



Baptism of Our Lord Sunday
January 7, 2024
8:00 am

Pastor Matthew Groenke
Assisting Minister – Jean Gifford
Altar Guild – Diane Moellenberg & Martha Sansom
AV Console Operator – Brent Reeder
Greeter – Martha Sansom
Chapel Greeter – Roselind Wieland & Dorothy Warren
Organist/Pianist – Vernagene Mott



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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*To thank, praise, honor and serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as we
GATHER and worship, **GROW** in the Word, and **SERVE** God by serving people.*

Worship Protocol

- ❖ Please stay home if you are sick.
- ❖ Face masks are **a choice**.
- ❖ Masks and large print bulletins are available at the entry table.
- ❖ You are encouraged to converse with each other OUTSIDE.
- ❖ Ushers will direct you to your seat.
- ❖ Worshipers in the same household may sit together.
- ❖ Communion elements are prepackaged.

After the benediction, please follow instructions for dismissal.

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HOLY COMMUNION

The sacrament of communion is celebrated at all worship services every Sunday. All are welcome, believing that our Lord is present offering grace and forgiveness. Currently, we are offering communion at the communion rail. Pre-packaged communion supplies are still available upon request. ✚

Gluten-free wafers and/or white grape juice are available at all services.

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PRELUDE

BELL

Another year is dawning; Dear Father let it be,
In working or in waiting, Another year with Thee
Another year of progress, Another year of praise
Another year of proving, Thy presence all the days.

Another year of service, Of witness for Thy love;
Another year of training For holier work above.
Another year is dawning Dear Father let it be,
On earth or else in Heaven, Another year for Thee.

Text: Frances Ridley Havergal Music: Samuel S. Wesley

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Bright and Glorious Is the Sky

ELW 301

Vs 1-4

Bright and glorious is the sky,
radiant are the heavens high
where the golden stars are shining.
All their rays to earth inclining
beckon us to heav'n above,
beckon us to heav'n above.

On that holy Christmas night
through the darkness beamed a light;
all the stars above were paling.
all their luster slowly failing
as the wondrous star drew nigh,
as the wondrous star drew nigh..

Sages from the East afar,
when they saw this wondrous star,
went to find the king of nations
and to offer their oblations
to the child, the newborn king,
to the child, the newborn king.

Him they found in Bethlehem,
yet he wore no diadem;
there they saw a maiden lowly
with an infant pure and holy

resting in her loving arms,
resting in her loving arms.

Guided by the star, they found
him whose praise the ages sound.
We too have a star to guide us,
which forever will provide us
with the light to find our Lord,
with the light to find our Lord.

And this star, as bright as day,
that will never lead astray
with its message so appealing,
is the word of God, revealing
Christ, the way, the truth, the life,
Christ, the way, the truth, the life.

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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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
creator of darkness and light,
word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our rock and refuge,

We pour out our hearts before you.

We have known you but have not always loved you.

**We have wounded one another
and sinned against you.**

**We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit
dwelling in each of us.**

Remember your covenant.

Renew your creation.

Restore us,

that we might proclaim your good news to all.

Amen.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

God has spoken:
The time of grace is now.
In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.
By the authority of ☩ Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.
You are God's beloved.
Amen.

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HYMN OF PRAISE

Bright and Glorious Is the Sky

ELW 301

Vs 5 & 6

Guided by the star, they found
him whose praise the ages sound.
We too have a star to guide us,
which forever will provide us
with the light to find our Lord,
with the light to find our Lord.

And this star, as bright as day,
that will never lead astray
with its message so appealing,
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

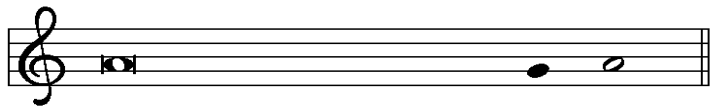
Amen.

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-5

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the 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. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

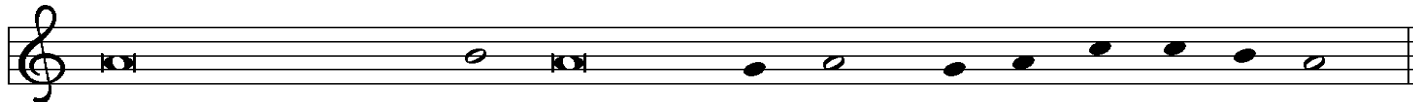
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



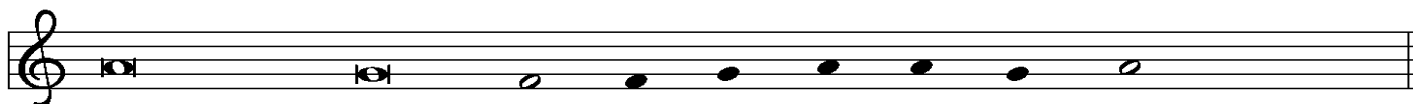
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



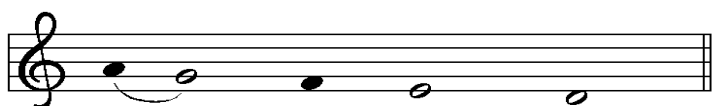
Lord, have mer - cy.



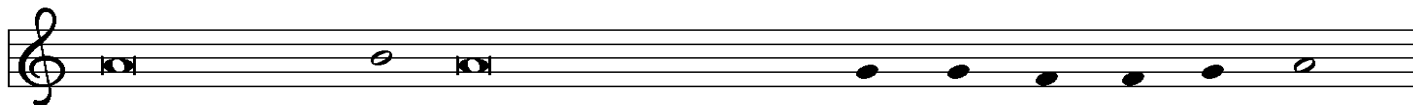
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.

