

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 12, 2025 - 9:00 am




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“Preach. Teach. Reach.”

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Please rise.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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

This Little Light of Mine

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

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ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- C 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.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING

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.

R ¹But 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."

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 29

R ¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

C ²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

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

C ⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful 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 cedars of Lebanon;

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

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

C ⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness 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!"

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

R ¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

SECOND READING

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.

R ¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The 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.

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise.

GOSPEL VERSE



A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris'n in - deed.

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

C **Praise to you, O Lord.**



GOSPEL

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.

P ¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John 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. ¹⁷His 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." ²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and 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

Pastor Bryan Lagerstam

Please rise.



We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus



1 We were bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we were 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 was 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 Ylvisaker, b. 1927, ch.
Music: John Ylvisaker, b. 1927
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NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

R You call us by name and form us. We give thanks for the gift of baptism. Nurture the baptized and equip people sent to proclaim the good news, especially Young Adults in Global Mission and international congregations. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

R Your voice sounds over the waters. Speak words of healing over the rivers and lakes, seas and oceans. Heeding your voice, lead us to care for water, and the land and creatures it nourishes. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

R You give strength to your people. Uphold all who serve the common good. Guide federal and state legislators, city and county officials, judges and juries. Strengthen our resolve to serve all in need. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

R You draw us into community. Embolden ministries of racial reconciliation, nurture work on behalf of immigrants and refugees, and equip each to use their gifts for the sake of neighbors near and far. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P You are with us in challenging times. Draw near to all who are ill, undergoing treatment, or recovering from surgery, especially Lisa Thompson, Mark Gehrke, June Chadwick, Marie McCoy, Tina Lee, Chris McFarlin, Charlotte Woolf, Linda Hughes, Shirley Bostad, and all those we name upon our lips or in our hearts. Accompany individuals and families affected by addiction or mental health challenges. Uphold each person as your beloved. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P You grant us peace. Comfort all who grieve. Dwell with us in this life and, at the last, join us with the saints whom you have created, formed, and named. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.** (*Greet one another with God's peace.*)

Please rise.

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Sing Twice



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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THE 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.**

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.**

Please be seated.

Shall We Gather at the River



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry



You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing
 2 You know full well what I have, Lord: nei - ther
 3 You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion, work - ing
 4 You who have fished oth - er wa - ters; you, the

nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly
 trea - sure nor wea - pons for con - quest, just these my
 love for the rest of the wea - ry - a love that's
 long - ing of souls that are yearn - ing: O lov - ing

ask - ing for me to fol - low.
 fish nets and will for work - ing.
 will - ing to go on lov - ing.
 Friend, you have come to call me.

Refrain
 Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; kind - ly smil - ing,
 you've called out my name. . . . On the sand I have a - ban - doned my
 small boat; now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.

Please rise.

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P 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,
 C **Amen.**

BLESSING

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

C Amen.

SENDING SONG

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Live in hope.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IF YOU ARE VISITING TODAY:

Thank you for joining us at Burke for worship and fellowship! Please sign a card in the pew and/or the visitor book in the narthex.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

We teach that Jesus is truly present in the bread and the wine. All are invited to the table to share God's grace. Grape juice is available in the center of the tray for those who desire it, as well as gluten-free wafers.

*Please fill out a communion card
and place it in the offering plate if
you are communing today.*

OUR STAFF

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PRAYERS & CARES

A Nursery (Youth Room) for children under six is located down the hallway near the church offices. Activity bags are available in the Narthex for children at worship.

Our Prayer List: Contact the church office with prayer concerns. Unless otherwise advised, names remain on our list for two weeks.

Lisa Thompson (daughter of Bob & Jeannette Gehrke)

Mark Gehrke (son of Bob and Jeannette Gehrke)

Charlotte Woolf (friend of Patricia Graham)

Marie McCoy

June Chadwick

Chris McFarlin

Tina Lee

Linda Hughes

Shirley Bostad

CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

QUILTING: Every Wednesday at 9:00am.

BIBLE STUDY: Every Wednesday at 1:00pm.

BIBLE SCHOOL: Every Wednesday at 6:30pm at NGMLC

BAND PRACTICE: Mondays at 10:30am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hospitalized?: Please let the hospital staff know you are a member of Burke Lutheran Church so we are notified.

ANNUAL MEETING - SAVE THE DATE - SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025.

The Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 26th following the 9:00am service. Agenda items include election of officer (Treasurer) and board members, Board and Committee reports, the 2025 budget, election of Audit and Nominating committee members and representatives to Lutherdale, Oakwood and the Synod Assembly.

CALL TO ACTION

January Food Pantry Focus: January focus is “Meals in a Can,” such as soups, stews, chili, canned meat (tuna, chicken), canned vegetables, canned fruit, etc. Cans with pop tops are especially welcomed. Please place your non-perishable goods in the ‘Donations’ basket in the entryway and it will be delivered to the pantry.

Birthday Bags for River Food Pantry. List of contents and bags are located in the entryway.

REMINDER - 2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The envelopes for 2025 are ready for pickup. They are on the table in the narthex. Please help us get these distributed to your families. If you cannot find yours please contact the church office to report it.

BLCW: The BLCW will be holding elections (date to be determined) for the 2025 year. We are looking for the following officers to be voted in: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The BLCW meets once a month at Burke. All women members of Burke are members of the BLCW and are encouraged to attend meetings. If you are interested in becoming an officer of the BLCW, please contact Linda Klinger or Nancy Thompson.

Light of Life & Sunday Bulletin Articles

If you have news you would like to see in the Sunday bulletin and/or Light of Life, please email your submissions to burkelutheran@att.net (please indicate in the subject line whether it is for the bulletin, LOL or both), mail to church, 5720 Portage Rd, Madison, WI 53718, or turn it into the church office.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Noon on Tuesdays

LIGHT OF LIFE DEADLINE: 20th of the month

THIS WEEK AT BURKE

Wednesday, January 15	Quilting, 9:00am	Bible Study, 1:00pm Bible School, 6:30pm at NGMLC
Sunday, January 19	Worship, 9:00am	

WORSHIP LEADERS

	January 12 - 9:00am Service	January 19 - 9:00am Service
Organist/Pianist	Susie Kittel Moore	Gloria Lundquist
Music Leaders	“Praise Band”	Dave Wisner Chris Grefe
Communion Assistant	David Hanson	Jean Schnick
Communion Prep	Jeannette Gehrke	Gloria Lundquist
Lay Reader	Madilyn Moreno	Sharon Hughes
Usher Team	Steve & Donna Frederick	Roger Kittleson Rick Brandon
Coffee Hour		
Counters	Gloria Lundquist Deb Brown	Sharon Hughes Jan Peterson

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Sunday 9:00am	Total	47
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