

Baptism of Our Lord

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

David N. Johnson

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Please stand as you are able.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The Baptism of Our Lord helps us remember our own Baptism. We recall the promises of our forgiving and loving God. At the same time, we renew our Baptismal promise to continue to grow in our faith, and to use our God-given gifts to bring the good news of God’s love to a broken world.

In remembrance of our Baptism, those assembled make the sign of the cross.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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 is poured into the Baptismal font.

We give you thanks, O God, for 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 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. Amen.

We give thanks for all those upon whom the gift of Baptism has been showered in this past year.

Aiden Scott Collinsworth

Mikayla Lyn Collett

Adalyn Elizabeth Rother

Everlee Joanna Curran

Blake Elizabeth Wenderoth

Keegan Ann Wenderoth

Theodore August Gomez

Loralei June Gerber

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

Together we rejoice in our Baptism, the great gift of belonging to God and to His people everywhere. Let us go forth as His shining presence in the world proclaiming the good News of Jesus Christ. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

This Is the Spirit’s Entry Now

ELW 448

1 This is the Spirit's entry now:
the water and the word,
the cross of Jesus on your brow,
the seal both felt and heard.

2 This miracle of life reborn
comes from the Lord of breath;
the sinless one from life was torn;
our life comes through his death.

3 Let water be the sacred sign
that we must die each day
to rise again by his design
as foll'wers of his way.

4 Renewing Spirit, hear our praise
for your baptismal pow'r
that washes us through all our days.
Come, cleanse again this hour.

(Text: Thomas E. Herbranson; Music: North American traditional; arr. hymnal version; Text © Thomas E. Herbranson; Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress)

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

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. 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, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. 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. Do not fear, 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 them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away 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."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Read responsively; congregation reads bold verses

Psalm 29

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

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

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

**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the LORD
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

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

The 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!"

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

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

SECOND READING

Acts 8:14-17

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

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God

ELW 458

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| 1 Praise and thanksgiving be to God our maker,
source of all blessing, prodigal creator.
Baptized and made your own, now we come
before you, and we adore you. | 2 Not our own holiness, nor that we have striven
brings us the peace which you, O Christ, have given.
Baptized and set apart, strengthen us, O Savior,
with grace and favor. |
| 3 Come, Holy Spirit, come in visitation;
you are the truth, our hope, and our salvation.
Baptize with joy and pow'r; give, O Dove
descending, life never ending. | 4 Praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
one Lord, one faith, one source of ev'ry merit.
Here now renew your church through this symbol
given; grant peace from heaven. |

(Text: H. Francis Yardley, 1911-1990; Frank J. Whiteley, alt.; Music: Paris Antiphoner, 1681; Text © 1969 H. Francis Yardley and Frank J. Whiteley)

APOSTLES' CREED

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 THE CHURCH

After each petition God of grace,
Hear our prayer.

PEACE The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

We offer each other a sign of God's peace. Afterwards, the assembly is seated.

MEAL

OFFERTORY MUSIC

"In Dulci Jubilo"

F. W. Zachau

*An offering is gathered for the mission and ministry of God's Church.
Please stand as you are able.*

OFFERING HYMN

As with Gladness Men of Old

ELW 302 (vv. 1, 3)

1 As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led by thee.

3 As they offered gifts most rare
at thy cradle, rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king.

(Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.; Music: Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872)

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. **Amen.**

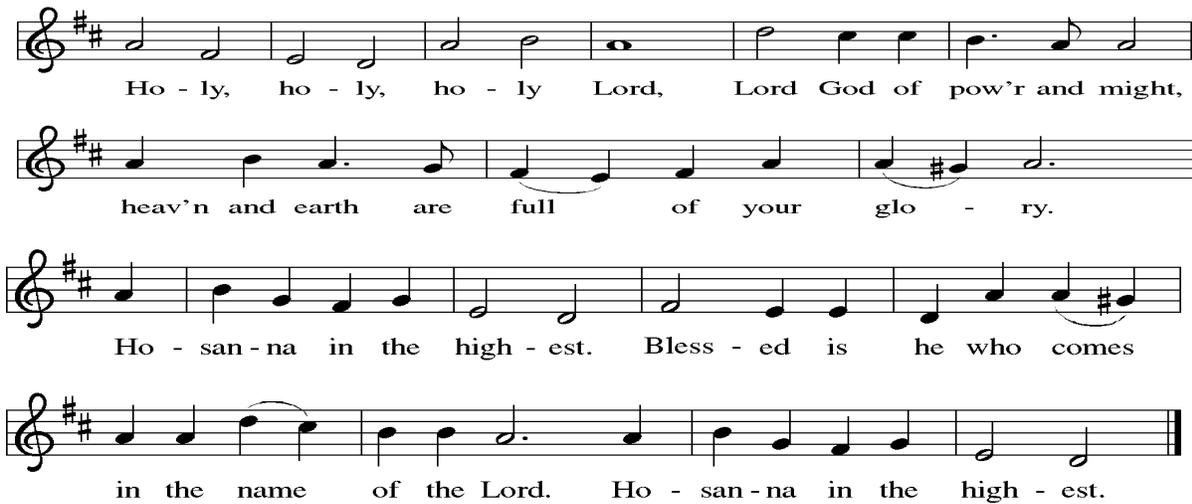
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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.

EUCARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he come. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor in yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

Let us pray together.

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.

