

Baptism of Our Lord

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Bethany's Mission Statement: Reaching out in Worship, Fellowship, Learning and Love - we are God's people.

We are so glad you chose to worship with us this morning. We hope everyone feels welcome as we strive to serve and strengthen each other in faith toward God and in love toward all. Now, as you wait for the service to begin, please relax, enjoy the music, and quiet your heart before God.

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ELW indicates that hymns or liturgy are taken from Evangelical Lutheran Worship-red hymnal

PRELUDE

Welcome, Celebration Bank
(*money given to Human Concerns Fund*)

We Gather to Acknowledge God's Presence

(Please be seated)

ELW Holy Baptism

PRESENTATION

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsor:

I present Jim Webb for baptism.

P: Jim, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

Jim Responds: I do.

P: Sponsor, do you promise to nurture Jim in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Jim and pray for *him* in *his* new life in Christ?

We do.

(Please Stand)

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The assembly may join in the responses.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response:

I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**C: 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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

BAPTISM

P: Jim, I baptize you in the name of the Father, *
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**C: You belong to Christ,
in whom you have been baptized.
Alleluia.**

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Jim with 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.

C: Amen.

P: Jim, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

WELCOME

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me
will have the light of life.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

(Please stand)

OPENING HYMN

"Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"

ELW Hymn 304

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.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



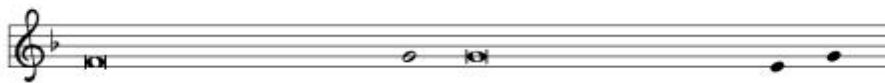
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the




high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa-ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right



hand of the Fa- ther: re - ceive our prayer.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: **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.

We Listen to God's Word

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

¹ 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.
² 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.
³ 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.
⁴ 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.
⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
⁶ 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—
⁷ everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

- L: Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- C: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**
- L: The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- C: The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**
- L: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- C: The voice of the LORD
bursts forth in lightning flashes.**
- L: The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- C: 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!"**
- L: The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.
- C: O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.**

SECOND READING

Acts 8:14-17

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

- L: Word of God, word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

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

GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² 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.**

(Please be seated)

SERMON

Pastor Misha McFarland-Pollock

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Baptized and Set Free"

ELW Hymn 453

We Respond to God's Word

(Please Stand)

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

(Please be seated)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

P: God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

We Share in the Holy Meal

(Please Stand)

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might, heav - en 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

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

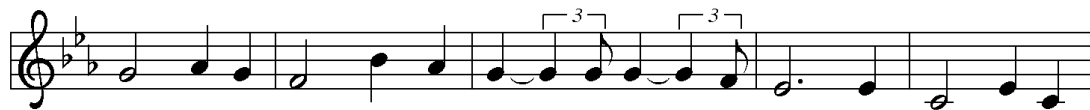
P: The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

(Please be seated)

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.

DISTRIBUTION BY INDIVIDUAL GLASSES

(Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)

All who believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited to commune. Children who do not commune are welcome to come for a blessing. You will be given a wafer. The glasses of dark liquid are wine; the middle ring is juice. There is a bowl of water if you would like to remember your baptism.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

ACS Hymn 942

Refrain



Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing



in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the



spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.



1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,
2 . . All a - round me looked so fine,
3 . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,



out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
asked . . . my Lord if all was mine.
chills the bod - y but not the soul.

Refrain



1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, Je - sus, the Light of the world;
 2 Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; Je - sus, the Light of the world;
 3 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Je - sus, the Light of the world;
 4 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Je - sus, the Light of the world;



"Glo - ry to the new-born king," Je - sus, the Light of the world.
 join the tri - umph of the skies; Je - sus, the Light of the world.
 Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord! Je - sus, the Light of the world.
 Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness! Je - sus, the Light of the world.

Refrain



We'll walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light, come where the dew-drops of mer-cy are bright.



Shine all a-round us by day and by night, Je - sus, the Light of the world.

(Please stand)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: 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,

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P: The God of steadfastness and encouragement
grant you to live in harmony with one another,
in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

P: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: The God of all grace † bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

"We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus"

ELW Hymn 451

THE DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lector: Todd Chelf
Usher: Susan Swanson
Communion: Steve & Sue Rogers
Greeters: Mel & Judy Craven
Missionary Support: Open
Altar Flowers: Open
Remember in prayer: Dorothy Hopson, Barb West, Norma Bock, The Families of Bill Ward, Sr. & Marian Chaddock

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A Cry Room for infants is available up the stairs and to the right. There are Kids Celebrate children's bulletins available for youngsters who'd like to have their own reference to the lessons for this week. Ask our usher for help.

Please join us for coffee and donuts in the fellowship hall following the worship service. We would like to get to know you and offer our friendship.

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ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Today: **Baptism of Our Lord**
Baptism of Jim Webb
9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
10:15 a.m. Church Life
10:55 a.m. Lutheran Church of Hope Service

Monday: 6:30 p.m. Property Meeting

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. Pastor's Book Club @ Bethany

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study @ Messiah
1:30 p.m. Quester's mtg

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Next Sunday: **Second Sunday after Epiphany**
Joint Service with Messiah @ Bethany
9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
10:15 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting
10:55 a.m. Lutheran Church of Hope Service

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes are out for pickup in the Fellowship Hall!

ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual Reports will be out this Sunday, January 12! The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on the following Sunday, January 19.

UKRAINIAN DONATION REQUEST

We have a Ukrainian family that is in need of a dresser. If anybody has one that are willing to donate to this family.

JOINT SERVICES WITH MESSIAH

We will have a couple Joint Services coming up with Messiah. The first one will be on Sunday, January 19, here at Bethany. The next Joint Service will be on Sunday, February 2 at Messiah.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS SERVICE AT MESSIAH

The Confirmation students at Messiah have been working hard to design and create their own Confession and Forgiveness Service! Please come and help support these kids' hard work on Thursday, January 30 at 7:00pm at Messiah! They would love to see you attend!

FLOWERS AND MISSIONARY SUPPORT CHARTS

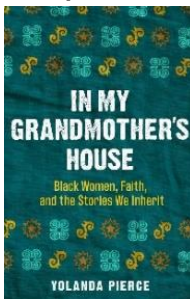
The charts for Flowers and Missionary Support for 2025 is up in the hallway! Please remember to stop on Sunday and pick out your special date!

A REQUEST FROM PATTY CHACEY

Patty Chacey would love to have some visitors come see her! She is currently out at Klein's Nursing Home.

PASTOR'S BOOK CLUB!

Pastor's Book Club will meet on Tuesday, January 14th at 7:00pm at Bethany. We are reading "In My Grandmother's House" By Yolanda Pierce.



OUTREACH FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

We will not have donations for January for food pantry. Thank you everyone for your generosity! Stay tuned for what February will be!

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