

**JANUARY 19, 2025**



*The  
Baptism  
of Our  
Lord*



**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

# WELCOME

Thank you for worshiping with us today.  
Please sign the guest register in the entry  
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## TODAY'S SERVICE

January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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**Speaker:**

Pastor Matthew Ude

**Organist:**

Lila Brown

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# PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

## *Psalm 29*

### **The Triune God Opens Heaven to You in Holy Baptism**

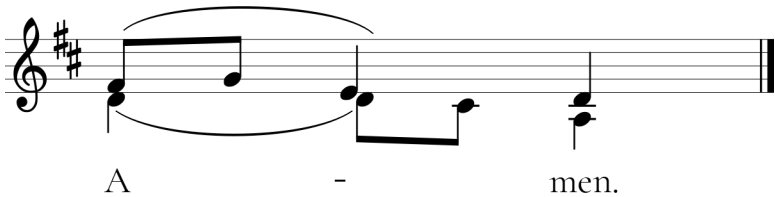
The Baptism of our Lord is an “Epiphany” of the one true God in the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ. In divine mercy, He takes His place with sinners and takes their sin upon Himself. “When all the people were baptized,” Jesus submitted Himself to a Baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Luke 3:21). He had no sins of His own, but He took the sins of the world upon Himself and so was baptized into His own death. Therefore, “when you pass through the waters,” He is with you (Is. 43:2). He created you for His glory, and He has redeemed you with His blood, that you may be His own and live with Him in His kingdom (Is. 43:1, 7). As you are baptized with a Baptism like His, so also are you united with Him in His death and resurrection that you “might walk in newness of life” (Rom. 6:4). For all who are baptized into Christ Jesus receive His anointing of the Holy Spirit and are named by His Father as beloved and well-pleasing sons and daughters.

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## #298:1-4 Baptized Into Thy Name Most Holy

### INVOCATION

p In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

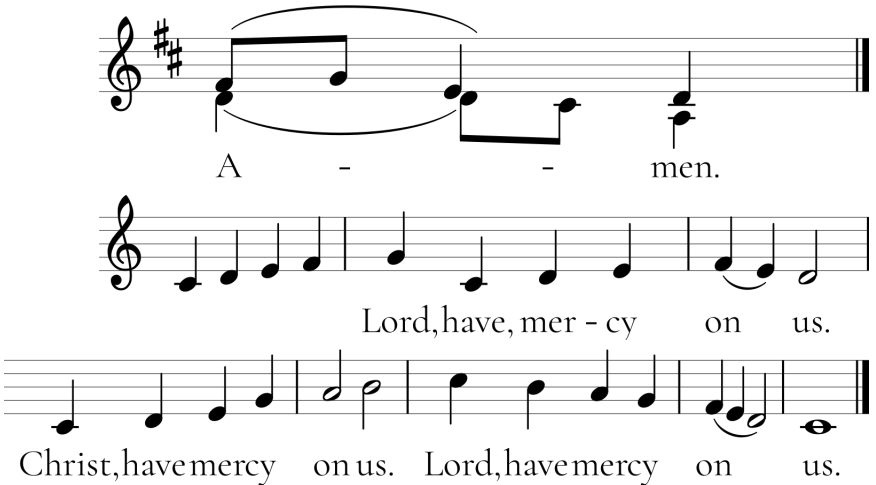


### CONFESSION OF SINS

p We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

all Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth, In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

p God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.



A - - - men.

Lord, have, mer - cy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.



Glo - ry to God, we  
Lord Je - sus Christ, the  
A - lone, O Christ, You



give You thanks and praise; Of heav'n - ly  
Fa - ther's on - ly Son, You bore for  
on - ly are the Lord, At God's right



joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor-ship  
us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of  
hand in maj-es - ty most high: Who, with the

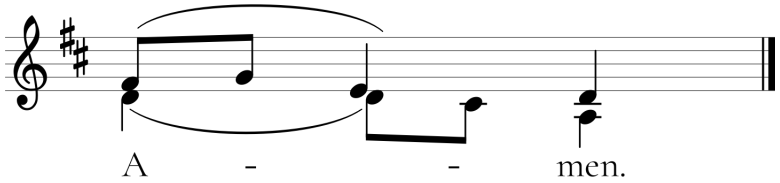


You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al-  
God, Your glo-rious vic-t'ry won, Re - ceive our  
Spir - it worshiped and a - dored, With all the



might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King  
prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

p Let us pray . . . Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River, You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## THE WORD

**Isaiah 43:1-7** But now, thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called *you* by your 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 overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you. <sup>3</sup> For I *am* the LORD your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I gave Egypt for your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in your

place. <sup>4</sup> Since you were precious in My sight, You have been honored, And I have loved you; Therefore I will give men for you, And people for your life. <sup>5</sup> Fear not, for I *am* with you; I will bring your descendants from the east, And gather you from the west; <sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' And to the south, 'Do not keep them back!' Bring My sons from afar, And My daughters from the ends of the earth-- <sup>7</sup> Everyone who is called by My name, Whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him."

