



The Baptism of Our Lord
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*We rejoice today in the baptisms of
Lillian and Christian Berry at our 8:00 service!*

Prelude: Waterlife

arr. Sherri Hansen

Please stand.

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.

Water may be poured into the font.

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 HYMN: This Is the Spirit's Entry Now

ELW 448

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.**

GLORY TO GOD

ELW Setting 4

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P. 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. **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."



Word of God, word of life. **C. Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29



Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,

ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.

**2Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.**

**3The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.**

**4The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor. R**

**5The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;**

**6the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**

**7The voice | of the LORD
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.**

**8The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh. R**

**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 a- | bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.**

**11O LORD, give strength | to your people;
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace. R**

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). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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Children's Message

Annette Dittman

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting 4

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

P. The Holy Gospel, according to Luke, the 3rd 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. The gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon: Longing to Hear God's Voice

Pastor Nancy Raabe

HYMN of the DAY: Baptized in Water

ELW 456

LITURGY OF BAPTISM: Please see insert

Today we are delighted to welcome Lillian Elizabeth Berry and Christian Allen Berry into the body of Christ. Parents, sponsors and all children of the congregation are invited to gather at the font.

PRAYERS

To the petition "God of grace," please respond, "Hear our prayer."



GREETING OF THE PEACE

P. The peace of Christ be with you always. **C. And also with you.**

Please be seated.

OFFERING

The offering will be collected at this time by the ushers, who will pass the offering plates. You may also use this QR code to give using your credit card, or text a gift to Grace at our special number, 844-613-0815. We rely on your gifts to sustain Grace and all its ministries. Forms for electronic giving are in the narthex or ask us for help.



Music at the Offering: Wade in the Water

Harry T. Burleigh

Grace Choir

Please stand. The offering is brought forward as the Offertory is sung.

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OFFERTORY: Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW 184

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

A. Let us pray.
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. **C. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 God thanks and praise.
P. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....and join their unending hymn:



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW Setting 4



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy one, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:...

In the night in which he was betrayed...

P. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C. Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

P. Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C. Our Father, who art in heaven....

Invitation to Communion

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

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD

ELW Setting 4



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.

Communion Hymn: As the Grains of Wheat

ELW 465

Please stand.

TABLE BLESSING

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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 love and healing for the sake of the world.
In the name of Christ we pray, **C. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand.

BENEDICTION

The Spirit of the triune God

✠ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.

Amen.



SENDING HYMN: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

ELW 310



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;
4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

DISMISSAL

P. Go in peace to love and serve as Christ. **C. Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Salzburg

arr. Anne Krentz Organ

Serving today – Thank You!!

Preacher and Presider: Rev. Nancy Raabe

Minister of Music: Susanna Faust

Lector: 8:00, K. Seiler;

10:30, C. MacDonald

Ushers: 8:00, Ken & Karen Seiler;

10:30, P. MacDonald & K. Deussing

Communion Asst: 8:00, B. Schmidt;

10:30, C. MacDonald

Altar Guild: 8:00, J. Swartz;

10:30, E. Woltmann & L. Boyer

Acolyte: 8:00, Usher; 10:30, Usher

Coffee Hour: Bruce Schmidt

Council Offering & Lockup:

8:00, D. Kunkel; 10:30, C. Farrell

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Tami Sarm

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Hosted by the Fellowship Committee, **COFFEE HOUR** is now served in the Narthex. Please stay for hot drinks, home-baked snacks, and conversation!



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