



## **Baptism of Our Lord**



The part of the Jordan River where tradition says John baptized people, including Jesus. July 2014

January 9, 2022 + 10:00 am

Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all... an adventure for life!

#### **THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

#### In Preparation for Worship

- Within the sanctuary please remember that some people use this time of silence to prepare for worship.
- Whenever the cross is carried in procession through the congregation, we turn to face the cross to signify our way of life as followers of Jesus.
- Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- Assistive hearing devices are available from the ushers.

#### **Love Your Neighbor**

- In keeping with the current mask update for Columbus, masks are required at worship services and other group activities inside the Redeemer Lutheran Church building.
- The sanctuary is set up for social distancing.
- Those who wish may stand during the opening and closing hymns and the reading of the Gospel.
- During the passing of the peace, we suggest you place your palms together under your chin in the "namaste" posture as a way to share the peace in a distanced way.
- Individual communion elements are available to pick up inside the sanctuary door.
- If you wish to use one of the first-floor bathrooms, please follow instructions in the bathroom about disinfecting it after your use. Only one person at a time in the restrooms.
- Please silence your cell phone.

#### **WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart...arr. Lloyd Larson

#### Welcome

Please stand in body or spirit





## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

## **Hymn of Praise**





Please be seated

#### WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading Isaiah 43:1-7 (The Message)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Now, God's Message,

the God who made you in the first place, Jacob,

the One who got you started, Israel:

"Don't be afraid, I've redeemed you.

I've called your name. You're mine.

When you're in over your head, I'll be there with you.

When you're in rough waters, you will not go down.

When you're between a rock and a hard place,

it won't be a dead end-

because I am God, your personal God,

The Holy of Israel, your Savior.

I paid a huge price for you:

all of Egypt, with rich Cush and Seba thrown in!

That's how much you mean to me!

That's how much I love you!

I'd sell off the whole world to get you back,

trade the creation just for you.

So don't be afraid: I'm with you.

I'll round up all your scattered children,

pull them in from east and west.

I'll send orders north and south:

'Send them back.

Return my sons from distant lands,

my daughters from faraway places.

I want them back, every last one who bears my name,

every man, woman, and child

whom I created for my glory,

yes, personally formed and made each one."

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 29



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Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,

ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name; worship the LORD in the beau- | ty 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 pow- | erful voice; the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.

The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;

The Lord breaks the ce- | dars 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 wilder- | ness 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 a- | bove the flood;

The LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.

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

### **Gospel Acclamation**





#### Gospel

Luke 3:10-11, 15-22 (The Message, adapted) to St. Luke Glory to you, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

The crowd asked John the Baptizer, "How are we supposed to live?" "If you have two coats, give one away," he said. "Do the same with your food."

The interest of the people by now was building. They were all beginning to wonder, "Could this John be the Messiah?"

But John intervened: "I'm baptizing you here in the river. The main character in this drama, to whom I'm a mere stagehand, will ignite the kingdom life, a fire, the Holy Spirit within you, changing you from the inside out. He's going to clean house—make a clean sweep of your lives. He'll place everything true in its proper place before God; everything false he'll put out with the trash to be burned."

There was a lot more of this—words that gave strength to the people, words that put heart in them. The Message! But Herod, the ruler, stung by John's rebuke in the matter of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, capped his long string of evil deeds with this outrage: He put John in jail.

After all the people were baptized, Jesus was baptized. As he was praying, the sky opened up and the Holy Spirit, like a dove descending, came down on him. And along with the Spirit, a voice: "You are my Son, chosen and marked by my love, pride of my life."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Message

A PROCESS AND A PROMISE

### **Ministry of Music**

#### Do Not Be Afraid for You are Mine

Lloyd Larson Senior Choir

Do not be afraid, for I am with you. I have called you by name. When you walk through the storms, when you walk through the fire, do not be afraid, for you are mine.

Do not be afraid, for I am with you. Come to me, you are my child.

Through the waters deep or the valley so steep,

do not be afraid, for you are mine.

Cast your fears on the Lord each day, for He cares for you. Place your trust in the Lord today, God will take care of you.

Be not dismayed, whate'er betide; God will take care of you. Beneath His wings of love abide, God will take care of you.

God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way. He will take care of you, God will take care, God will take care, God will take care of you.

Do not be afraid, for you are mine.

## **Apostles Creed**

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words: 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.

### **Community Prayers**

Let us pray.... Amen.

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Lea Spang, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Cora Marquez, Mary Kennedy, Kelly Scott, Diane Louangrath, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich and their niece and sister-in-law, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Shirley and Jack Miller, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Grace and Ken Jones, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Kris Kauffman, Karen Kent, Beatrice Watts Young, Kathie Ehrich's sister Betty Weaver, Chad Eberle's mother, Ruth Murray's step-granddaughter Trina Shields, Pastor Al Debelak, Eric Hutton The people of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Delaware; Redeemer community member Nancy Stinson

#### Children's Time

## **Remembrance of Baptism**

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. 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.
- Holy God, merciful and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.
- Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.
- Thank you for your saving waters: Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea and drink from your gushing rock. Namaan washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.
- Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in the water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us and drown the evil around us. 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 Spirit, now and forever.

  Amen.

## Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We take time to greet one another with words like Peace be with you.

#### **WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION**

Jesus invited all who were hungry for food, healing, justice, and joy to share this communion meal.