**Romans 6:I-II** What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? <sup>3</sup> Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness* of His resurrection, <sup>6</sup> knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him*,



that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. <sup>7</sup> For he who has died has been freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, <sup>9</sup> knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. <sup>10</sup> For *the death* that He died, He died to sin once for all; but *the life* that He lives, He lives to God. <sup>11</sup> Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

p Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it.



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

These words are written that we may believe that

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Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

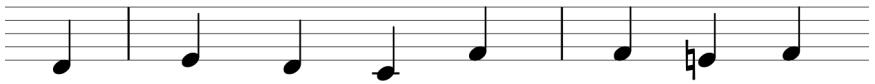
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, The resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

## To Jordan's River



1 To Jor-dan's riv - er came our Lord,  
2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized  
3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood  
4 Then from God's throne with thund'rous sound



The Christ, whom heav'n - ly hosts a - dored,  
The Son of God in flesh dis-guised  
And John bap - tized the Lamb of God,  
Came God's own voice with words pro-found:



The God from God, the Light from Light,  
To stand be - neath the Fa - ther's will  
The Ho - ly Spir - it, Heav'n - ly dove,  
"This is my Son," was his de - cree,



The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.  
And all his prom - is - es ful - fill.  
De - scend - ed on him from a - bove.  
"The one I love, who pleas - es me."

# SERMON

**Matthew 3:13-17** <sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> And John *tried to* prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?" <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit *it to be so* now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him. <sup>16</sup> When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He<sup>t</sup> saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. <sup>17</sup> And suddenly a voice *came* from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

## Jesus Was Baptized for Our Righteousness

The washing away of sins that God promises in baptism is something that I need not Jesus. Even so Jesus is baptized that we might receive his righteousness.



Create in me a clean heart, O God, and re-



new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a-



way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly



Spir-it from me. Restore to me the joy of Your sal-



va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir-it free.

## Offering Hymn #442:2

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee gladly, freely, of  
Thine own; With the sunshine of Thy goodness melt our  
thankless hearts of stone Till our cold and selfish natures,  
warmed by Thee, at length believe That more happy and  
more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive

## #784 Lord, Take My Hand And Lead Me

### PRAYERS, THE LORD'S PRAYER

all 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.

# THE BENEDICTION

p The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



## #427:1-4,7 How Firm a Foundation

## **SUNDAY JANUARY 19**

9am Worship Service

10 am Sunday School

10:15 am Bible Class

## **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22**

3:45 Confirmation

## **THURSDAY, JANUARY 23**

7pm Voters' Meeting

## **SUNDAY JANUARY 26**

9am Communion Service

10 am Sunday School

10:15 am Bible Class

## **FRUITS OF FAITH**

General Fund- \$2126

Missions - \$ 100

Sunday Service - 90

Sunday School - 7

## **COUNTERS**

**This Week Team # 5**

Dennis Jones, Lynn Dumke

**Next Week Team # 6**

Jim Kok

## **USHERS FOR JANUARY**

BJ Lillo, Mike Dumke,

Todd Thiem, Austin, Thiem

## **VOTERS' MEETING**

January 23, 2025, at 7pm is our annual voters' meeting.

Agenda:

3% increase in called workers compensation

\$21,000 for lunch room roof this summer

Reseal parking lot this summer

Set CBP estimate

Audit Committee Report

Elect new board officers

Set 1st quarter church calendar

## **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalm 128

1 Cor. 12:1-11

John 2:1-11

## **JANUARY MEETING NOTES**

available on the shelf.



## **CALL NEWS**

Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Watertown, SD and Zion Lutheran Church, Hidewood Township, SD has received the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA.

Sam Naumann of Eau Claire, WI has received the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

Teacher Claire Abbas of Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN has received the call to Trinity Lutheran School, Watertown, SD.

## **NOMINEES FOR CHURCH OFFICERS**

### **Church Council**

Daniel Thiem

Paul Eserhut

Mike Dumke

Robert McElory

Joseph Brown

Greg Jones

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Andrew Reyes

Tristan Jenkins

Jake Kearns

Bill Jenkins

Clay Bobek

Tim Gabrielski

Kade Muehlenhaupt (Alt)

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Robbin Whitehouse

David Draeger

Wayne Draeger

Jim Kok

Keith Dickerson

John Bobek

Dennis Jones

Lynn Dumke

Jared Swyter

Randy Strelow

## Sermon Matthew 3:13-17

### Preservice Questions

Examples from your own life of thinking of God's blessings as commandments instead of gifts?

How is baptism a blessing from God?

How do people sometimes treat it as a commandment instead of a blessing?

### Sermon Questions

What is good about John's words to Jesus?

How should we daily emulate John's example?

What did Jesus do for us in his baptism?

What is wrong about John's words to Jesus?

Why is it important not to follow John's example?

What is the danger of thinking about baptism as a law?

How does Jesus illustrate the wrong attitude towards baptism in the parable of the King's Banquet?

What is one possible meaning of Jesus' words?

What is the second possible meaning of Jesus' words?

What has Jesus done for you in his baptism?



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