

The Baptism of Our Lord

Sunday, January 12, 2025



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*Our Mission Statement for Trinity Lutheran Church & School is:
"Teaching, Living, Caring, and Serving as the Family of Christ."*

WELCOME!

We welcome all who have joined us this day, as we worship the Almighty God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you would like more information about Trinity, our mission, or becoming a member, please speak with Pastor Tonn, or the Elder on duty. Thank you, and may the Lord bless your worship with us today as God touches your life with His love!

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Take time before the service to prepare and examine your heart for this sacred event. If you need assistance, or cannot come up to the altar, please ask an Usher for help, or for Communion to be brought to you at your seat. White grape juice is available at the center of the trays of individual cups, and gluten free wafers are available for those who desire those options.

STATEMENT OF FAITH AND PRACTICE REGARDING HOLY COMMUNION

We believe that we must properly examine ourselves before partaking, as 1 Corinthians 11:27 reveals, "... whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the Body and Blood of the Lord." As such, we ask that you search your heart to see if you believe that through this Sacrament our Savior gives us His very Body and Blood in His "real presence" for the forgiveness of sins. Our Lord invites to this meal those who trust in His words, repent of all sins, and willingly demonstrate His love and forgiveness of others as He has shown it to us. Because this Sacrament is also a statement of our unity in Christ, we ask that those who desire to receive the Lord's Supper, and have not previously communed at our altar, please speak to the Pastor or the Elder of the week before doing so.

SERVICE INFORMATION

* We offer two services on Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 6:15 p.m.

Our 9:00 a.m. service is livestreamed on Facebook.

- * Attendance booklets are in each pew row. Please sign in and pass to your neighbor.
- * We welcome children at our services. If you need it, our family room is by the right-side entrance to the Sanctuary, where you can still experience the service with your child.
- * Please join us after the morning service for Bible Study and Sunday School from 10:20 – 11:20 a.m. Refreshments will be available.
- * Offerings may be placed in the offering plates by the main Sanctuary entrance. You can also donate electronically via Tithe.ly. Use the barcode below to launch this option.



THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Prelude + Candle Lighting + Ringing of the Bell + Greeting

OPENING HYMN “Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning” *LSB* 400

INVOCATION, CONFESSION, AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Pastor: Most merciful God,

People: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Pastor: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Hail, O Source of Every Blessing”

LSB 409

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. 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. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalms 29:1-11; antiphon: v. 3

**All: *The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over many waters.***

Pastor: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.**

Pastor: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over many waters.

**People: The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

Pastor: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**People: He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

Pastor: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**People: The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth
and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry "Glory!"**

Pastor: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

**People: May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

**All: *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.***

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thunders, the Lord over many waters.***

EPISTLE

Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death

no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Mark 1:11b

Pastor: Alleluia. You are My beloved Son;

People: with You I am well pleased. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-22

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3rd chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison. Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON HYMN

"To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"

LSB 405

SERMON

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (9 AM) "The Only Son from Heaven"

John A. Behnke

OFFERTORY SONG (6:15 PM) "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

LSB 955

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN (9 AM) "Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me"

What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Savior he will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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CLOSING HYMN (6:15 PM) “Now the Light Has Gone Away”

LSB 887

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