

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

“Knowing, Loving, and Sharing Christ”



The Baptism of Our Lord

with Affirmation of Baptism

Sunday, January 12th, 2025 | 10:30 am

WELCOME

Welcome in the Name of our Lord Jesus! We are glad to have you here today to share in God's gifts to us in Word and Sacrament. If you are a visitor and would like more information about Holy Trinity, please see an usher or one of our clergy. We will be delighted to talk to you!

Holy Communion is offered to all the baptized who believe in Christ's real presence in the Sacrament. **Hearing assistance devices** are available ~ please see an usher.

Parents of Young Children:

- We offer a staffed nursery for infants through children 5 years old, if you desire. Please see an usher for more information.
- "Worship Bags" are available for younger children to use during worship. Please ask an usher for more information

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 29

- ¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- ² **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**
- ³ The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- ⁴ **The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**
- ⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- ⁶ **he makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- ⁷ The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- ⁸ **The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare.**
- ⁹ And in the temple of the Lord

all are crying, "Glory!"

**10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

**11 The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be fore ver. Amen.**

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit
Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

~Please kneel as you are able. Silence for self-examination and reflection~

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SONGS

PROJECTED ON THE SCREEN

*His Mercy is More
Holy, Holy, Holy (God with Us)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, in Jesus' baptism you declared him to be your beloved Son and set him apart as your agent of grace for your creation. May we who are baptized into his life also be sent as agents of grace in your world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

~ Please be seated ~

WORD

THE FIRST LESSON:

ISAIAH 43:1-7 (NLT PG. 600)

A reading from Isaiah, the forty-third chapter.

¹ But now, O Jacob, listen to the Lord who created you.

O Israel, the one who formed you says,
"Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you.

I have called you by name; you are mine.

² When you go through deep waters,

I will be with you.
When you go through rivers of difficulty,
you will not drown.

When you walk through the fire of oppression,
you will not be burned up;
the flames will not consume you.

³ For I am the Lord, your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I gave Egypt as a ransom for your freedom;
I gave Ethiopia and Seba in your place.

⁴ Others were given in exchange for you.

I traded their lives for yours
because you are precious to me.
You are honored, and I love you.

⁵ “Do not be afraid, for I am with you.
I will gather you and your children from east and west.
⁶ I will say to the north and south,
‘Bring my sons and daughters back to Israel
from the distant corners of the earth.
⁷ Bring all who claim me as their God,
for I have made them for my glory.
It was I who created them.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND LESSON:

ROMANS 6:1-11 (NLT PG. 939)

A reading from Romans, the sixth chapter.

¹ Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? ² Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it? ³ Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? ⁴ For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.

⁵ Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was. ⁶ We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. ⁷ For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. ⁸ And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him. ⁹ We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him. ¹⁰ When he died, he died once to break the power of sin. But now that he lives, he lives for the glory of God. ¹¹ So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ Everyone was expecting the Messiah to come soon, and they were eager to know whether John might be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered their questions by saying, “I baptize you with water; but someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I’m not even worthy to be his slave and untie the straps of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷ He is ready to separate the chaff from the wheat with his winnowing fork. Then he will clean up the threshing area, gathering the wheat into his barn but burning the chaff with never-ending fire.” ¹⁸ John used many such warnings as he announced the Good News to the people.

¹⁹ John also publicly criticized Herod Antipas, the ruler of Galilee, for marrying Herodias, his brother’s wife, and for many other wrongs he had done. ²⁰ So Herod put John in prison, adding this sin to his many others.

²¹ One day when the crowds were being baptized, Jesus himself was baptized. As he was praying, the heavens opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit, in bodily form, descended on him like a dove. And a voice from heaven said, “You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

PASTOR RYAN HENKEL STS

Be sure to fill out the “Sermon Notes” page, write your name, and drop it in the offering plate for a chance to win lunch with (and by!) Pastor Ryan and Cody.

OFFERING

WOV 693 – BAPTIZED IN WATER

CHANCEL CHOIR

Disciples of Holy Trinity give generously and sacrificially of their first fruits to support the work of God in the world. Your offerings here allow the life-changing ministries of Holy Trinity to continue and grow. If you are a first-time guest today, you are not expected to contribute but you may do so if you desire.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

A representative of the congregation presents the candidates to the minister:

This person has been instructed in the Christian faith and desires to make public affirmation of her Baptism.

