



Baptism of Our Lord

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Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

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GATHERING SONG: **"I'm Going on a Journey"**

#446 ELW

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

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. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7 *When you pass through the waters, do not fear, for I am with you*

PSALM: 29 [read responsively]

¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

² **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

³ The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

⁴ **The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶ **the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷ The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸ **The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹ 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!"

¹⁰ **The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

¹¹ O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17 *Prayer and laying on of hands for the Holy Spirit*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **“Wade in the Water”**

#459 (refrain only)

*Wade in the water, wade in the water, children,
Wade in the water, God’s a-goin’-a trouble the water.*

GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 *The baptism of Jesus with the descent of the Holy Spirit*

Announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.** Conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON / SERMON

Pastor Rod

HYMN OF THE DAY: **“Christ When for Us You Were Baptized”**

#304

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: *L: God of grace, C: hear our prayer.*

Joann Bartleson

Doris Johnson

Jill (Lewison) Nedved

Liam Bartleson

Karen Kofron

Tim Schmidt

Hayden Despenas

Mike Korth

Lucky Truong

John Holland

Mercedes

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SHARING OF THE PEACE: *L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: **“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”**

#310 (vs. 1,4)

OFFERING PRAYER

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD’S PRAYER

COMMUNION

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

SENDING SONG: **“Days of Elijah”**

Verse 1

These are the days of Elijah, Declaring the Word of the Lord

And these are the days of Your servant Moses

Righteousness being restored and though these are days of great trials

Of famine and darkness and sword, still we are the voice

In the desert crying prepare ye the way of the Lord

Chorus

Behold He comes riding on the clouds shining like the sun

At the trumpet call so lift your voice, It’s the year of Jubilee

And out of Zion’s hill salvation comes

Verse 2

And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days of Your servant David rebuilding a temple of praise
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in the world
And we are the labourers in Your vineyard declaring the Word of the Lord

Bridge

*There is no god like Jehovah. There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah. There is no god like Jehovah (hey)*

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BLESSING

DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Live in hope.
Thanks be to God.

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Worship Participants:

Ushers: Chad, Marcie & Keaton Hanson
Song Leaders: Renae Hopp, Olivia Banta, Pastor Zech
Sound/Video Techs: Brody Hopp/Ken Ferjak
Communion Servers: Kelli Welp, Sarah Leichsenring
Piano/Band: Rylie Walton, Geno Lopes, Antonio Lopes

Altar Care: Joan Beebe
Assisting Minister: Kathy McEnelly
Scripture Reader: Bruce Mielke
Communion Set Up: Cindy Korth