



The Baptism of Our Lord

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10:00am

The Baptism of Our Lord Introduction

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.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS THE PRELUDE

*THE THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.
Amen.

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, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of 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.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

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.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

THE GATHERING SONG: God's, Whose Almighty Word #673

*** THE GREETING** page 213

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.

***THE KYRIE** page 213

***THE CANTICLE OF PRAISE** page 213

*** THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

¹Here 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. ²He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the
street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he
will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow
faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the
coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵Thus 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: ⁶I 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, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from
the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the
LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to
idols. ⁹See, 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.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 29

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.

⁸**The 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!"

¹⁰**The 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 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly
understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone
who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know
the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus

Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

***THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Sung page 216

C: Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? Alleluia You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia.

* P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 3rd Chapter
* C: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord!
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

GOOD NEWS 101

THE SERMON

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: Shall We Gather at the River
#423

*** THE AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM and RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**
page 234

***THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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

Merciful God
Receive our prayer

PEACE

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

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

*** CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING** page 219

*** THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD:**

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.
Amen.

*** THE LORD’S PRAYER** page 221

SENDING

* BLESSING

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

* **THE SENDING SONG: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise**
#310

* THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.
Thanks be to God.



Stan, Dana, Luke & Lily Blackburn

Bob, Peg, Jennifer & Aidan Russell

Alexander & Stefani Peffley

Kimberly Taylor

*So we, though many, are one body in Christ, and
individually members one of another*

Romans 12:5

Serving Today: January 8, 2023

Acolyte: Maris Rodig

Lector: Laura Poethke

Ushers: Bonnie Mazza & Peggy Bowers

Musician: Ryan Peiffer

Serving Next Week: January 15 2023

Communion Assistant: Danielle Ercolani

Acolyte: Brenden

Lectors: Danielle Ercolani

Ushers: Nicole Rodig & Ron Jernigan

Musician: Ryan Peiffer

Congregational Meeting



January 22, 2023

Immediately Following 10am worship.

Once a year we ask our members to please attend our annual congregational meeting. This meeting is an important part in the life of the church.

We will give a review of the 2022 committee and church events.

Council will layout for our church our projected budget and events for the 2023 year. **In order to implement this we need a 2/3 majority vote of all congregational members old and new.**

This is a wonderful time of fellowship as well, there is a signup sheet located on the board in the main hallway if you would like to bring a brunch type dish to share. Coffee, tea, juice, bagels and cream cheese will be provided by the church.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this important meeting. The church needs all voices to be heard and votes counted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SERVICES: Our Sunday morning worship services will continue at 10:00 AM. Services are also streamed live on our Facebook Page.

THE CHURCH OFFICE is usually open on Wednesdays and Fridays when Pastor is there. Bonnie will be in the office, Mon 10-1, Wed—Friday 10-2. You can always call and leave a message if you need us.

GIVING TREE: Our giving tree (located in the main entrance) will remain up during the month of January.

SOCIAL MINISTRY OUTREACH continues with our Phillip the Bucket spare change Loud Offering on the first Sunday of each month. Our Offerings have gone to help those in need in our community. We are also continuing to collect nonperishable food items for St. Luke's Food Pantry.

CONTEMPORARY SERVICES: We are continuing with our Contemporary Services featuring *Voices That Reign*. Our next services will be on the January 10th & 24th @7pm.



Tuesday, February 21, 2023

6:00 - 8:00pm

6:00pm: Pancake Supper

6:30pm: Games

7:15pm: Shared Talents & Skits

Its almost time for annual Fastnacht Celebration!

If you have a talent that you would like to share or if you would like to help us prepare the pancakes please see sign up sheet on the main bulletin board.

Mark your calendars and come out for a great night of fun and fellowship.



VBS Planning Committee Meeting
Sunday, February 26, 2023
Immediately after worship

It is time to begin planning Vacation Bible School for 2023. We need new ideas and members to join our VBS team.



If you want a financial statement of your Church donations for yearend 2022, you can email me at htelctreasurer@gmail.com, call me at (609) 726-0292 or see me on Sundays in Church.

Thanks, Hank Bariexca



We are so glad you worshipped with us today.

Our hope is that you have a blessed week and we will see you again next Sunday.

If you are visiting and have any questions about Holy Trinity, please ask Pastor Haab, one of our Greeters, Ushers or any of our wonderful members.

Go in Peace and serve the Lord.