- Keira Lynn Workman

Keira, we rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world.

Keira, sister in Christ: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you a member of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from his Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at his holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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**

Let us pray for those who are affirming their Baptism, and for all the Baptized everywhere:

After each petition:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear his Word and share in his supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made this young woman your own. You forgave her all her sins and brought her to newness of life. Continue to strengthen her with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in her your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Keira the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm her faith, guide her life, empower her in her serving, give her patience in suffering, and bring her to everlasting life.

Amen

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary, that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the host of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might; Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He

who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, O God. You surround us with your glory and mercy, and in the splendor of your heavenly light you lead us through the darkness of this world.

You led your people Israel by a pillar of fire, as you delivered them from bondage and brought them to the promised land. By your light of Bethlehem's star, you led the sages to your beloved Son, revealing him to the nations as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

In words, signs and wonders your Son gave the light of hope to the disappointed and healing to the disenchanting. Then, at the appointed time, he stretched out his hands on the cross, showing forth the brilliance of a life freely given, that all may have life in him.

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.

In joy we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We rejoice that you have made us your people, objects of Christ's redeeming love.

We pray that by your Holy Spirit you will bless and sanctify this Holy Communion, that we may be illumined in faith as we partake of Christ's body and blood, renewed in the forgiveness of sins and joyous in our hope for your eternal kingdom.

Through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now boldly pray:

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.

THE FRACTION

The Light has shattered the darkness. (Isaiah 9:2)

Let us follow the Star and behold our God! (Matthew 2:1)

AGNUS DEI

*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.*

COMMUNION SONG

PROJECTED ON SCREEN

Come to the Table

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us, and keep us in His grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THE BLESSING

Almighty God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: LBW 455- “COME FOLLOW ME,” THE SAVIOR SPAKE



1 "Come, fol - low me," the Sav - ior spake, "all in my way a -
 2 "I am the light; I light the way, a god - ly life dis -
 3 My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness; my soul with love is
 4 "I teach you how to shun and flee what harms your soul's sal -
 5 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, and take the cross ap -



bid - ing; de - ny your - selves, the world for - sake, o -
 play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day; I
 glow - ing; and gra - cious words my lips ex - press, with
 va - tion; your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free, from
 point - ed, and, firm - ly cling - ing to his word, in



bey my call and guid - ing. Oh, bear the cross, what -
 keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and
 meek - ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, my mind, my
 sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge
 suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



e'er be - tide; take my ex - am - ple for your guide."
 well I show how you should so - journ here be - low."
 strength, my all to God I yield; on him I call.
 of the soul and lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."
 bat - tle's strain the crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

ALTAR FLOWERS

*To the Glory of God in honor of the Worship and Music Committee
and all those who helped with the church's decorations for the Christmas season
by Mick and Carla McMahan.*

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

Monday, January 13th:	Staff Meeting, 9:00am Work Crew, 9:30am Pub Theology, 6:00pm
Tuesday, January 14th:	Cody Off Girls Night Out, 6:30pm
Wednesday, January 15th:	Coffee Hour at Gilmore's, 9:30am Ladies' Bible Study, 6:30pm Choir, 6:30pm
Thursday, January 16th:	Matins, 8:00am Men's Breakfast, 9:00am LaVerne Davis' Small Group, 10:00am
Friday, January 17th:	Pastor Ryan Off Bulletin Crew, 9:30am
Saturday, January 18th:	Vespers for the Confession of St. Peter, 6:30pm
Sunday, January 19th:	Regular Sunday Schedule

SERMON NOTES

Where did you hear the Law?
Remember "SOS," *Shows our Sin*

Where did you hear the Gospel?
Remember "SOS," *Shows our Savior*

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Greeters:

Marilyn Kosak & Diane Campbell

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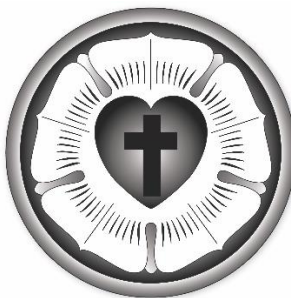
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10:30 AM

Ushers: Kristen Parsons-Rupp & Hayden Parsons
Lector: Charlotte Sautner
Prayer Leader: Anna Houser
Communion Assistants: Brendle Biddle & Sarah Waldrop
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Altar Flower Delivery: Mick & Carla McMahan

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