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Baptism of Our Lord Sunday, January 12, 2025

GATHERING

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C Amen.

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *Shall We Gather at the River* – ELW 423 (vv. 1, 3, 4)

1 Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

3 Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we ev'ry burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown.

Refrain

4 Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace. *Refrain*

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE: ELW p. 184 (congregation sings all)

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

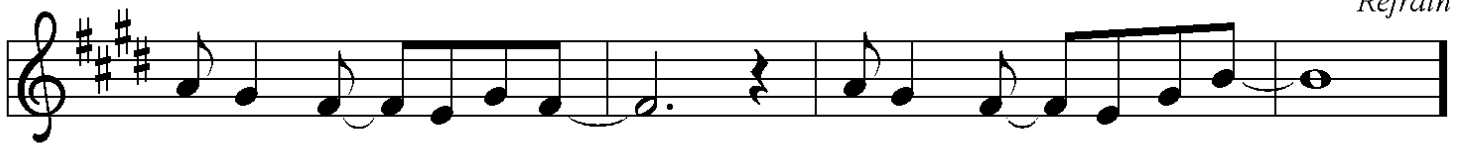
- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
 hun - gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam - i - ly; for
 wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful in their calling to be your children and inheritors with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORD

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."

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

**⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The 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!"

**¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

¹¹O 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.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Wash, O God Our Sons and Daughters –* ELW 445 (v. 3)

3 Oh, how deep your holy wisdom!
Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor!
With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you,
Water-washed and Spirit-born.
By your grace, our lives we offer.
Recreate us: God transform

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

P The holy gospel according to Luke, the third chapter

C 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."

P This is the gospel of the Lord
C Praise to you, O Christ.

YOUTH MESSAGE

Josie Wilterdink

SERMON

Pastor Stephen

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* –

ELW 310 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar,
branch of royal David's stem
in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.

2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,
prophet, priest, and king
supreme;
and at Cana wedding guest
in thy Godhead manifest;

manifest in pow'r divine,
changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.

4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
present in thy holy word;
grace to imitate thee now
and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we might become like thee
at thy great epiphany,
and may praise thee, ever blest,
God in flesh made manifest.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885, alt.

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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

Petitions end: "God of grace," please respond "hear our prayer."

C Amen.

MEAL

OFFERING

When we give our offerings, we are witnesses to the transforming love of God in Christ. May we give as generously as we have received.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

C Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

(Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available upon request).

COMMUNION HYMN: *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized* – ELW 304

- 1 Christ, when for us you were baptized,
God's Spirit on you came,
as peaceful as a dove, and yet
as urgent as a flame,
as urgent as a flame.
- 2 God called you, "My beloved Son";
you are God's servant true,
sent to proclaim the reign of
heav'n,
God's holy will to do,
God's holy will to do.
- 3 Straightway and steadfast until
death
you then obeyed the call
to serve with free and willing heart,
to give your life for all,
to give your life for all.
- 4 Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord;
your cross on us be signed,
that likewise in God's service we
may perfect freedom find,
may perfect freedom find.

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG: *Baptized and Set Free* – ELW 453 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

- 1 We are people created,
chosen by God.
Then we're washed, ever gently,
in mercy and love.
Sin has power no more.
Jesus opened the door
to a fountain bringing healing,
and wholeness and more.
- 2 We are fed and we're nourished,
filled and refreshed.
Then our hunger returns and
again we are blessed.
- 4 For whatever the need,
God is greater indeed:
endless ocean, always deeper
than all of our need.
- 4 Now with praise and thanksgiving,
we join the song.
All are welcome! We gather
to sing loud and strong.
Not enslaved, but set free!
From now on, all will be
one in Jesus, one in water,
baptized and set free!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P Love

C Jesus

P Grow

C Together

P Serve

C Others

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C And also with you.

(Please share a greeting of peace with each other.)

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Pastor: Stephen Hilding

Accompanist: LuAnn Dohms

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Music Leader: Lexi Marsh

Altar Care: Vickie Kuester

Audio Visual Specialist: Ian Wilterdink

Communion Bread Baker: Arla Graff

Ushers: Larry Kuester and Kyle Kuester

Communion Assistants:

Youth Director: Josie Wilterdink

WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH!

MISSION STATEMENT: “Love Jesus, Grow Together, Serve Others.”

VISION STATEMENT: “Christ Lutheran is where God’s promise of love and forgiveness is for all.”

PRAYER CONCERNS: Shirley; Kathy; Paul; Jeanna; Sonya; Steve; Sharon; Chris; Carol; Richard; Scott; Luke; Brad ; Cindi; Josie; the family of Barbara Herman; Abusa (Pastor) Sinos Chimwaye and our companion congregation in Malawi (Balaka Parish); Jackie and Patrick Bencke (missionaries in Japan); all those who serve in our military and their families; and all people residing in care facilities or confined to their homes.

OUR SYMPATHY to the family and friends of Barbara Herman who passed away January 8. A graveside service will be scheduled for the spring.

WEDNESDAY’S TABLE MENU for January 15 is chili, cornbread and dessert.

WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE A SPECIAL EVENT to honor the gift of music and celebrate a new chapter in our worship experience! A beautiful Baldwin baby grand piano, generously gifted to our congregation, will be dedicated to the glory of God and to enhance the music ministry in our congregation. It will serve as a tool for worship, inspiration, and praise for years to come.

Event Details:

- **Date/Time:** February 12th, 2025 / 5:00pm
- **Location:** Fellowship Hall

WE ARE ALSO EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE OUR UPCOMING SERMON SERIES, *Love is...*, starting on **February 2, 2025**. Over the course of five weeks, we will dive deep into what it means for us to truly understand, live, and share God’s love. Each Sunday will focus on a unique aspect of love as we explore key Scriptures from the Gospel of Luke. Join us each Sunday as we reflect on these messages and discover how God’s love transforms our lives. We look forward to walking through this journey with you!

Church Financials	
December 2024	General Fund
Offerings	\$29,416.62
Expenses	<u>-26,395.90</u>
	\$ 3,020.72
Year 2024	
Offerings	\$290,215.56
Expenses	<u>-292,951.78</u>
	- 2,736.22

NARTHEX IMPROVEMENT PROJECT KICKOFF CAMPAIGN

At the fall congregational meeting, we were able to share exciting developments regarding our Narthex Welcome Space Improvement project. Thanks to the Design/Planning team and all the feedback from the congregation on this exciting project. After careful consideration the Council has endorsed the project, and we are looking for your support to help build and fund this project. Our total fundraising goal is \$22,000. Key elements include:

- Paint and Stain Narthex and Hallway
- Drywall select Informational Walls
- Install Exterior Welcome Sign “CHRIST LUTHERAN – ALL ARE WELCOME”
- Install Narthex TVs
- Paint Mission and Directional Signage
- Build Live Edge Welcome/Coffee Tables

Thanks in advance for your help. We hope to start on some of the maintenance elements (painting/drywall) of the project in the very near future. If you have any questions, you can contact the church office or call Dan Gonstead (715-556-0218) or Randy Eide (715-308-0664).