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☐ = Pastor ☒ = Lector [reader] ☑ = Congregation ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (hymnal, if you have one at home)

## PRELUDE

*Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion. Communion is offered by intinction: you may receive a wafer and dip it in the chalice with wine or white grape juice. Or you may pick up a prefilled communion "kit" on the altar rail as you approach the altar. Please tell an usher if you need a communion kit brought to you where you sit. At home you may prepare ahead of time wine/grape juice and bread appropriate for your family. Our liturgy declares we celebrate with "the church on earth and the hosts of heaven." We acknowledge that communion always connects us "remotely" and powerfully with the Church through time and space.*

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Fritz

↑ **GATHERING HYMN:** *When Jesus Came to Jordan*

*ELW Hymn 305*

- 1 **When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,  
he did not come for pardon but as the Sinless One.  
He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,  
to speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.**
- 2 **He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss,  
for us and our salvation to die upon the cross.  
So when the dove descended on him, the Son of Man,  
the hidden years had ended, the age of grace began.**
- 3 **Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make;  
this very day invade us, and ev'ry bondage break.  
Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most:  
to share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.**

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## ↑ 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

- ☐ O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
☑ **Amen.**

## LESSON: Acts 10:34-43

- ☒ Today's Lesson is from Acts, the tenth chapter.

**P**eter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality,<sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.<sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.<sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:<sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ►

<sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

℣ The word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Wade in the Water*

*ELW Hymn 459*

*Refrain: Wade in the water, wade in the water, children, wade in the water,  
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.*

4 (If you don't believe I've been redeemed,) **God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.  
(just follow me down to Jordan's stream.) God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.** *Refrain*

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↑ **HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17**

℣ The Holy Gospel according Matthew, the third chapter.

☩ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**T**hen Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, **“This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”**

℣ The Gospel of the Lord.

☩ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Fritz

↑ **HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Christ, When for Us Your Were Baptized*

*ELW Hymn 304*

1 **Christ, when for us you were baptized, God's Spirit on you came,  
as peaceful as a dove, and yet as urgent as a flame, as urgent as a flame.**

2 **God called you, “My beloved Son”; you are God's servant true,  
sent to proclaim the reign of heav'n, God's holy will to do, God's holy will to do.**

4 **Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord; your cross on us be signed,  
that likewise in God's service we may perfect freedom find, may perfect freedom find.**

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↑ **OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED**

℣ Let us confess our baptismal faith together.

☩ **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.**



**4 Living water, never ending, quench the thirst and flood the soul.  
Wellspring, source of life eternal, drench our dryness, make us whole.**

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**↑ PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION**

**ℙ** The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod  
✚ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

**☩ Amen.**

**↑ CLOSING HYMN: *We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus***

*ELW Hymn 451*

- 1 We are baptized in Christ Jesus, we are baptized in his death;  
that as Christ is raised victorious, we might live a brand new life.  
And if we have been united in a dreadful death like his, we will all be reunited, for he lives.**
- 2 In the water and the witness, in the breaking of the bread,  
in the waiting arms of Jesus who is risen from the dead,  
God has made a new beginning from the ashes of our past;  
in the losing and the winning we hold fast.**
- 3 Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son,  
glory to the Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one;  
as it was in the beginning, glory now resounds again in a song that has no ending. Amen.**

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**↑ DISMISSAL**

**ℙ** Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.  
Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.

**☩ Thanks be to God.**

**↑ POSTLUDE**

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*Tech Team: Davida Kilgore, Dakota Atkins (8:30); Brad Milburn, Joni Siepert (11:00)*

*Sanctuary Flowers are given by Laura and Kevin Hawkins in honor of the New Year*

