

Baptism of our Lord Worship

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Leader/All

Welcome & Call to Worship

The heavens open. The Spirit descends.
Jesus emerges from the water.
And a voice echoes through the blue expanse.
"This is my child, the Beloved, with whom I am well-pleased." Jesus is named. Jesus is claimed.



We too are named. We too are claimed.
But can it be so? What a thing to be named. To be claimed.
And so we come to the water and we remember.
We remember that the waters have washed over us.
We remember that we have been marked with the cross of Christ forever.
We are named. We are claimed.

And so let us worship. Let us worship the one who names us and claims us.
Let us worship Jesus Christ, our Lord.

We gather in the name of the one who baptizes us, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. And as we gather, we mark ourselves with a cross, remembering we are + named, we are claimed, we are Children of God. **Amen.**

Baptism Song – ELW #445 Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters, verse 1

Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow.
Number them among your people; bless as Christ blessed long ago.
Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light.
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Glory in the Highest

**Glory in the highest, Glory be to God,
Glory in the highest, and peace to all the earth.**

Prayer of the Day

Heavenly Father, with joy and awe we praise you for claiming us as your sons and daughters, and for pouring your Holy Spirit upon us. Help us to prepare this earth for your glory, and shine your light on all your faithful children, for the sake of the one whose birth and baptism brought renewal and transformation to this world, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Word – Luke 3:1-22

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, 2during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. 3He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, 4as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. 5Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; 6and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’” 7John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. 9Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.” 10And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” 11In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” 12Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” 13He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” 14Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

15As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 16John 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. 17His 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.” 18So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. 19But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother’s wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, 20added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

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

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon – Pastor Dawn Lindberg

Hymn of the Day – ELW #581 You Are Mine

I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be still, and know I am near.

I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in me.

**Refrain: Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.**

I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, And all will know my name. REFRAIN

I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain. Stand up, now, walk, and live. REFRAIN

Prayers

Sisters and brothers, our baptismal promises call us to compassion and mercy on behalf of those in need. We offer our prayers for the church and the world.

For the church and its leaders. We pray for our Presiding Bishop Eaton as well as all the Synodical Bishops include our Interim Bishop Boerger. We pray for our Synod staff and all staff and leaders who continue the ministry of our congregation. May we prepare the way of Christ through our witness and service to others. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For creation, that we may prepare your way by working to heal and restore the damage we have caused it. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the nations of the world, and especially our nation. Rise up and come to our help, merciful God, for we are in need. Our spirits are weighed down with fear; our bodies feel as fragile as the dust from which we came. All that we have trusted seems hidden from sight. Although this moment has come upon our nation, you have not forgotten us. We do not trust in our own power or strength, but in your steadfast love in every generation. Show us your face in this time of trial, remind us of your faithfulness, and save us for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those struggling with illness, that we may prepare your way by surrounding them with compassionate care and comforting love. This day we especially pray for... Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all the saints, that we may prepare the way as they did before us. Today we remember... Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

And now let us pause to hear the prayers of our hearts... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, you revealed your Son in the waters of the Jordan and anointed him with the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim good news to all people. Sanctify us by the same Spirit, that we may proclaim the healing power of the gospel by acts of love in your name. **Amen.**

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Setting the Table

Communion Song – ELW #483 Here Is Bread

Here is bread, here is wine, **Christ is with us, he is with us.**
Break the bread, taste the wine, **Christ is with us here.**

Refrain: **In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.**
 In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

Here is grace, here is peace, **Christ is with us, he is with us.**
Know his grace, find his peace, **feast on Jesus here.** (*refrain*)

Words of Institution

Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.
We'll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified. (*refrain*)

Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Meal

Communion Blessing & Prayer

Now may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray... Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened
for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim
your good news and serve others in your name. **Amen.**

Announcements – Star Words, Sunday School (Next Sunday), Adult Education (Bible Study),
Confirmation Classes (This Wednesday)

Epiphany Blessing – by Jan Richardson

May the path that Christ walks to bring justice upon the earth,
to bring light to those who sit in darkness,
to bring out those who live in bondage,
to bring new things to all creation:

may this path run through our life.

God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter ☩ keep you in peace. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Remember: We are growing disciples who...

Welcome, Worship and Walk with Christ.