Since this is his meal, and he is present to us in it, all are welcome.

## **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

And also with you. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

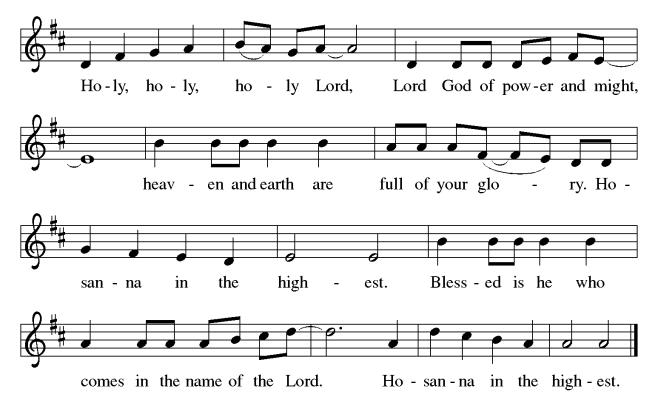
In a refugee child playing under a star, in an anonymous young man requesting baptism, in a wandering preacher refreshed by water from a woman's hand, God was waiting to be recognized and known, to transform seeing and change the world.

In the routine smallness of everyday life, in the jagged discomfort of struggle and transition, in the timeless grace of hospitality, and the gifts of bread and wine, God is waiting to be recognized and known, to transform our seeing and change our world.

Here, at this table, under the welcoming light of a morning star, the God of epiphanies waits to be encountered. So – though you may be weary and worn by your journey or stained and sore with travel – look up and see the star, lay aside your packs, and enter with joy for God waits here – to refresh and renew, to comfort and restore, to challenge and transform, to know, and be known.

Now, gathered around this table, we recall and recount how the Epiphany God appeared in the actions and words of Jesus as he shared a last supper with his friends in which Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take this and eat. This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me." And after supper, Jesus took the cup and gave it to them, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. As often as you drink this, do so to remember me."

Recalling and treasuring these things, we join our voices with those of all creation to recognize and celebrate the grace and goodness of God present and at work in the world.



Epiphany God, send down your Holy Spirit now on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine – that we might recognize and know you present with us here, and in receiving the gifts of your love find ourselves renewed. By this meal, renew our commitment to make real the prayer Jesus teaches:

### **Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

## **Sharing the Meal**

The gifts of God, for the people of God. Jesus welcomed all to this meal. So do we.

The body of Christ, given for you. (We eat the bread together.) The blood of Christ, given for you. (We drink the cup together.)

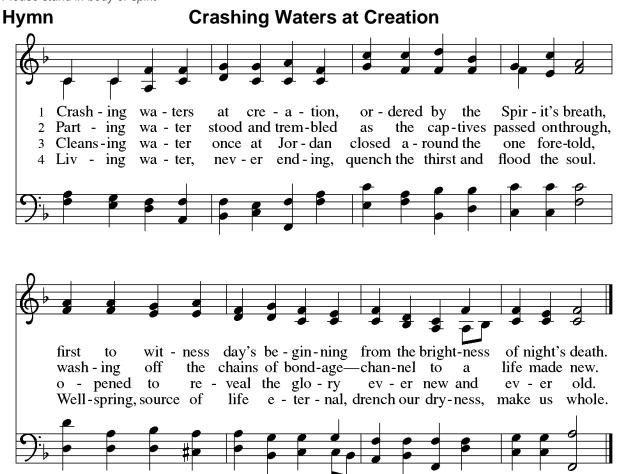
### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Emmanuel – bright Morning Star: Gift us the grace and generosity to respond freely and fully, whatever you might ask of us. So may our loving and living become places of epiphany where you can be recognized and known, and the transforming life of your Kingdom unleashed.

Amen.

### **WE ARE SENT**

Please stand in body or spirit



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Blessing Amen.

#### **Announcements**

#### **Postlude**

Wade in the Water arr. Mark Hayes

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# The Parables of Jesus Tuesdays - 1:00 pm In Person - Zoom

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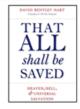


## Tuesday, January 11 6:30 pm

Conversation and fellowship Via Zooм

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Adult Sunday School 11:15 am — 12:15 pm

Heaven, Hell, and Universal Salvation

In-Person and Zoom

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#### **OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY**

**Presiding Minister** Pastor Dave Shull **Assisting Minister** Julianne Johnson **ASL Interpreter Bryan Neal** Crucifer Skye Andree Reader Julianne Johnson Jennifer Young Cantor **Organist & Senior Choir Director** Kathy Rapp **Pianist & Chimes Choir Director** Karen Kent Usher Neil Hoddinott Verger Michelle Clemence **Producers** Michele Disbro, Tom Mimlitch

Flowers are given by **Heidi Sherer**, celebrating her father's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Noisy Offering will go to ELCA Disaster Relief.

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER JANUARY 9 - 16

Today	8:45 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	In-Person and Livestream Worship
		with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	In-Person Sunday School for all ages
	11:15 am	In-Person and Zoom Adult Ed
	11:15 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday	1:00 pm	In-Person and Zoom Bible Study
	6:30 pm	ZOOM Brewing Faith
<b>Next Sunday</b>	8:45 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
-	10:00 am	In-Person and Livestream Worship
		with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	In-Person and Zoom Adult Ed
	11:15 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal



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