# HOLY COMMUNION Baptism of Our Lord

January 12, 2025 10:30 am

## INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.

#### SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: "Lobt Gott Ihr Christen Allzucleich" elw#304 Walther/J. S. Bach
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The Preludes are based on the hymn tune or "chorale" of our first hymn. First piece is Bach's original chorale harmony. Part 2 is by a cousin of Bach, who was also an organist in Germany.

Part 3 is the "ornamented" Bach version of the piece, played twice as slow.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

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**HYMN:** Baptized into Your Name Most Holy Printed on the next page.

## Baptized into Your Name Most Holy



### HOLY BAPTISM

#### **PRESENTATION**

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

## Sponsors for the candidate present the candidate:

I present Jace Trevor Viviani for baptism.

The presiding minister addresses parents or others who bring for baptism children who are not able to answer for themselves:

P Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your Child baptized into Christ?

## Response:

I do.

## The presiding minister continues:

As you bring your Child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that your Child may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your Child grow in the Christian faith and life?

## Response:

M I do.

## The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture this person in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

## Response:

I do.

## The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

- People of God, do you promise to support Jace Trevor and pray for him in his new life in Christ?
- We do.

#### PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses the candidate for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of young children.

- I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.
- **P** Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? *Response:*
- I renounce them.
- Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

## Response:

- I renounce them.
- **P** Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? *Response*:
- I renounce them.

## The presiding minister addresses the candidate and the assembly.

- **P** Do you believe in God the Father?
- I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- **P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- 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 into hell.

  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.

- **P** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- 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.

#### THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Water may be poured into the font before or during the thanksgiving. At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **And also with you.**
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **Q** It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- 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, and 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 the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

#### **BAPTISM**

The presiding minister baptizes the candidate. The candidate is immersed into the water, or water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:

P Jace Trevor, I baptize you in the name of the Father,

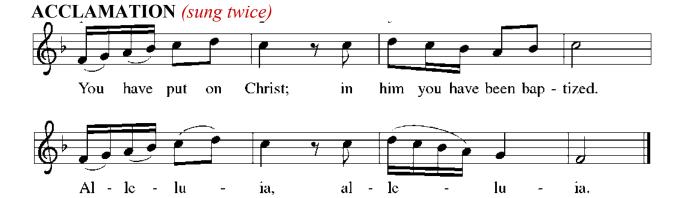
The candidate is immersed or water is poured on the candidate's head a second time:

and of the Son,

The candidate is immersed or water is poured on the candidate's head a third time:

and of the Holy Spirit.

### C Amen.



## **P** Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

## Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays for him:

Sustain Jace Trevor with the gift of your Holy Spirit:

the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the spirit of counsel and might,

the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,

the spirit of joy in your presence,

both now and forever.

### **G** Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

- Jace Trevor, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.
- **G** Amen.

#### WELCOME

A lighted candle may be given to the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child) as a representative of the congregation says:

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly. A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.

- **A** Let us welcome the newly baptized.
- We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Those who have gathered at the font may return to their places.

The service continues with the prayers of intercession, or, if baptism has taken place in the gathering rite, with the greeting.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ABSOLUTION)

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father, and of the **→** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Almighty God,
  to whom all hearts are open,
  all desires known,
  and from whom no secrets are hid:
  cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
  by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
  that we may perfectly love you
  and worthily magnify your holy name,
  through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

#### 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.

Sit

**CHILDREN'S SERMON** 

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

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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.

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you,

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nations in exchange for your life.

<sup>5</sup> Do not fear, for I am with you;
 I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;

<sup>6</sup> 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—

<sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

- **A** The word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

## **PSALM 29** (The congregation's verses are printed in in bold font.)

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.

<sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name; worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.

- <sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders; the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.
- <sup>4</sup> The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice; the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.
- <sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees; the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;
- <sup>6</sup> he makes Lebanon skip | like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.
- <sup>7</sup> The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;

the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.

- $^8$  The voice of the LORD makes the  $^{\mid}$  oak trees writhe and strips the  $^{\mid}$  forests bare.
- <sup>9</sup> And in the temple | of the LORD all are | crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as | king forevermore.
- <sup>11</sup> The LORD shall give strength | to his people; the LORD shall give his people the bless- | ing 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.

