

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
JANUARY 12, 2025

IN THE NAME OF JESUS, WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S!

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.



THE ENTRANCE RITE

PRELUDE

O Gracious Lord, with Love Draw Near
Setting: Richard Proulx

WELCOME

ENTRANCE HYMN

O Gracious Lord, with Love Draw Near

LSB 599

- 1 **O gracious Lord, with love draw near
To these, Your children gathered here;
The Spirit's gift in them renew:
The gift of faith that clings to You.**
- 2 **Sustain the work You have begun
In these united to Your Son,
For in that pure baptismal flood
They have been cleansed by Jesus' blood.**
- 3 **Deliver them from ev'ry wile,
From all that would their hearts beguile,
From worldly ways and Satan's lies,
That they may not Your Word despise.**
- 4 **Lord, keep them firm in their intent
To You, Your Word and Sacrament.
O make them bold, their faith to share
And make them strong, each cross to bear.**
- 5 **O Father, grant that by Your grace
They may Your will each day embrace;
With fruits of faith their lives now bless,
Till they at death Your name confess.**

**6 Then robed in white before Your throne,
Your holy saints, by You foreknown—
Predestined, called, and justified,
Shall, crowned in light, be glorified.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 167

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and
cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have
sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what
we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not
loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal
punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us,
renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to
the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you
all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore
forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy
Spirit. **Amen.**

KYRIE

LSB 168

In peace let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for
the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE - "Gloria in Excelsis"

LSB 170

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Father in heaven,

at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON (Be seated)

Isaiah 43:1-7

But 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.
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.
For 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.
Because 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.
Fear not, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you.
I 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,
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29 (Sung responsively)

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over many waters.

The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD
flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth
and strips the forests bare,
and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

SECOND LESSON

Romans 6:1-11

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

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We 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. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the

death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE (Stand)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-22

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3rd chapter

Glory to You, O Lord.

As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John 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. His 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."

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

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, and 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."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON (Be seated)

Stanzas 1-3 Congregation

Stanza 4 Organ alone

Stanzas 5-7 Congregation

**1 To Jordan came the Christ, our Lord,
To do His Father's pleasure;
Baptized by John, the Father's Word
Was given us to treasure.
This heav'nly washing now shall be
A cleansing from transgression
And by His blood and agony
Release from death's oppression.
A new life now awaits us.**

**2 O hear and mark the message well,
For God Himself has spoken.
Let faith, not doubt, among us dwell
And so receive this token.
Our Lord here with His Word endows
Pure water, freely flowing.
God's Holy Spirit here avows
Our kinship while bestowing
The Baptism of His blessing.**

**3 These truths on Jordan's banks were shown
By mighty word and wonder.
The Father's voice from heav'n came down,
Which we do well to ponder:
"This man is My beloved Son,
In whom My heart has pleasure.
Him you must hear, and Him alone,
And trust in fullest measure
The word that He has spoken."**

Organ 4 There stood the Son of God in love,
His grace to us extending;
The Holy Spirit like a dove
Upon the scene descending;
The triune God assuring us,
With promises compelling,
That in our Baptism He will thus
Among us find a dwelling
To comfort and sustain us.

5 To His disciples spoke the Lord,
 "Go out to ev'ry nation,
And bring to them the living Word
 And this My invitation:
Let ev'ryone abandon sin
 And come in true contrition
To be baptized and thereby win
 Full pardon and remission
And heav'nly bliss inherit."

6 But woe to those who cast aside
 This grace so freely given;
They shall in sin and shame abide
 And to despair be driven.
For born in sin, their works must fail,
 Their striving saves them never;
Their pious acts do not avail,
 And they are lost forever,
Eternal death their portion.

7 All that the mortal eye beholds
 Is water as we pour it.
Before the eye of faith unfolds
 The pow'r of Jesus' merit.
For here it sees the crimson flood
 To all our ills bring healing;
The wonders of His precious blood
 The love of God revealing,
Assuring His own pardon.

