OF INTERCESSION

Petition Response to "God of Grace:" **Hear our prayer.**

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the Lord.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of the Lord's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the Church, including the care of those in need.

OFFERTORY

Gloria in Excelsis Deo by Mark Friedman (Featuring the Adult Choir)

OFFERING PRAYER

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up 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 (Pastor)

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who believe in the real presence of Christ in the Sacrament are invited to come forward to receive. Follow the instructions of the ushers. Children who have not yet received First Communion instruction are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you are not comfortable receiving at this time, you are welcome to remain seated.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Spirit of Gentleness Hymn #396 (Piccolo and Piano)

By The Star by Janet Vogt (Piccolo and Piano)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Please stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted upon the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, +bless your going out and coming in, today and forever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Christ, When For Us You Were Baptized Hymn # 304

DISMISSAL

P: Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

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We Welcome All Visitors to our Services!

Please introduce yourself and sign our guest book on the desk in the Sanctuary. *Parents with Restless Children* may wish to move to the library, where a loudspeaker has been installed so that they may continue to follow the service in more comfortable surroundings.



Today's Altar Flowers Are Given

In Loving Memory of a Dear Friend, Ernie Meditz
by Della Rao

Serving Today

Lector: Roxanne Toomey

Altar Guild: Terry Ciro, Eileen Colton, Claudia Gross, Lilly Ann Munnich,
Carol Shoemaker

Counters: Robert Ahearn, John Gross, Hans Vogel

Usher: Roger Ohlander

Nicole Nicholson: Director of Music

Kamelija Galijan-Curry: Organist

Roxanne Toomey: Deacon

Della Rao: Parish Administrator, Christian Education Coordinator

Dana Antonette: Nursery School Director

St. John's Food Pantry

Your donations are appreciated. Thank you!

Pancake Mix - Syrup - Saltines - Cookies - Juice - Coffee - Tea

Cooking Oil (48 oz.) - Mayonnaise - Salad Dressing

Toilet Tissue - Paper Towels - Dish Soap - Bar Soap - Shampoo

Please check the expiration dates on packaged foods before donating.

Weekly Announcements

Our Christmas decorations will be taken down and packed up after Service today. Volunteers are welcome to stay and help.

The Congregational Council is seeking new members for the upcoming term. There are currently three vacancies. If you are interested in answering the call to serve, please speak with Pastor Krahn or any other Council member.

2021 Annual Reports Are Due to The Church Office by This Friday, January 14th.

Reports Are Needed from The Following Organizations:

Christian Education - Christian Outreach - Evangelism - Fellowship

Finance - Fundraising - Nursery School - Pastor/Parish Relations

Personnel - Social Media - Stewardship - Thrift Shop

Worship & Music - Youth Ministry - WELCA

**Save The Date: Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, January 30, 2022 - 10:15AM - SANCTUARY
PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN LOCATION!!**

CLC This Week: January 9th through 16th

Worship & Music Meeting: Monday, January 10th, 7:00PM

Council Meeting: Monday, January 10th, 8:00PM

Bell Choir: Wednesday, January 12th, 7:00PM

Adult Choir: Wednesday, January 12th, 8:00PM

Thrift Shop: Friday, January 14th, 9:00AM-3:00PM

For a complete list of activities this month, please visit our website,
or check your latest copy of the SPIRE.



We Remember Especially Those On Our Prayer List

Jose Alves - Tom Anderson - Ellen Bacotti - Liz Barto

Debbie Becker - James Cathcart - Kay Charon

Danielle and Donna Chillemi - Chuck Collari - Ann Curtis

Marge Dahlberg - Mike Dauth - Rosemarie Duggan

Alex and Meg Edwards - Charlie Fisher - Jerry Fitzgerald

Kaylee Franz - Travis Gentile - Betty Gibberman - Barbara Grieser

Mary Lynn Kirby - Florence Kirch - Karen Klose - Pastor Ron Klose

George Kremer - Suzanne Marshall - Janet and William McShea

Linda Michaelson - James Pallas - Barbara and Gary Proce

Bob Rath - Ann and Barbara Reimer - Helga Richert

Eunice Rischan - George and Marylou Steele - Natalie Stone

James Toomey - Laura Vogel - Saul Wein - Austin White

If you would like for you or a loved one to remain on our prayer list, please contact the Church office. The list will be cleared and updated effective February 1, 2022.



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