



Baptism of our Lord
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PRELUDE/PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God, you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In ✝ Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *"Baptized an Set Free"* #453

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.**

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HYMN OF PRAISE p.101

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC 8:30 am *“Just One Candle”* Kathy Houzner
10:30 am *“Jesus is the Light of the World”* Choir

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm Psalm 29
Second Reading Acts 8:14-17

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION p.102

GOSPEL Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

SERMON Pastor Karen Hofstad

SERMON SONG *“Christ, When For Us You Were Baptized”* #304

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 INTERCESSION

God of grace, hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

OFFERING RESPONSE *“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”* #184

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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 SONG *“Lamb of God”*

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COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION **All are welcome!**

Receive the wafer and choose the wine (light) or juice (dark) (gluten free wafer available upon request)

COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

BENEDICTION

The Spirit of the triune God ✝ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **Amen**

SENDING SONG *“Go, My Children, With My Blessing”*

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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