## A reading from Acts.

<sup>14</sup> Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup> The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup> (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup> Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

- **A** The word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

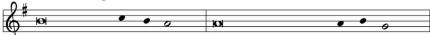
#### Stand

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The congregation sings the Acclamation.



The choir sings the Verse.



A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



**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 The holy gospel according to Luke.

## **G** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 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."

- <sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup> 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.
- Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON Pastor Weleck

Stand

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized Printed on the next page.

## Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized



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#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.
- We pray for the church, for its pastors and other ministers, for the newly baptized, for all the faithful, for this congregation here gathered, and for our growth in grace.

  Lord, in your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- We pray for all nations, for all rulers, legislators, and judges, for an increase of justice in our lands, and for all who work for peace among nations and among peoples.

  Lord, in your mercy,
- **©** hear our prayer.
- We pray for all in any need, for the hungry and the homeless, for victims of war and injustice, for prisoners, for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, for the sick and infirm, for all with incurable illness, and for all who this day will die. We pray especially for those we name in the silence of our hearts... Lord, in your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- We pray for the members of our armed forces wherever they serve, and especially when they serve in harm's way, that they might speedily complete their mission and be safely reunited with their loved ones.

  Lord, in your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C Amen.

#### **PEACE**

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **C** And also with you.

Worshippers do not greet one another. The service continues with the Offertory.

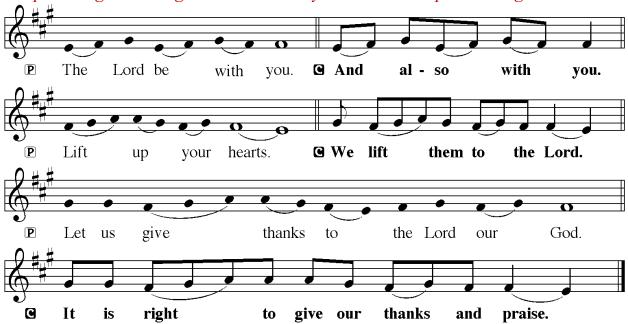
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#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

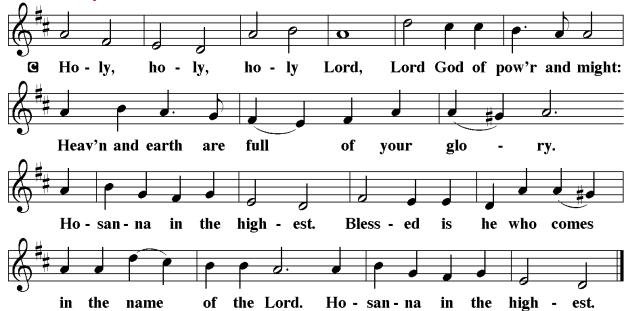
The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:



The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:* ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The assembly continues with the SANCTUS:



The WORDS OF INSTITUTION are sung to the music Blessed Martin Luther himself composed specifically for this purpose.

**P** IN THE NIGHT IN WHICH HE WAS BETRAYED,

OUR LORD JESUS TOOK BREAD, AND GAVE THANKS; BROKE IT, AND GAVE IT TO HIS DISCIPLES, SAYING:

TAKE AND EAT; THIS IS MY + BODY, GIVEN FOR YOU.

DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

AGAIN, AFTER SUPPER, HE TOOK THE CUP, GAVE THANKS,

AND GAVE IT FOR ALL TO DRINK, SAYING:

THIS CUP IS THE NEW COVENANT IN MY + BLOOD,

SHED FOR YOU AND FOR ALL PEOPLE FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SIN.

DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.
- 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.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
- Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

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#### **COMMUNION**

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

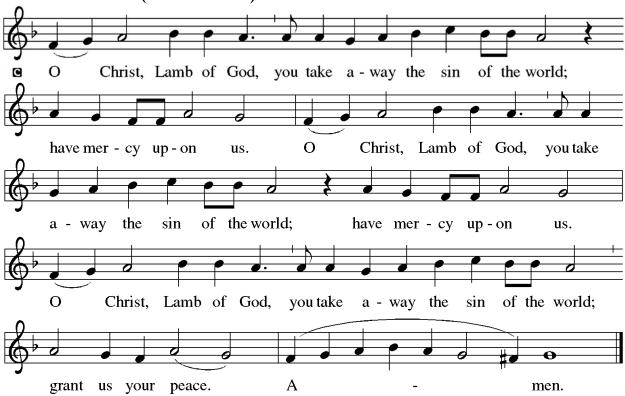
and each person may respond

Amen.

