

## Baptism of Our Lord

January 8, 2023

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Setting 4



### Introduction to the Day:

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

### Prayer Requests

*Congregation participation in **bold print**.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**GATHERING** - The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, **+** one God,  
the Word made flesh,  
our life and our salvation

**Amen.**

Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One, source of our renewal,

**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you.**

**For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen**

Thus says our God:

"The former things have come to pass  
and new things I now declare."

God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of **+** Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

**GREETING**

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

**And also with you.**

**KYRIE**

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**CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

"Glory to God"

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us 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**

*Please be seated.*

**WORD** - God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

**First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9**

*God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.*

<sup>1</sup>Here 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.

<sup>2</sup>He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;

<sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

<sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

<sup>5</sup>Thus 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:

<sup>6</sup>I 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,

<sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

<sup>8</sup>I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.

<sup>9</sup>See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 29

- <sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- <sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**
- <sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- <sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**
- <sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- <sup>6</sup>**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- <sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD  
bursts forth in lightning flashes.
- <sup>8</sup>**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- <sup>9</sup>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!"
- <sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**
- <sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace

## Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43

*Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Please stand as you are able.*

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## Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

*Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.*

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And 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. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## **SERMON**

**Jay Carroll**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized”

ELW Hymn 304

## **APOSTLES’ CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the 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 OF INTERCESSION**

*After each petition, the Worship Assistant will say, “Merciful God”, the congregation will respond, “receive our prayer.”*

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.  
**Amen.**

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please take a few moments to greet those around you as you feel comfortable, keeping in mind that not everyone is comfortable shaking hands or hugging.*

**MEAL** - God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERING SONG**

“Now the Silence”

ELW Hymn 460

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together,

Liberating God,

**you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free.**

**Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.**

**You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,**

**Amen .**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

### DIALOGUE

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Preface

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD’S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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 today 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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and taste the joy of God!

*Please be seated.*

*We believe that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine. All those who are baptized and have received formal teaching about The Lord’s Supper are invited forward to commune. If you desire a blessing, come forward and keep hands folded together. Come forward at the direction of the usher. Pick up a clean cup from the right side of the altar. The empty cups can be placed in the tray on the left side of the altar.*

### COMMUNION SONG

“Lamb of God”

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### SONGS DURING COMMUNION

“Spirit of Gentleness”

ELW Hymn 396

“Wade in the Water”

ELW Hymn 459

“I’ve Just Come From the Fountain”

With One Voice Hymn 696

*Please stand as you are able.*

## TABLE BLESSING

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

**Amen**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Holy One,  
**we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table.  
Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.  
Amen.**

**SENDING** - God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK:**

- Today: Council Meeting, 11:00
- Monday: “Before the Throne” study, 11:00, Week 3, Days 4 & 5
- Wednesday: Bricks 4 God Family Night 5:30-7:30, volunteers needed to help serve a meal and man craft stations, donations gladly accepted to defray costs of the meal
- Saturday: Basement Clean Up, 9:00  
Bunco Party 5:00
- Next Sunday: Faith, Fitness, & Fellowship, 2:00

Counters for January: Jim Sebree & Heidi Taylor

**BLESSING**

The God who faithfully brings forth justice  
and breaks the oppressor’s rod  
✝ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,  
today and always  
**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**

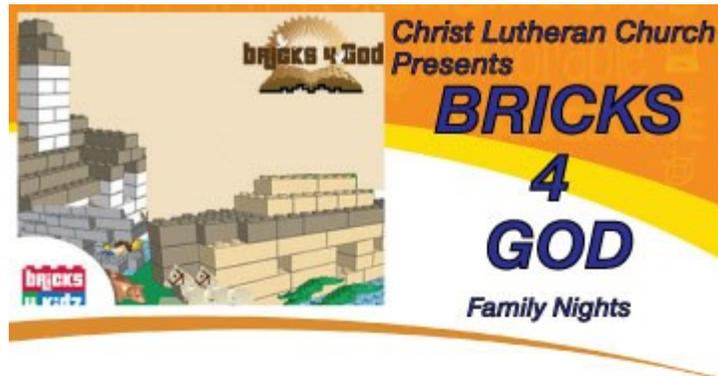
“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

All Creation Sings Hymn 942

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace.  
Follow the way of Jesus!

**Thanks be to God!**



This is a free Bible based family night sponsored by Christ Lutheran Church, using Bricks 4 Kidz fun LEGO activities, to explore some of your favorite stories from the bible. We will start by sharing a meal together provided by Christ Lutheran Church followed by learning about a story from the bible. Parents and kids will work together to build fun Bricks 4 Kidz LEGO models that represent the story of the day. There will also be a craft for you to take home! This event is geared for elementary aged students (and parents of all ages). Space will be limited so please pre-register to reserve your family's spot. This is a free event for parents and children.

***The Story of Baby Moses*** - January 11 5:30 - 7:30pm

***The Story of Samson*** - January 25 5:30 - 7:30pm

***The Story of Joseph's Coat*** - February 8 5:30 - 7:30pm

***Family nights will be at Christ Lutheran Church located at 5606 W. Lincoln Ave. Please register at: [www.bricks4kidz.com/462](http://www.bricks4kidz.com/462)***



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Deacon Kathy's Office Hours: Tuesdays—Thursdays 11:00 - 2:00 and by appointment