



## Baptism of Our Lord

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#### 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.*

#### THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THE PRELUDE

#### \* THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life  
**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 lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways.**

**Amen.**

\* *Please stand as you are able*

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.**

**THE GATHERING SONG:** #423  
*Shall We Gather at The River*

\* **THE GREETING**

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 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.

**Amen.**

**First Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7**

<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.”

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

**Psalm: 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.

**Second Reading: Acts 8:14-17**

<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 the Lord.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

\* **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Sung page #151

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 3rd chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

**Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

<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."

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord!

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**GOOD NEWS 101**

**THE SERMON**

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY: #305**

*When Jesus Came to Jordan*

\* **THE APOSTLES' CREED** page 217

**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.**

\***THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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

God of Grace,  
**Hear our prayer**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**THANKSGIVING**

**OFFERING  
SPECIAL MUSIC**

\* **CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING #184**

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

\* **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 all 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

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.

SENDING

\* BLESSING

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

\* THE SENDING SONG:

#543

*Go My Children, With My Blessing*

\* THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in Hope  
 Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

**THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY**

**Today** 9:00AM Sunday School  
 10:00AM Worship  
 1:30-3:30 Girl Scouts  
**Monday:** 7:00pm Church Council  
 7:00-9:00pm Burlington Entertainers  
**Wednesday** 5:00—7:00PM Sisters of Sobriety  
**Friday** 7:00—10:00PM AA  
**Next Sunday:** 9:00AM Sunday School  
 10:00AM Worship

**Serving Today: January 12, 2025**

**Acolyte:** Scarlett Johnson  
**Lector:** Hank Bariexca  
**Usher:** Amber Johnson & Allyson Schmalz  
**Musician:** Ryan Peiffer  
**Sound System:** Amber Johnson

**Serving Next Week: January 19, 2025**

**Communion Assistant:** Laura Poethke  
**Acolyte:** Allyson Schmalz  
**Lector:** Laura Poethke  
**Ushers:** Steve Anderson & Bonnie Mazza  
**Musician:** Danny Allen  
**Sound System:** Laura Poethke

