



Baptism of the Lord

January 7, 2024

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: Jesus Christ is the light of the world. We light this candle as a sign that Christ has come and Christ will come again. As the light pushes back darkness let us walk with, learn from, and worship Jesus Christ.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

All: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders over mighty waters.

Liturgist: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon. The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire and shakes the wilderness. The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say,

All: "Glory!"

Psalm 29:1-9 adapted

Choir: "Ascribe to the Lord"

Powell

Ascribe to the Lord, O mighty ones,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name,
In the splendor of his holiness, worship him!

The voice of the Lord is over the waters,
the God of glory thunders.
The voice of the Lord is powerful,
The voice of the Lord is majestic!
The God of glory thunders.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name,
In the splendor of his holiness, worship him!

* GOD'S GREETING

Minister: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

All: May the Lord give strength to his people and bless his people with peace.

Psalm 29:10-11 adapted

* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

* **All Singing: 100 "Jesus, the Light of the World"**

Singing verses 1, 3, and 4

Children ages 2–7 may come forward for a brief word and blessing before they leave for "God Loves Me" and "Children in Worship."

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reconciliation

Liturgist: In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

All: And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.

Liturgist: God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. *Genesis 1:1-5*

All: Lord have mercy, for we have sinned against you by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have sinned against our neighbor by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have settled for the darkness rather than following the way of light. Lord have mercy.

Liturgist: In that confidence we confess our sin and brokenness.

Silent Confession and Reflection

Liturgist: Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied,

All: "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."

Liturgist: Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?"

All: "Into John's baptism."

Liturgist: Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

Acts 19:1-6 adapted

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

* **All Singing: 746 “Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”**

Scripture: Mark 1:4-11

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: A Sacramental Story

* **All Singing: 246 “God is Here”**
Singing verses 1 – 4

Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

1. General Fund
2. World Renew

Choir: “Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit” arr. Hogan

Ev’ry time I feel the Spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray.

On the mountain my Lord spoke, out his mouth came fire and smoke.
Down in the valley, on my knees, I asked my Lord have mercy please.

Jordan river, chilly and cold, chills the body not the soul.
All around me, looked so fine, I asked the Lord if all was mine.

Ain’t but one train on this track, runs to heaven and right back.
Saint Peter waitin’ at the gate, said come on sinner, don’t be late.

Communion

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All Singing: 251 “The Church’s One Foundation”

“Until He Comes Again” McCracken
Soloist singing verses, all singing chorus

By this we remember in faith as we gather with bread and wine
We remember until he comes again
By this we remember in hope as we gather with bread and wine
We remember until he comes again

When he comes again like a thief in the night
When he comes again all the wrongs will be right
Oh the earth lifted up as heaven comes down
We remember until he comes again

By this we remember in love as we gather with bread and wine
We remember until he comes again

Sending

* BENEDICTION

* **All Singing:** **946 "Go My Children with My Blessing"**
Singing verses 1 and 3

Postlude: "Wade in the Water" John Carter

Worship Leaders

Organist / Pianist:	Dora Diephouse	Acolyte:	Beckham Van Wyngarden
Pianist / Vocalist:	Erin Pacheco	Liturgist:	Sally Larsen
Percussion:	Clay Carlson	Prayer:	Dave Larsen
Choir Director:	David Baar		
Guest Director:	Lori Evenhouse		
Minister:	Roger Nelson		

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