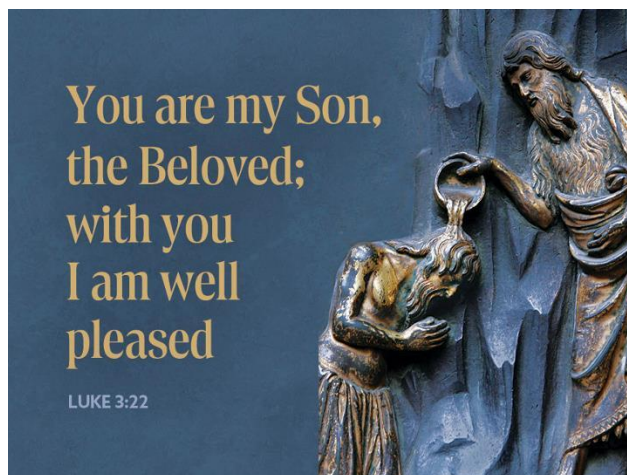


First Lutheran Church

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HOLY COMMUNION Baptism of our Lord

Sunday ☩ January 12, 2025 ☩ 10:00 am

The Baptism of our Lord

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.

Gathering

PRELUDE

"God of Day and God of Darkness"

Lynn Trapp

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

We give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We bless you, almighty God, for the gift of water-- ...

We bless you, O God, for the waters of earth.

To you comes the worship of all your people, now and forever:

To you comes the worship of all your people, now and forever. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”

ELW 445



1 Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
2 We who bring them long for nur-ture; by your milk may we be fed.
3 Oh, how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-im-ag-ined, all your ways!



Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a-go.
Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of bless-ing, liv-ing bread.
To your name be glo-ry, hon-or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.
God, re-new us, guide our foot-steps; free from sin and all its snares,
We your peo-ple stand be-fore you, wa-ter-washed and Spir-it-born.



Fill, a-noint them; send your Spir-it, ho-ly dove and heart's de-light.
one with Christ in liv-ing, dy-ing, by your Spir-it, chil-dren, heirs.
By your grace, our lives we of-fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans-form!

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

“We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus”

ELW 451



1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap - tized in his death;
2 In the wa - ter and the wit-ness, in the break-ing of the bread,
3 Glo-ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to Christ the Son,



that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.
in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,
glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;



And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread-ful death like his,
God has made a new be - gin-ning from the ash - es of our past;
as it was in the be - gin-ning, glo - ry now re-sounds a - gain



we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.
in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.
in a song that has no end - ing. . . . A - men.

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937
Music: OUIMETTE, John C. Ylvisaker
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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, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Word

READING

When you pass through the waters

Isaiah 43:1-7

Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring the people home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.

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.

²When 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.

³For 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.

⁴Because 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.

⁵Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east,

and from the west I will gather you;

⁶I 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—

⁷everyone who is called by my name,

whom I created for my glory,

whom I formed and made."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 29

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters

*Join in reading the appointed psalm. The assembly's part is in **bold**.*

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.

READING

The gospel's promise extends to all

Acts 8:14-17

Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.

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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

setting eight, page 188

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

GOSPEL

The Baptism of Jesus

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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 our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
 2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
 3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
 4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
 Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
 and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
 All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
 For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
 As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
 Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
 end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
 pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
 one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956
 Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathy Skogen-Soldner
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APOSTLES' CREED

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

**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.**

**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. 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. ...

God of grace, **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.**

Meal

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Greet one another with a gesture of peace.

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Come to the Water"

arr. Jack Schrader

OFFERTORY SONG

"Loaves were broken"

ACS 966

To the tune *"Joyous Light,"* Marty Haugen

Verse one

Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore.
Jesus, Bread of life from heaven, was their food forevermore.
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

OFFERTORY 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.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Dialogue and Preface

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has a double bar line in the middle. The second staff also has a double bar line in the middle. The third and fourth staves are continuous lines of music.

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

Holy, Holy, Holy

setting eight, page 191



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Words of Institution

Blessed are you, God Most High! ...

We praise and magnify you, O God!

We praise and magnify you, O God!

Blessed are you, Father, Son, and Spirit.

We join with the multitude of angels to praise and magnify your name,
today, tomorrow, and forever. Amen.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to the Table

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

Communion

All are invited to receive these gifts of God. Children are welcome to receive communion or a blessing. Communion is served at this service by intinction, gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Music during Communion

Lamb of God

setting eight, page 191



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, Lamb of God.

Communion Hymn

"Baptized in Water"

ELW 456



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust-ing his
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Seward, b. 1932

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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Prayer after Communion

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,

Amen.

Sending

BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God ✝ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.
Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Go My Children"

ELW 543



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

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Thanks be to God.

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God's work. Our hands.

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Kristine Stedje	<i>presider</i>
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Julie Thiele	<i>sacristan</i>
Jason Denne	<i>communion minister</i>
Mike VanBeest, Lee Knop, Kaia Downing	<i>usher and greeters</i>
Ben and Ellie Hertenstein	<i>sound and media technicians</i>
Congregational Life	<i>Soup and Pie in Fellowship Hall</i>

WELCOME. WORSHIP. SERVICE.

Announcements

Welcome to worship at First Lutheran Church. We are a welcoming congregation who worships and serves the God we love.

Holy Communion will be served today by intinction. Gluten-wafers are available, simply ask your server. Children are welcome to receive a blessing or communion at their parents' discretion. If you prefer to remain in your pew, a minister will come and serve you there. All are welcome at Jesus' meal.

Today **Sunday, January 12**, we gather in Fellowship Hall following worship for *Soup and Pie*. The congregational life team will have warm soup and delicious pie. We will gather for conversation around a cozy meal. Join us!

The **Holy Family Food Pantry** will be giving away mittens and gloves during the month of January, in addition to bags of groceries and fresh vegetables and fruit.

Please consider bringing gently used gloves, mittens, hats and scarves to pass along this month. Purchased gloves and hats (especially men's sizes) would be most appreciated as well. There is a basket in the narthex to receive your gift.

Thanks for all the purchased and donated socks brought in December. Food Pantry guests were grateful to choose what they needed for themselves or family members. Thrivent Action cards have been utilized in addition to your donations. We went through all our items in our first pantry give away!! Extra socks were taken to the Warming Shelter for distribution there.

Your generosity is helping to create a blessing of "Toasty Toes" and "Warm Hands and Warm Hearts"!

The **Annual Meeting** of the congregation will be held on **Sunday, February 2nd**, in Fellowship Hall. Those responsible for a written report for the Annual Meeting, please have your report copy ready and turned into the office by **Wednesday, January 15th**. Annual reports will be ready for distribution on **Sunday, January 19th**.

Weekly Schedule, First Lutheran Meetings and Activities

Today, January 12, Baptism of our Lord

Following worship, Soup and Pie in Fellowship Hall Room

Tuesday, January 14

10:30a ELCA Siouxland Text Study, Fireside Room

Wednesday, January 15

[Annual Meeting Reports due to the office](#)

9-11:30a Holy Family Food Pantry, volunteers: Sue Bowers, Candy Johnson

6p Handbells, Choir Room

6:30p Confirmation, Community Room

7p Choir, Choir Room

7:30p Youth, Fireside Room

Thursday, January 16

1p Adult Bible Study, "Job," Unit three, in Fireside Room

Sunday, January 19

10a Worship, followed fellowship in Fireside Room