

## Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

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### BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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**P** = Pastor **C** = All **L** = Leader

#### PRELUDE: *LAST SONG*

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

#### OPENING SONG: *IS HE WORTHY*

#### ↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

**L** Let us pray.

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.

**C** Amen.

*~Please be seated for the Lessons~*

**READINGS: Isaiah 42:1-9** see insert

↑ **GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17** see insert

**SERMON** Pastor Fritz

↑ **SONG OF THE DAY: *WE ARE YOURS***

#### SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

**GAVIN FORTIN**

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

When the petition concludes "Merciful God" please respond, "Receive our prayer."

When the prayers conclude, please respond, "Amen."

#### OFFERING

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We acknowledge that you may have given Online or through the mail. Thank you.



#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**P** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C** 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 COMMUNION AT CHURCH or at home with your household

#### COMMUNION SONG: *LIGHTHOUSE*

#### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING &

**P** May the triune God, **BENEDICTION**  
who has put a new song in your mouth  
and tuned your heart for praise

✠ bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen.

#### SENDING SONG: *HOLY WATER*

#### DISMISSAL

**L** Go in peace. Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### POSTLUDE

# THE LESSONS

Sunday, January 11

## FIRST READING: *Isaiah 42:1-9*

📖 The first reading is from Isaiah, the 42<sup>nd</sup> chapter. Please read responsively.

<sup>1-4</sup>“Take a good look at my servant. I’m backing him to the hilt.  
He’s the one I chose, and I couldn’t be more pleased with him.  
I’ve bathed him with my Spirit, my life. He’ll set everything right among the nations.

**He won’t call attention to what he does**

**with loud speeches or gaudy parades.**

He won’t brush aside the bruised and the hurt  
and he won’t disregard the small and insignificant,  
but he’ll steadily and firmly set things right.

He won’t tire out and quit. He won’t be stopped  
until he’s finished his work—to set things right on earth.

**Far-flung ocean islands wait expectantly for his teaching.”**

<sup>5-9</sup>God’s Message,  
the God who created the cosmos, stretched out the skies,  
laid out the earth and all that grows from it,

**Who breathes life into earth’s people,**

**makes them alive with his own life:**

“I am God. I have called you to live right and well.

I have taken responsibility for you, kept you safe.

I have set you among my people to bind them to me,  
and provided you as a lighthouse to the nations,

To make a start at bringing people into the open, into light:

**opening blind eyes, releasing prisoners from dungeons,**

**emptying the dark prisons.**

I am God. That’s my name.

I don’t franchise my glory,

don’t endorse the no-god idols.

Take note: The earlier predictions of judgment have been fulfilled.

**I’m announcing the new salvation work.**

**Before it bursts on the scene,**

**I’m telling you all about it.”**

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God**

*Gospel is on the back.*

**GOSPEL:** *Matthew 3:13-17*

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

☒ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13-14</sup>Jesus then appeared, arriving at the Jordan River from Galilee. He wanted John to baptize him. John objected, “I’m the one who needs to be baptized, not you!”

<sup>15</sup>But Jesus insisted. “Do it. God’s work, putting things right all these centuries, is coming together right now in this baptism.” So John did it.

<sup>16-17</sup>The moment Jesus came up out of the baptismal waters, the skies opened up and he saw God’s Spirit—it looked like a dove—descending and landing on him. And along with the Spirit, a voice: “This is my Son, chosen and marked by my love, delight of my life.”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☒ **Praise to you, O Christ.**