



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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January 12, 2025

The Baptism of Our Lord

Today's service invites worshipers to recall their own Baptism, to renew their promises of faith to God, and to hear again God's promises and provisions for them as his people. Welcome to our remembrance of the Lord's Baptism, and our celebration of the wondrous gifts we receive in our own Baptism!

Preservice Music

Stand

Hymn of Invocation: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light *LSB 411*

✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Kneel/Sit

Confession and Forgiveness

- P** Let us pray, and confess our sins to the Lord God. May our words be sincere and true, and express our heartfelt sorrow and repentance.

(silence for personal confession and self-examination)

- P** Jesus, Savior of all,
C **Forgive my sins. Forgive the sins I remember, and the sins I have forgotten. Forgive my many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when I have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive me for not living up to my identity as a baptized child of God, and for allowing the world to influence my thoughts and behaviors. Forgive me, Lord, not because I deserve your mercy, but only because of your grace. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for His sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Kyrie

LSB 204



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


Kyrie Eleison

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, You anointed Jesus at His baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as Your beloved Son.

C Enable all who are baptized to be 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.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

¹But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
“Fear not, 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,
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.
⁴Because you are precious in my eyes,
and honored, and I love you,
I give men in return for you,
peoples in exchange for your life.
⁵Fear not, 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 up,
and to the south, Do not withhold;
bring my sons from afar
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.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 6:1-11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?
²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that
all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia Verse

LSB 205



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 3:15-22

A The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reprovved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

A This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

P Brothers and sisters in Christ, it is appropriate on this day of the Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ that we remember and renew the vows once spoken at our Baptisms -- that time when we were washed of our sins and received the Holy Spirit to dwell within us. Let us boldly make our confession of faith before God, renouncing the sinful life of godless men and women and embracing the godly life of the Spirit-filled Christian. I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C **I renounce them.**

P Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C **I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

P You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism?

C **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

P People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

C **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us every day, as we live out our baptismal life. Amen.**

Sit

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: 590 Baptized into Your Name Most Holy *LSB 590*

Sermon

Offering and Offertory

Celebration of Baptisms in the Past Year

Caroline Grace Golchert - September 1

Rosetta Lynn Heun - December 1

Justin Merritt Tucker - January 23

Isla Blake Turner - January 23

Tate Michael Turner - January 23

Stand

Hymn: 593 See This Wonder in the Making

LSB 593 sts. 1-2



1 See this won - der in the mak - ing: God Him -
2 Mir - a - cle each time it hap - pens As the



self this child is tak - ing As a lamb safe in His
door to heav-en o - pens And the Fa - ther beams, "Be-



keep - ing, His to be, a - wake or sleep - ing.
lov - ed, Heir of gifts a king would cov - et!"

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Prayer of the Church

- A** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- A** Blessed Lord, in Christ and by His Baptism, You have kept Your Word and made Baptism the water of new life. Give us Your Holy Spirit, that we would walk as the new and holy people You have declared us to be. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** God of love, we pray for our church families, and all of the families of our congregation. Strengthen and nourish the marriages, and fill husbands and wives with godly love for one another. Equip parents to teach and model the faith to their children. Preserve your children of all ages in the saving faith and certain promises of their Baptism unto life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** We give You thanks for standing with us in times of weakness, illness, despair and death. Give us every aid of Your Holy Spirit, that we may endure these afflictions and find comfort in the healing wounds of our Savior. We pray especially for ... and ask for their healing and relief according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- A** O Lord, as You have joined us to Christ's death and resurrection in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, so feed us His body and blood for forgiveness and life in the Sacrament of the Altar. Give to Your baptized children who partake of the Supper today tender hearts that confess their need and rejoice in Your gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** Into Your strong and loving hands, O Lord God, we commend ourselves, our loved ones, and all for whom we pray, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

Preface

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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 Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P It is indeed right that we should offer thanks and praise to You, Lord God, eternal Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, He lived among us to reveal Your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to His own brilliant light. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.
We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

- C** **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.**

The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ∇ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ∇ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

Distribution of Holy Communion

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION AT GRACE LUTHERAN

We believe, teach and confess that those who commune receive the true Body and Blood of our Lord---in, with and under the bread and wine---for forgiveness of sins and strengthening in faith and life. All baptized, believing Christian guests are invited to examine themselves, as exhorted by St. Paul. Those who are in agreement with this statement are invited to join us at the Altar. If you have a question regarding this, please ask to speak with the Pastor or one of the Elders.

Both individual and common cups are available. Also, if you would prefer to receive non-alcoholic white grape juice, there are individual cups in the center of the tray. If you would prefer a gluten free host, please indicate to the Pastor.

Please hand your completed family attendance card to the usher on your way to receive communion.

Distribution Hymn: 605 Father Welcomes

LSB 605

Distribution Hymn: 404 Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered

LSB 404

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Stand

The Dismissal

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.
- C** Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

- P** God of our salvation, we celebrate the gifts of life You have shared with us through Word and Sacrament today.
- C** **Receive our thanksgiving, and help us to live out our Baptismal identity in Christ, by putting our faith put into action each day. In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.**

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Hymn to Depart: Baptized in Water

tune: Bunessan

1. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;
Heirs of salvation, trusting His promise,
faithfully now God's praise we sing.
2. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our King;
One with His rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praise we sing.
3. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
Born of one Father, we are His children,
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

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Closing Response

- A** Go in peace and serve the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

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