

Trinity Lutheran Church



January 19, 2025
Baptism of Our Lord

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN:

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright (ELW 308)



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with
2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -
3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there
4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,



God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!
in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!
falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.
when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,
In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es
Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with
Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here



you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,
of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though
heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your
and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -



ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich
dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and
mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For
lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life



in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.
you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.
for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

LITANY

The voice of God resounds upon the water.

The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.

The Son of God is named, “Beloved.”

And all who worship shout out, “Glory!”

Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.

Let us worship God in holy splendor.

BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

Through the waters of baptism, we are invited into a sacred journey, marking the beginning of a lifelong relationship with our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. In these waters, we encounter a profound reality: the boundless grace and mercy of God, who washes away our sins and renews our hearts.

In baptism, we find forgiveness, and we are made whole. We are cleansed from our past and filled with the promise of new beginnings.

The act of baptism is a visible sign of an invisible grace. It is a holy sacrament through which God's love is poured out upon us. Just as water is essential for physical life, the waters of baptism are essential for our spiritual rebirth. In these waters, we are united with Christ in his death and resurrection, emerging as new creations, forgiven and free.

We embrace this gift of forgiveness with gratitude, acknowledging our need for God's grace. We remember that, through Christ, we are delivered from the power of sin and death, and we are invited to live in the freedom of new life.

Baptism calls us to a life of discipleship, where we continually turn to God in repentance and faith. It is an ongoing journey of transformation, as we are shaped and molded by the Holy Spirit. In moments of doubt and weakness, we are reminded of the waters that once washed over us, affirming our identity as beloved children of God.

We commit ourselves to live out our baptismal promises, seeking justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with our God. We trust in the promise that, no matter how many times we fall short, God's forgiveness is always within reach.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we are marked as Christ's own forever. We are called to share this message of forgiveness and grace with the world, embodying the love and mercy that has been shown to us.

With hearts full of gratitude, we go forth as forgiven and redeemed people, living out our baptismal calling in all that we do.

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.

KYRIE

Leader



In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy,

3rd time to Coda



For the reign of God, and for
For your peo - ple here who have

Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.



peace through-out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
come to give you praise, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the

Coda

Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.

cy. A - men.

NOW THE FEAST

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo - ple of God.

Refrain

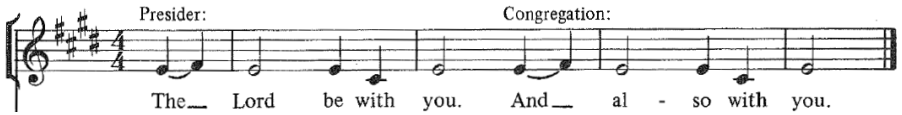
2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Refrain

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of
God; to make all things new.

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY



Let us pray together.

**Holy God, when Jesus was baptized in the Jordan
the heavens opened, the Spirit descended,
and your voice affirmed your love in Jesus
for the healing of the human race and all creation.
By water and word you lovingly invite us
into this same life-giving mission.**

**May your Spirit,
moving like a stream of water flowing from its source,
work in us this day to realize your vision
of a world made new in Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

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."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 29

- 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

¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ The 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). ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat optional*

GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The holy gospel according to St. Luke the third chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.”

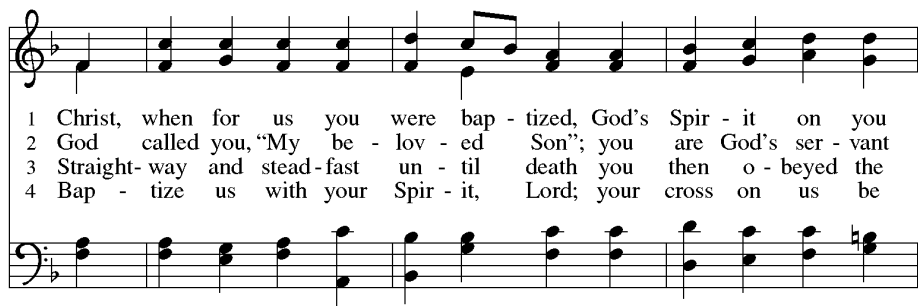
The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

