

“Growing Relationships with God, Each Other, and Our Neighbors in the Way of Jesus”

Baptism of Our Lord, January 9, 2022, 8:30 am

All baptized Christians—including visitors of all denominations—are invited to the Lord's table to receive Holy Communion. Please select a prefilled communion cup from the baskets at the top of the ramps.



PRELUDE

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

A reading from the Psalms: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein. Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord. *(Psalm 98:7-8)*

A reading from Second Corinthians: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! *(2 Corinthians 5:17)*

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

We give you thanks, holy and gracious God...
...one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SONG OF THANKSGIVING: “This Is the Spirit’s Entry Now” (ELW 448)

- 1 This is the Spirit's entry now: the water and the word,
the cross of Jesus on your brow, the seal both felt and heard.**
- 2 This miracle of life reborn comes from the Lord of breath;
the sinless one from life was torn; our life comes through his death.**
- 3 Let water be the sacred sign that we must die each day
to rise again by his design as foll'wers of his way.**
- 4 Renewing Spirit, hear our praise for your baptismal pow'r
that washes us through all our days. Come, cleanse again this hour.**

BLESSING

Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Glory to You, God"



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING: **Isaiah 43:1-7**

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—

⁷everyone who is called by my name,

whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 29 (*Responsively*)

¹Ascribe 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.

³The 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.

⁵The 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.

⁷The voice of the Lord

bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**⁸The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

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!"

**¹⁰The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

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

SECOND READING: **Acts 8:14-17**

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 the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



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

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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 fire. ¹⁷His 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. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Pastor Beth Ann L. Stone

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Remember and Rejoice" (ELW 454)

- 1 Remember and rejoice, renewed by floods of grace.
We bear the sign of Jesus Christ, that time cannot erase.**
- 2 In life, in death, we trust in God's most holy name,
forever traced by water sign, and sealed by Spirit flame.**
- 3 We pledge ourselves anew to flee the lures of hell,
to cling to Christ's community, in justice, peace to dwell.**
- 4 God, bless us by your grace; remind us of your care.
Renewing Spirit, fill us now, inspire our work, our prayer.**
- 5 Remember and rejoice, renewed by floods of grace.
We bear the sign of Jesus Christ, that time cannot erase.**

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

*Each petition ends, "God of grace, **hear our prayer.**"*

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

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OFFERTORY

OFFERING PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

INVITATION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS: <https://mailchi.mp/d8b1d17a300d/spaceship-church-news-5712856>

BLESSING

SENDING SONG: "Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized" (ELW 304)

- 1 Christ, when for us you were baptized, God's Spirit on you came,
as peaceful as a dove, and yet as urgent as a flame,
as urgent as a flame.**
- 2 God called you, "My beloved Son"; you are God's servant true,
sent to proclaim the reign of heav'n, God's holy will to do,
God's holy will to do.**
- 3 Straightway and steadfast until death you then obeyed the call
to serve with free and willing heart, to give your life for all,
to give your life for all.**
- 4 Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord; your cross on us be signed,
that likewise in God's service we may perfect freedom find,
may perfect freedom find.**

DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Preacher: Pastor Beth Ann Stone
Leader: Vicar Chip Lutz
Musician: Michael Becker
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