We Lutherans believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are "truly and substantially" present "in, with, and under" the forms of bread and wine. We invite to the communion all who are baptized and communing in this or another Christian denomination. We welcome children and others who are not communing to come forward for a blessing.

## Music during Communion:

## **LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)**



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1. Hark! the herald angels sing, Jesus, the Light of the world; "Glory to the newborn king," Jesus, the Light of the world.

REFRAIN: We'll walk in the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright. Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the Light of the world.

- 2. Joyful, all you nations, rise; Jesus, the Light of the world; join the triumph of the skies; Jesus, the Light of the world. (refrain))
- 3. Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Jesus, the Light of the world; Christ, the everlasting Lord! Jesus, the Light of the world. (refrain)
- 4. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Jesus, the Light of the world; Hail the Sun of righteousness! Jesus, the Light of the world.

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#### **BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

- The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

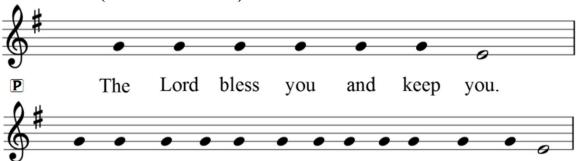
Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

## **SENDING**

## **BLESSING (BENEDICTION)**



The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.



The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



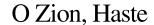
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**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

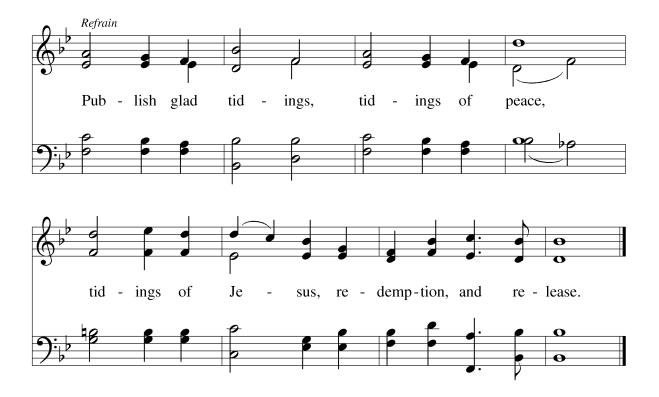
**C** Thanks be to God.

**HYMN:** O Zion Haste

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#### **OFFERING**

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

POSTLUDE: Angelic songs O Zion, Haste M. Sedio from AOL Epiphany c.2001 AF All Rights Reserved (arrangement c.1998 Concordia Publishing House)

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The Christmas Cycle celebrates the events surrounding Christ's coming — the prophecies, his birth, his manifestation (epiphany) to the Gentiles, and his baptism — through the Advent season, the Christmas season, and the Epiphany season.

**The liturgical color white,** symbolic of purity, joy, and the light of Christ, is used on the festivals of Christ.

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<u>The Flowers that Adorn the Altar</u> are given to the glory of God by LaVonne Johnson in memory of my parents Wilmot and Elmer Stonefelt.

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by Scott and Andrea Halteman, and Daniel and Matt Michniewicz in loving memory of Anthony and Patricia Kopystecki, Sister and Aunt Shiryl Kuterbach and Galen Halteman.

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God by Mr. Robert Hallman in loving memory of wife, Wendy Yohn Hallman.

<u>Holy Baptism</u> was administered to Jace Trevor Viviani during the service today. May God bless Jace and his family as he begins his journey of faith.





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# All that's missing is

This annual fundraiser helps support medical missionaries Dr. Stephen and Jodi Swanson working to save infants and children at the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center in Tanzania.

YOUR help is needed!

\*Food Prep \*Set-up/Clean up

\*Food Service \*Craft Fair

\* Parking and SO MUCH MORE

Mark your calendars now and plan to help on Saturday April 26th

The Turkey Dinner Committee would greatly appreciate early commitments by the end of January to facilitate the evaluation of the feasibility for this year's fundraiser. If you are able to provide an early commitment, please reach out to Nancy Loughery (nancyloughery63@gmail.com) or Dale O'Hara (oharadvd@aol.com)

We can't do it without U!



