

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia
January 14, 2024
11:00 A.M.

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Larry Peterson, Director of Worship and Music

☐ = Pastor ☒ = Lector [reader] ☑ = Congregation *ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red hymnal)*
⤴ Please stand as you are able.

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.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Fritz

⤴ EXCHANGING THE PEACE

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always

☑ **And also with you.**

We share a sign of God's peace.

⤴ GATHERING HYMN: *Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death*

ELW Hymn 452

**1 Awake, O sleeper, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
so learn his love, its length and breadth, its fullness, depth, and height.**

**2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear release,
to give the Spirit's unity, the very bond of peace.**

**3 There is one body and one hope, one Spirit and one call,
one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, one God who made us all.**

**4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
with kind and gentle hearts forgive as God in Christ forgave.**

**5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and conquered in the strife.
Awake, arise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.**

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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

- P** Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 19:1-7

see insert

↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Baptized in Water*

ELW Hymn 456, sts. 1 & 3

- 1** **Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praise we sing.**
- 3** **Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our king:
born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praise we sing.**

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↑ GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-13

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SERMON

Pastor Fritz

↑ HYMN OF THE DAY: *Down Galilee's Slow Roadways*

ACS Hymn 916

- 1** **Down Galilee's slow roadways a stranger traveled on
from Nazareth to Jordan to be baptized by John.
He went down to the waters like soldier, scribe, and slave,
but there within the river the sign was birth and grave.**
- 2** **Arising from the river he saw the heavens torn;
it seemed the sky so open revealed the Spirit's form.
The holy dove descended amid a glorious voice:
"You are my own beloved, my child, my heart, my choice."**
- 3** **We too have found a roadway; it led us to this place.
We all have had to travel in search of hope and grace.
But now beside this water again a voice is heard.
"You are my own, my chosen, beloved of your Lord."**

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*When the petition concludes "Hear us, O God," please respond, "Your mercy is great."
The prayers are ended with these words, "Abide with us, ... according to your abundant grace."
Please respond, "Amen."*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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MUSICAL OFFERING (11:00) *Washed Anew, Thomas Keesecker*

Sanctuary Choir

↑ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P** The Lord be with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
- C** **And also with you.**
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

—ELW page 153

↑ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

↑ THE 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 DISTRIBUTION

*Please approach the altar using the diagonal aisles and return by the side or middle aisles.
You will be offered a wafer, which you may dip in either the chalice of wine or the white grape juice.
You may also choose a packaged cup with wine or grape juice, or a gluten-free wafer with wine.*

- ☞ **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.** —*ELW page 154*

COMMUNION HYMN: *Remember and Rejoice*

ELW Hymn 454

- 1 **Remember and rejoice, renewed by floods of grace.
We bear the sign of Jesus Christ, that time cannot erase.**
- 2 **In life, in death, we trust in God's most holy name,
forever traced by water sign, and sealed by Spirit flame.**
- 3 **We pledge ourselves anew to flee the lures of hell,
to cling to Christ's community, in justice, peace to dwell.**
- 4 **God, bless us by your grace; remind us of your care.
Renewing Spirit, fill us now, inspire our work, our prayer.**
- 5 **Remember and rejoice, renewed by floods of grace.
We bear the sign of Jesus Christ, that time cannot erase.**

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↑ PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION

- ☞ God who names you, Christ who claims you,
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
✚ bless you and remain with you always.
- ☞ **Amen.**

↑ SENDING HYMN: *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

ELW Hymn 311

- 1 **Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, your reign on earth begun!
You come to break oppression, to set the captive free,
to take away transgression and rule in equity.**
- 2 **You come with rescue speedy to those who suffer wrong,
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in your sight.**
- 3 **You shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;
love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in your path to birth.
Before you on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go;
and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.**

Hymn continues on next page.

**4 Kings shall fall down before you, and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore you, your praise all people sing.
To you shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;
your kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.**

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↑ SENDING

- 📖 Go in peace. You are God's beloved.
Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.
- 📣 **Thanks be to God.**

↑ POSTLUDE

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Lector: David Beecher

Tech crew: Carol Jensen-Linton, Joni Siefert, Brad Milburn

Ushers: Harper McCumber, Ben McCumber

Altar flowers are given by Stefani and Justin Spruill

THE LESSONS

Sunday, January 14

FIRST READING: Acts 19:1-7

The New Testament reading is from Acts, the 19th chapter.

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” ³Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” ⁴Paul 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.” ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—
⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

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Ⓐ The Word of the Lord.

Ⓒ Thanks be to God

GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-13

Ⓐ The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 4th chapter. Ⓒ Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And the whole Judean region and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him and were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove upon him. ¹¹And a voice came from the heavens, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tested by Satan, and he was with the wild beasts, and the angels waited on him.

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Ⓐ The Gospel of the Lord.

Ⓒ Praise to you, O Christ.