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.**

OFFERING

Offerings support the church's mission work – both here and through our many partners. Offerings may be placed in the box at the sanctuary entrance or sent to the church through our website or the mail. Fellowship Cards help us welcome new people and track participation. Please fill one out and place it in the offering box following the service.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the baptized people of God, that strengthened by His Holy Spirit we would walk as the new and holy people He has declared us to be in Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all church workers, especially Matthew, our Synod president; Bill, our district president; and Mark, our pastor, that the Lord would prosper among us the good work of preaching the Gospel and administering the life-giving Sacraments, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all Christian homes, that in them God would be loved and feared; for husbands and wives, that God would turn them toward one another in love; for fathers and mothers, that God would equip them for their holy duty as teachers of the faith; and for all children, that God would preserve them in the saving faith and certain promises of their Baptism unto life everlasting, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the rulers of the nations, that they would submit to the preaching of God's Word and acknowledge Jesus as the Christ and true King; and for peace among peoples and the prosperity of all, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who find themselves in times of weakness, illness, despair and mourning, especially those on our prayer list and those we name in our hearts at this time... that God would grant healing and relief according to His will; and that He would give us every aid of His Holy Spirit to endure afflictions and find comfort in the healing wounds of the Savior, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who partake of the Lord's Supper today, that God would give them tender hearts to confess their need and rejoice in His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, You manifested Yourself with the Holy Spirit in the fullness of grace at the Baptism of Your dear Son. And with Your voice, You directed us to the One who has borne our sins, that we may receive grace and forgiveness. Keep us in the true faith all of our days and lead us to everlasting life and salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY VERSE Let All Together Praise Our God Sts. 1,3

LSB 955

**1 Let all together praise our God
Before His glorious throne;
Today He opens heav'n again
To give us His own Son,
To give us His own Son.**

**3 Within an earthborn form He hides
His all-creating light;
To serve us all He humbly cloaks
The splendor of His might,
The splendor of His might.**



SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE through AGNUS DEI (Stand)

LSB 177-180

PREFACE

LSB 177

The Lord be with you.

And also 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 Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good right and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 178

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB 178

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 179

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

PAX DOMINI

LSB 180

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 180

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

DISTRIBUTION (Be seated)

Those wishing to commune at the foot of the steps should come forward first. Those wishing to commune at the altar rail should come forward after these, front rows first, from both sides of the aisle. After receiving, all should return to their seats. A common dismissal will be given at the end.

- 1 Hail, O Source of ev'ry blessing,
 Father of our human race!
 Gentiles now, Your grace possessing,
 In Your courts obtain a place.
 Grateful now, we fall before You,
 In Your Church rejoice to live,
 See Your glory and adore You,
 Thankful for the grace You give.**
- 2 Once far off but now invited,
 We approach Your sacred throne,
 In Your covenant united,
 Reconciled, redeemed, made one.
 Now revealed to eastern sages,
 See the Star of Mercy shine,
 Myst'ry hid in former ages,
 Myst'ry great of love divine.**
- 3 Hail, O all-inviting Savior!
 Gentiles now their off'rings bring,
 In Your temples seek Your favor,
 Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.
 May we, body, soul, and spirit,
 Live devoted to Your praise,
 Glorious realms of bliss inherit,
 Grateful anthems ever raise.**

*BLESSING**NUNC DIMITTIS (Stand)*

LSB 182

**Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;
 Your word has been fulfilled.
 My own eyes have seen the salvation
 which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:
 A light to reveal You to the nations
 and the glory of Your people Israel.
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*PRAYER**BENEDICTION*

- 1 **God's own child, I gladly say it:
I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it,
Gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth's treasures many?
I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free
Lasting to eternity!**
- 2 **Sin, disturb my soul no longer:
I am baptized into Christ!
I have comfort even stronger:
Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me
Since my Baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood,
Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?**
- 3 **Satan, hear this proclamation:
I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation,
I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I've traveled,
All your might has come unraveled,
And, against your tyranny,
God, my Lord, unites with me!**
- 4 **Death, you cannot end my gladness:
I am baptized into Christ!
When I die, I leave all sadness
To inherit paradise!
Though I lie in dust and ashes
Faith's assurance brightly flashes:
Baptism has the strength divine
To make life immortal mine.**
- 5 **There is nothing worth comparing
To this lifelong comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring:
Even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising,
Still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ;
I'm a child of paradise!**

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It
Setting: Robert J. Powell

FLOWERS: *“Flowers are given in loving memory of Jill Hess Glass, my daughter-in-law who passed away in December 2024. With the promise of everlasting life, may God give her heavenly rest after lengthy illnesses on earth”*
By Marge Glass

FELLOWSHIP: Board of Spiritual Life

Those serving:

8:00 a.m.

Greeter: Steve Janssen

Comm. assist: Melissa Jansen

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10:30 a.m.

Greeter: SP Youth

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