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## The Baptism of Our Lord

January 12, 2025

9:30am



† Celebrating God's grace through acts of love and service †

*To Our Guests,*

- *The type in bold is for the congregation to say.*
- *The \* Indicates "Stand if you are able".*
- *Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available.*
- *Visitor sheets are located in the red folders in front of you.*

## **Introduction**

Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters ....the rivers ...fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.

## **Welcome**

### **Prelude**

*Drawn to the Light*

*By John C. Ylvisaker*

## **Meditation**

### **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.

### **\*Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting.

**Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

Merciful God,

**you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your loving kindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways.**

**Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine.” In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

**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

*Christ, When for Us  
You Were Baptized*

**ELC 304  
vs 1,2,4**

## \*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.**

## 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. )*

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;

<sup>6</sup> 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—

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

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:**

Acts 8:14-17

*(Just as newly baptized Christians in the early church were clothed with new garments upon arising from the baptismal waters, so all who have received God's gift of life in Jesus Christ are covered with the character of Christ.)*

<sup>14</sup> Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to

them. <sup>15</sup> The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup> (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup> Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

\*Gospel      The gospel according to Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*(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. )*

<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 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.”

<sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup> 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.”

The Good News of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**Children’s Song**      *I’ve Got the Love of Jesus*      **vs. 3**

I’ve got the Love of Jesus, Love of Jesus,  
down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart  
(repeat)

**Children’s Message**      **Laura Goins**

**Sermon**      Pastor Phil Erlander

**\*Hymn of the Day**      Baptized and Set Free      **ELW 453**

## **\*Apostles Creed**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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**

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

You call us by name and form us. We give thanks for the gift of baptism. Nurture the baptized and equip people sent to proclaim the good news, especially Young Adults in Global Mission and international congregations.

God of grace, **hear our prayer**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

**Amen.**



## Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you**

## Offering Hymn

Christ Be Our Light

ELW 715

vs 1

### \*Offering Prayer

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.**

Amen

### \*The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has one measure. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

\*Preface: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... And so we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

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

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the fourth staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

## \*Words of Institution

### \*Lord's Prayer

Gathered by the holy spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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 to Communion

The joy of the Lord is our strength.  
Come, eat this meal of gladness.

## Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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<b>Communion Hymns</b>	<b>Borning Cry</b>	<b>ELW732</b>
	<b>We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus</b>	<b>ELW451</b>

### \*Table Blessing

### \*Prayer after Communion

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,

Amen

## **Announcements**

### **\*Blessing**

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

**Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn** *Go, My Children, With My Blessing* **ELW 543**

### **\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live in hope.

**Thanks be to God.**



## SUNDAY COFFEE TIME

January 12 Wusk      January 19 Duffin

January 26 West & Magnuson

You will find the sign-up sheet on the kitchen door.

## **\*UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS\***

**Mon., 1/13, 9-11am: Food donation drop-off at WSC**

**Mon., 1/13, 6:30pm: Book Club**

**Wed., 1/15. 15, 12:30 Westside Cares Pantry**

**Wed., 1/15, 6:30 pm: Confirmation @ CTK**

**Wed., 1/15, 7:00 pm: New Testament Bible Study @ CTK**

**Sun., 1/ 19, 9:30am: Service of the Word, Anna Garcia-Lucas**

**Mon., 1/20, 9-11am: Food donation drop-off off at WSC**

**Wed., 1/22, 12:30 Westside Cares Pantry**

**Better than a Puppy!** Anyone who would like a lovely poinsettia to grace their home - or as a nice pick-me-up for the person with a green thumb in your life - please take one home of your choosing after today's service.

**RIC Forum #2 & Lunch:** Immediately following service next week, January 19th, we will hold Forum #2 (the second of the four forums) as part of Christ the King's continuing process of becoming a Reconciling in Christ congregation and church. In this forum, we will talk about affirming those of any age, ability, and race. We are also including how we specifically affirm men and women in a general scope. Lunch will be provided. Questions? Please contact Anna Garcia-Lucas at [aglucas66@gmail.com](mailto:aglucas66@gmail.com).

## \*ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont'd)\*

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA:** Our 17th year of Santa coming to CTK on December 14<sup>th</sup> was a successful day. I am so proud of the hard work and cooperation of each of the 24 volunteers, at the event and behind the scenes that made this a success. Santa visited with children as they ate a light breakfast. They sang songs and the smiles on the kids' faces when they listened to the Gospel story read by Santa was very inspiring. Kids got to talk to Santa and had photos taken with him. Crafts were toiletry roll into Santa Claus, Christmas cards, decorated door hanger and cookies were decorated. They made one for themselves and a second cookie for an outreach project to Springs Rescue Mission. In all, five dozen cookies were delivered. A total of 67 children with parents from our community neighbors and Angel Tree recipients were invited participate. This year 45 children and 18 non volunteering adults were served at this community event. Thanks, Thrivent, CTK, & Terry and Ken for sponsoring this event. Your Faithful Lead Elf, Pat Chaffin

### **OWLS – Older Wiser Lutherans:**

We'll meet for lunch Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> 11:00a @ Cracker Barrel 8355 Razorback Rd. All are invited to participate. Please contact Pat Chaffin with questions or if you need a ride: 719-313-0047. Let me know if you are coming so we can all sit together. New folks are always welcome. We look forward to seeing you! We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

### **Rainbow Trail - It's Almost Here: JANUARY 17-19, 2025**

Rainbow Trails speaker is Dave "Packer" Gunnlaugsson, RTL staff alumni and dear friend of Rainbow Trails. "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28(NIV). Our theme this year is "BREATHE."

## **New Years Resolution 1: Something New for Saints in Training**

Mem's Bible Study group has room around the table for a few more. And, good news - literally! - they are now breaking open the New Testament. Come, gain deeper understanding of the Word as we study Christ's life and times, all while having fun! (Starting this Wednesday, Wednesdays at 7 p.m.)

## **And/or ... New Years Resolution 2: Quilting!**

1st Lutheran's Quilting Group is inviting new folks to join them at their quilting meetings. Experience is not necessary - they will teach you! - and all supplies are provided. The quilters group meets Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 in Luther Hall (behind 1st Lutheran).

## **Lifeline Screening:**

Wondering about your cholesterol? What about that nagging ache? Get some answers with a Lifeline Screening. Lifeline Screening comes to CTK on January 29th. See Diane for more info.

## **Westside Cares Pantry:**

THANK YOU to those who have been so faithful in bringing food! Please add to your grocery list: canned veggies (carrots, mixed veggies, & spinach), potato sides, ramen noodles, canned fruit, jelly/jam, and canned meats (Spam is a great price at Costco right now). And we can shop for you - please, mark your donations "PANTRY." Lastly, if you would like your cloth bags returned, please pick them up in CTK's back room with the shelves. Thank you!

**Via De Cristo** is a Spanish phrase meaning Way of Christ. The Via de Cristo Ministry offers structured three-day weekends designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people, bringing them to a new awareness of living in God's grace. This spiritual-building ministry will be offering a retreat in our area the weekend of February 8th (and, no, you don't need to know Spanish!) Please contact Diane Zand for more information.

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Christ the King is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Cheyenne and Ute tribal nations. We give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

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