



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



## THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 9, 2022 - 10:00 AM



### Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

As disciples of Christ seeking peace and justice in the world, we welcome, affirm, and include all people into the fullness of God's love. We celebrate people of all races, cultures, ages, sexual orientations, gender identities, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic statuses, appearances, family status and citizenship as equally loved and valued in the eyes of God and in this place. All are invited to join this community as we worship God, grow in faith, and strive to love and serve one another. All, without exception, are welcome in this place.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of her children, grandchildren, and the Trinity family, and in memory of all those lost to Covid by Jeanne Blinkoff .

## SERVING TODAY

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Assisting Minister

Ian Boden

Pianist and Choir Director

Jim Parham

Lector

Bob Thompson

Prayers

Katie Brown

Cantor

Russ Wise

Greeters

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Ushers

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Video

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Audio

Gregg Alley

# GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*Stand as able*

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come before God to make public affirmation of baptism into Christ.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

**Amen.**

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,  
the powers of this world that rebel against God,  
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever.

**Amen.**

*During the gathering hymn, worshipers are invited to dip their fingers in the small container of water at your seat and trace the sign of the cross on your forehead as a reminder that you are God's beloved, precious baptized child.*

(Verses 1 and 4)

**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.**

**Baptized 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.**

## THE 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. 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.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

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## WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup> But now, Leah and Rachel and Jacob, hear the word of God—the One who created you, the One who fashioned you, Israel:

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine.

<sup>2</sup> When you pass through the seas, I will be with you; when you pass over the rivers, you will not drown. Walk through fire, and you will not be singed; walk through flames and you will not be burned.

<sup>3</sup> I am God, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your deliverer. I give Egypt as ransom for you, Nubia and Seba in exchange for you.

<sup>4</sup> You are more precious to me than Assyria; you are honored, and I love you. I will give people in exchange for you, whole nations in exchange for your life.

<sup>5</sup> Have no fear, for I am with you; I will bring your descendants from the east and gather them from the west.

<sup>6</sup> To the north I will say, 'Give them up!' and to the south, 'Do not hold them back! Bring my daughters and sons from afar, return them from the ends of the earth—

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

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Acts 8:14-17

A reading from Acts.

<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.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand as able*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Repeat alleluia*

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

## GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the third chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<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."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.***Please be seated*

*Stand as able*

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Baptized ad Set Free*

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**We are people created, chosen by God.  
Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.  
Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door  
to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.**

**We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed.  
Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed.  
For whatever the need, God is greater indeed:  
endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.**

**We are nourished by water, all living things,  
and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.  
As we journey toward home, may your presence be known:  
precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.**

**Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.  
All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.  
Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be  
one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the world, the church, and all that God has made.

God of today and tomorrow, we are weary today and worried about tomorrow. Will this COVID pandemic ever end? Remind us that you are with us through it all. As we gather today at home or in this gym, comfort and nourish our spirits so that we might have courage for tomorrow. We pray for you to bring healing to our sick world, remembering that we are in your hands. Give us the strength and wisdom to do our part.

God of grace,

**Hear our prayer.**

God of love and power, you reveal yourself to us through the Spirit and through water. May your love flow rapidly through our world like the waters of rivers and streams. May your Spirit fill us to our depths as your waters fill the deepest oceans. Open our eyes to fully see that through baptism, we have all become one in Christ.

God of grace,

**Hear our prayer.**

God of justice and equality, help us to understand we are all your beloved children. As we reflect on the baptism of Jesus, help us to see that in water we all get equally wet. No matter our religion, race, gender, sexual orientation, physical ability, or mental capacity, water covers us all equally without discrimination. Guide us in bringing an end to the prejudice, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, discrimination, and inequality that ruins the world.

God of grace,

**Hear our prayer.**

God of protection and refuge, you protect us through the fires and troubled waters of this life. Assure us that we will not be cut off from you by illness, despair, anxiety, depression, pain, confusion, or weakness. May we always take refuge in you. Comfort all who are in need, especially those we name now in our hearts or on our lips ...

God of grace,

**Hear our prayer.**

God of now and eternity, you created each of us for your glory. We give you thanks for the gift of life in your creation. We remember and thank you for all those you have called by name into your eternal embrace. Comfort us in our grief. Release us from our fear of death so that we may live more fully in life.

God of grace,

**Hear our prayer.**

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all our prayers to you in confidence and faith through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

*Musical interlude*

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God,  
**Sovereign of the universe.**  
**You offer us new beginnings**  
**and guide us on our journey.**  
**Lead us to your table,**  
**nourish us with this heavenly food,**  
**and prepare us to carry your love**  
**to a hungry world,**  
**in the name of Christ our light.**  
**Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,  
 gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
 shed for you and for all people  
 for the forgiveness of sin.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

## 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.**

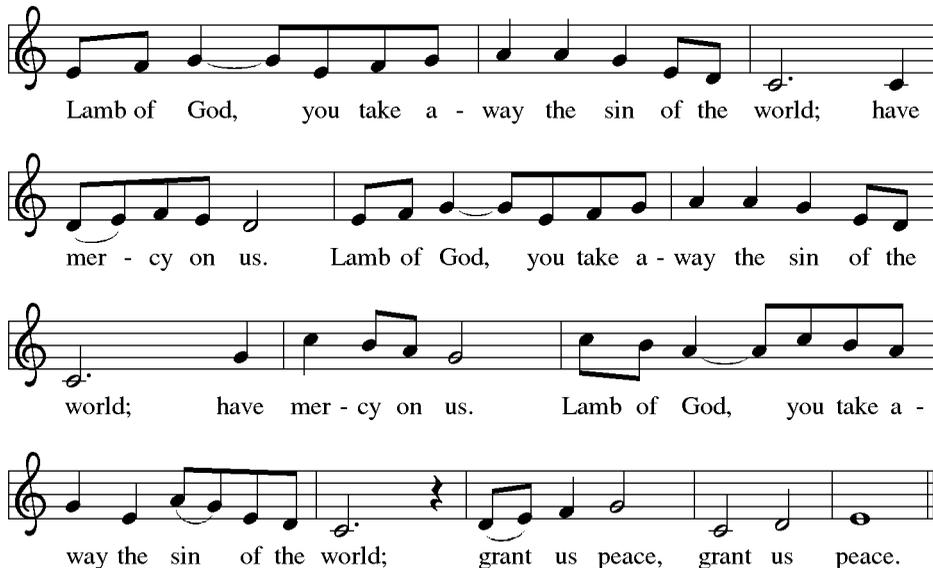
*Please be seated*

## COMMUNION

*Trusting that the bread and wine in our homes and at our seats have been blessed, everyone is invited to participate in the sacrament from the comfort of your homes or the safety of your seats.*

*All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's love and grace.*

## MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION



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.

*Musical interlude while the congregation receives the elements*

*Stand as able*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, gracious God,  
for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.

Send us to bring good news  
and to proclaim your favor to all,  
strengthened with the richness of your grace  
in your Son, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

May God, who gathers us in love,  
lead you in pathways of righteousness and justice.  
May God, who knows us more deeply than we know ourselves,  
lead you in pathways of forgiveness and freedom.  
May God, who fills us with good things,  
lead you in pathways of equity and abundance.  
The blessing of the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
be upon you and remain with you forever.

**Amen.**

**O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with  
God's own truth and light, aglow with grace and mercy!  
Of Jacob's line, King David's son, our Lord and Savior,  
you have won our hearts to serve you only! Lowly,  
holy! Great and glorious, all victorious, rich  
in blessing! Rule and might o'er all possessing!**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the light of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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