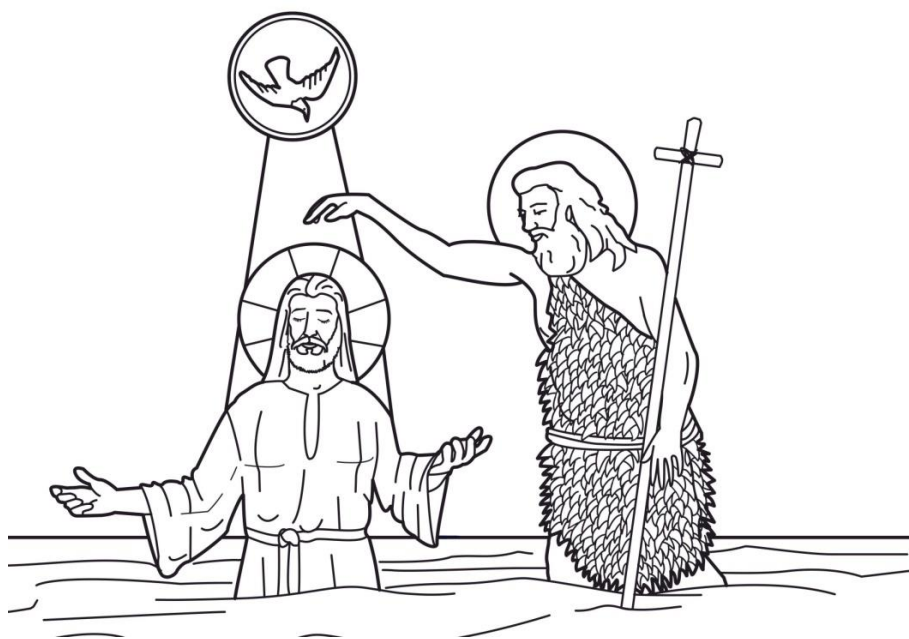


# BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

## 12 JANUARY 2025



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# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING 10 (PAGES 203-209)*

*The liturgy is in the front of the ELW with numbers at the bottom of the pages.*

*The hymns begin in the middle of the ELW with numbers at the top of the pages.*

**PRELUDE**

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN #445 "WASH, O GOD, OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS"**

## **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 [PAGE 203]**

♪ **Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.  
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.**

**Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.  
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!**

## **CANTICLE OF PRAISE [PAGE 204]**

♪ **Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:  
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.**

**Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.**

**Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;  
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.  
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. (*concluding...now and forever.*)

**C: Amen**

## **READINGS**

**ISAIAH 43:1-7 | PSALM 29 | ACTS 8:14-17**

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION [PAGE 205]**

**♪ Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.  
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.  
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

**GOSPEL: LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

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

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

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

**YOUTH SERMON – REV. LEAH HOLLOWAY-NILSEN**

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**HYMN #423 “SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER”**

**CONFESSION OF FAITH: NICENE CREED**

**P:** Living in the Hope of the Gift of Christ’s coming again, we confess our faith.

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**P:** With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*(Each petition ends: P: God of grace, C: hear our prayer)*

**P:** We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

**C: Amen.**

#### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

#### **OFFERING**

##### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**P:** Let us pray. (*concluding...our Savior and Lord.*)

**C: Amen.**

##### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**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.**

**PREFACE** [PAGE 207]

P: It is indeed right...and join their unending hymn:

**C:**     ♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**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.**

***CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION***

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table*

*Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available*

**♪ O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.**

**HYMN #462 "NOW WE JOIN IN CELEBRATION"**

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

**C: Amen**

## POST COMMUNION HYMN

♪ **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray. (*concluding*...Jesus Christ our Lord.)

**C: Amen.**

## BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## HYMN #543 "GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING"

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Live in hope.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## RINGING OF THE BELL

## POSTLUDE

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## This Week At A Glance

Tuesday	12:00 pm	“Meet and Eat” at Buck’s Corner
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Confirmation at Faith
	7:00 pm	Bible Jam at Faith
	7:00 pm	Education committee at Faith
Thursday	6:00 pm	Outreach committee at Faith
	6:30 pm	Worship committee at Faith
	7:00 pm	Council meetings at Faith
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship service at Our Savior’s
	9:25 am	Sunday School at Faith
	10:30 am	Worship service at Faith

**Those to keep in prayer:** Mallory Boussetot, Roger and Betty Boussetot, Cathy Goddard, Jade Jensen, Larry Schau, Diane Sievers, Margarett Travaille; the homebound: Carol Christensen, Ron Gasper, Delores Lahann, Myrna Kay Peterson, Vera St. John, Betty Schau and Bus Seastrand; and those serving in the military.

During the month of January, **winter coats, hats and gloves** will be collected for the Carroll Assistance Center.

Financial reports, budgets, and audit reports are due in the church office by **Monday, January 13, 2025.**

The **noisy offering** will be collected on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>

The **annual meetings** are scheduled for Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, following worship service.



## THE HOUR STRIKES FOR JESUS

*Luke 3: 21-22 When all the people had been baptized and when Jesus too had been baptized, as he was praying, the heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit in bodily form like a dove came down upon him and there was a voice from heaven. "You are my beloved son; in you I am well pleased."*

The thinkers of the church have always sought an answer to the problem, "Why did Jesus go to John to be baptized?" The baptism of John was a baptism of repentance and it is our conviction that Jesus was without sin. Why then did he offer himself for this baptism? In the early church it was sometimes suggested, with a homely touch, that he did it to please Mary, his mother, and in answer to her entreaties; but we need a better reason than that.

In the life of every man there are certain definite stages, certain hinges on which his whole life turns. It was so with Jesus and every now and again we must stop and try to see his life as a whole. The first great hinge was the visit to the Temple when he was twelve, when he discovered his unique relationship to God. By the time of the emergence of John, Jesus was about thirty (Luke 3:23). That is to say at least eighteen years had passed. All through these years he must have been realizing more and more his own uniqueness. But still he remained the village carpenter of Nazareth. He must have known that a day must come when he must say good-bye to Nazareth and go out upon his larger task. He must have waited for some sign.

When John emerged the people flocked out to hear him and to be baptized. Throughout the whole country there was an unprecedented movement towards God. And Jesus knew that his hour had struck. It was not that he was conscious of sin and of the need of repentance. It was that he knew that he too must identify himself with this movement towards God. For Jesus the emergence of John was God's call to action; and his first step was to identify himself with the people in their search for God.

But in Jesus' baptism something happened. Before he could take this tremendous step he had to be sure that he was right; and in the moment of baptism God spoke to him. Make no mistake, what

happened in the baptism was an experience personal to Jesus. The voice of God came to him and told him that he had taken the right decision. But more--far more--that very same voice mapped out all his course for him.

God said to him, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." That saying is composed of two texts. You are my beloved Son--that is from Psalms 2:7 and was always accepted as a description of the Messianic King. In whom I am well pleased--that is part of Isaiah 42:1 and is from a description of the servant of the Lord whose portrait culminates in the sufferings of Isaiah 53:1-12. Therefore in his baptism Jesus realized, first, that he was the Messiah, God's Anointed King; and, second, that this involved not power and glory, but suffering and a cross. The cross did not come on Jesus unawares; from the first moment of realization he saw it ahead. The baptism shows us Jesus asking for God's approval and receiving the destiny of the cross.

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