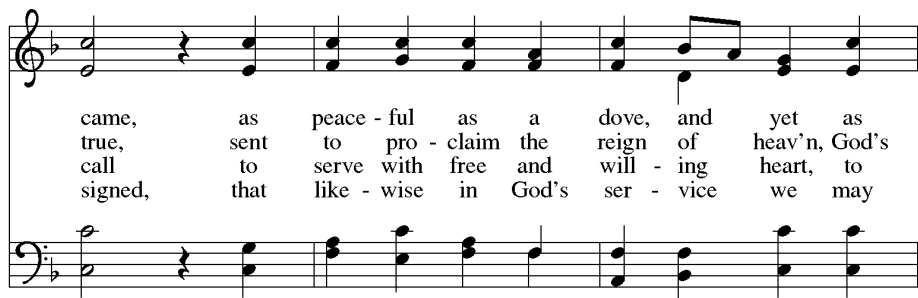
SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized (ELW 304)



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you
2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant
3 Straight - way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the
4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as
true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's
call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to
signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.
ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.
give your life for all, to give your life for all.
per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

NICENE CREED

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

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

As the reader closes each petition:

God of grace,

The people respond:

hear our prayer.

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

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Please place offering in one of the Bulletin Stand offering plates at the end of worship as you leave the church.

OFFERTORY:

BOB MIDDLETON ELEVATOR CELEBRATION!

I am the Bread of Life (ELW 485)

Leader or All

1 "The "I am the Bread of life. You who
2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
come to me shall not the hun - ger, and who be -
flesh for the life of the world, and if you
lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
eat of this bread, you shall . . live for -
me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
ev - er, you shall live for - ev - er."

Refrain

"And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day."

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

O God,

**at his baptism, you acknowledged Jesus as your beloved Son,
and through him you opened to us a way
to become your children by grace.**

**May these gifts we return to you be a sign of our dedication
to live as your faithful daughters and sons,
born in the waters of baptism
by the power of the Holy Spirit;
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Prisider: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And al-so with you.

Prisider: Lift up your hearts. *Congregation:* We lift them to the Lord.

Prisider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Congregation:* It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

LAMB OF GOD

Congregation: Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 you break the chains of ha - tred and
 you are the way of jus - tice and
 you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation or Assistant:

Congregation:
 world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
 fear:
 peace:
 love.

Final Stanza
Congregation or Assistant:
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
Congregation:
 take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

White grape juice is available, and all altar bread is gluten-free.
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
 The body of Christ, given for you.
 The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond
 Amen.

DISTRIBUTION: *Wade in the Water* (ELW 459)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

We have been with Jesus to the River of Jordan,
river of life, river of promise.

Go forth in the joy of life, to live as children of promise.

And may the grace of our ✝ Lord Jesus Christ,
who stood with sinners on the river bank, uphold you.

May the love of God,
who calls us beloved children, bless you.

And may the power of the Holy Spirit,
who descended upon Jesus as a dove, give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN:

Shall We Gather at the River (ELW 423)



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Trinity Happenings:

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| Sun, Jan 19: | 9:00am | Baptism of Our Lord Worship |
| | 10:15am | Fellowship in Gruver Rm |
| | 5:30pm | Apronti Housewarming @ 1612 Ord Street |

Housewarming Party

TO CELEBRATE
JAMES & BELINDA'S
NEW HOME

JANUARY 19, 2025 | 5:30 PM | 1612 ORD STREET

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| Mon, Jan 20: | 9:00am | NO "Becoming" in Gruver Rm |
| Tue, Jan 21: | 5:30pm | TheologyPUB @ Coal Creek Downtown |

THEOLOGY PUB



FIRST & THIRD TUESDAYS 5:30-7PM
NEW DATE, OLD LOCATION!

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|--------------|-------------------|--|
| Wed, Jan 22: | 10:00am | Women's Bible Study in Gruver Rm |
| Thu, Jan 23: | 11:45am | MUGG Campus Meeting @ Rendezvous Café |
| Sun, Jan 26: | 9:00am 10:15am | Band Worship Fellowship in Gruver Rm |

Serving in Worship

TODAY — Jan 19, 2025

Altar: Lori Johnson

Reader: Eileen Hawkey

Communion Assistant:

James Apronti

Fellowship: OPEN

NEXT SUNDAY — Jan 26, 2025

Altar: Lori Johnson

Reader: Thom Edgar

Communion Assistant:

Thom Edgar

Fellowship: OPEN

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IF YOU WOULD LIKE OR NEED A VISIT FROM PASTOR NATE PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL!



Grateful for You!

With thanks for all the holiday gifts,
Pastor Nate & Lisa in the Office



MLK
DAY

Church Office closed,
Monday January 20th.