FRACTURE

The breaking of the bread.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

COMMUNION HYMN

Spirit of Gentleness

ELW 396

Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys
of sleep; and over the eons you called to each
thing: "Awake from your slumbers and rise on
your wings." *Refrain*

2 You swept through the desert, you stung with the
sand, and you goaded your people with a law and a
land; and when they were blinded with idols and
lies, then you spoke through your prophets to open
their eyes. *Refrain*

3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole
world was still; and down in the city you called
once again, when you blew through your people
on the rush of the wind. *Refrain*

4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient
schemes. From the bondage of sorrow all the
captives dream dreams; our women see visions,
our men clear their eyes. With bold new decisions
your people arise. *Refrain*

(Text and music: James K. Manley; Text and music © 1978 James K. Manley, admin. Augsburg Foretrss)

Please stand as you are able.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of our grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

BLESSING

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name,
+ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING

SENDING HYMN

Let All Things Now Living

ELW 881

1 Let all things now living
 a song of thanksgiving
 to God the creator triumphantly raise,
 who fashioned and made us,
 protected and stayed us,
 who still guides us on to the end of our days.
 God's banners are o'er us,
 God's light goes before us,
 a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
 till shadows have vanished
 and darkness is banished,
 as forward we travel from light into light.

2 God rules all the forces:
 the stars in their courses
 and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
 the hills and the mountains,
 the rivers and fountains,
 the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
 We too should be voicing
 our love and rejoicing;
 with glad adoration a song let us raise
 till all things now living
 unite in thanksgiving:
 "To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

(Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892-1980, alt.; Music: Welsh folk tune; Text © 1939, 1966 E. C. Schirmer Music Company)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning"

Wayne L. Wold

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This week's schedule		
Today	10 am	Live & Online Worship
Mon.		
Tues.	7 pm	Exec. Meeting (Music Room)
	7 pm	Men in Mission (Youth Room)
	7 pm	Trinity Circle (Cancelled)
Wed.	9:30 am	Busy Bees (Smith Building)
Thurs.		
Fri.		
Sat.	9 am	Men in Mission Breakfast (Jerry D's)

Those Serving Today	10 am
Assisting Minister	Bob Berner
Crucifer	Noah Shull
Acolyte (s)	Olivia Shull & Karli Cappucci
Lector	Bonnie Spellman
Communion Assistant	Bonnie Spellman

Announcements

- **The surge in Covid cases in Maryland has necessitated a return to mask mandates for Baltimore County for all indoor activities. This includes houses of worship. So until the mandate is lifted, masks will be required for all activities at church. We will continue to monitor the situation and make appropriate changes as the circumstances change.**
- **We would like to welcome Robin Schaefer back and thank her for being our guest organist.**



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in loving memory of Patrick John O'Connell by his father, Patrick H. O'Connell and brother, Brian K. O'Connell. You left us too soon!

We are taking flower dedications. The dates available are: February 6th and 27th, March 6th and 13th, April 17th, May 1st, 8th, 15th and 29th, June 5th, 12th, 19 and 26th, July 3rd, 10th, 17th and 31st. Contact Rachel Hills at rm_hills@yahoo.com if you would like to sponsor the flowers.



Calling all Ministry Chairs...We need your ministry reports for the 2021 Annual Report. Please email your reports to the church office by Friday, January 28th.

The 2022 Offering Envelopes are here! Please pick up your envelopes from the counter outside of the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings or come to the office weekdays to pick them up.



Social Ministry is participating in the "Food For Thought Program". With your help, we are providing weekend take home food bags for children in need. This program would not be possible without the help of our congregation and community. **Our greatest need at this time is chicken & tuna salad kits, pudding cups, applesauce and Chef-Boyardee single serving meals.**

Are you doing any online shopping? Is so, support St. John's when you shop. Go to: smile.amazon.com/ch/52-6012034 and Amazon donates to Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Parkville Inc



Don't forget to support Victor's Vittles, the food pantry at Christus Victor Lutheran Church. You can drop off your donations to St. John's. Items needed are cereal, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, instant mashed potatoes, can potatoes, hamburger and tuna helper and taco kits.



Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: Georgeanne Schleigh, Kathy Barnes, Julie Hastings, Bett Murphy, Laurie Krieger, Mike McDonough, Dave Kocan, Debbie Miller, Pat Denk, Sandy Scott, John McLaughlin, Tony Jasinski, Patty Schwab and Vickie Jasinski

For family & friends: Paul Glassband, Grace Sexton, Roy Rapp, Joan Dunaway, Debbie Hudson, Richard Koch, John Bielat, Linda Fliegel, Mary January, Roy Kline, Michael Albrecht, Rose Alexander, Cynthia Schepler, Rita Brady, Anna Meyers, Norma Weber, Lou Ermer, Helen Marcomin, Rosemay Balmos, Helen & Don Bender and Doug Adams

For the military and their families: Leroy Keller, Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser, Lance Corporal Justin Ferro, Sgt. Stephen Peck, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, Chaplain A. J. Striffler and all those in harm's way

For those grieving family & friends of: Larry Bortz

For St. John's Caring Friends: Trudy Anderson, Helen Baker, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Gladys Downs, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Richard Hoerner, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Patrick O'Connell, Arthur Pulket, Mary Ann Reek, Janet Roth, Patricia Sollanek, Cass Tracey, Emma Volz and Doris Warfield

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