A - men.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

³The 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.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. 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.**

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

SECOND READING

Acts 19:1-7

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

When Jesus Came to Jordan*Sung to ELW 542*

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.

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The holy gospel according to Mark the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL**Mark 1:4-11**

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside 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 thong 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 on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Vs 1-4

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid.

Star of the east, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant redeemer is laid.

Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining;
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
angels adore him in slumber reclining,
maker and monarch and savior of all.

What shall we give him, in costly devotion?
Shall we bring incense and off'rings divine,
gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
vainly with gifts would his favor secure;
richer by far is the heart's adoration,
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt.

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of grace,
Receive our prayer.

OFFERING

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SHARING OF THE PEACE OF THE LORD

We Three Kings of Orient Are

WOV 646

Vs 1-4

We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Oh, star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!

Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again;
king forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign.

Oh, star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!

Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a deity nigh;
prayer and praising, gladly raising,
worshiping God Most High.

Oh, star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Oh, star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!

Text: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820-1891, alt

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The musical notation for 'Great Thanksgiving' is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and eighth notes with various phrasing slurs. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW p. 153

The musical notation for 'Holy, Holy, Holy' is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is more rhythmic than the previous piece, featuring eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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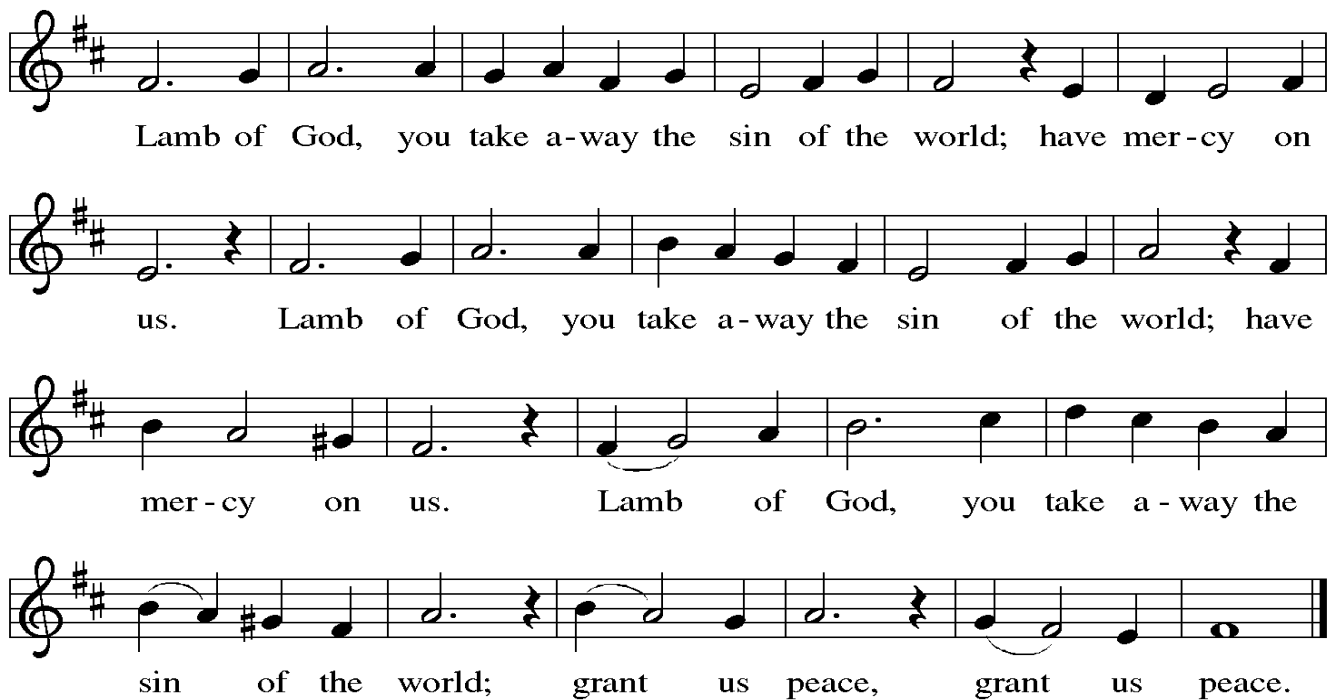
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

LAMB OF GOD

ELW p. 154



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

Baptized in Water

ELW 456

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.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our king:
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praise we sing.

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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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.
Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory,
now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

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

CLOSING HYMN

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!

ELW 308

vs 1, 2, & 5

O Morning Star, how fair and bright!
You shine with God's own truth and light,
aglow with grace and mercy!
Of Jacob's line, King David's son,
our Lord and Savior, you have won
our hearts to serve you only!
Lowly, holy!
Great and glorious,
all victorious,
rich in blessing!
Rule and might o'er all possessing!

Come, precious diamond, light divine,
and deep within our hearts now shine;
there light a flame undying!
In your one body let us be
as living branches of a tree,
your life our lives supplying.
Now, though daily
earth's deep sadness
may perplex us
and distress us,
yet with heav'nly joy you bless us.

Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!

Our joy be all with music crowned,
our voices gaily blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way—
today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
His love is never ending!

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GOOD NEWS

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

ELW 671

Shine Jesus shine Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire
Flow river flow, Flood the nations with grace and
mercy Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

Thanks be to God.

Next Week's Volunteer:

Assisting Minister – Charla Dubes
Altar Guild – Diane Moellenberg & Martha Sansom

Greeters – Martha Sansom
Chapel Greeter – Roselind Wieland & Dorothy Warren

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

Traditional Worship 8:00 am,
Sanctuary

ALL Ages Sunday School 9:15
am

Contemporary Service 10:30
am, Parish Hall

1st Sunday of the Month

Parish Ed Meeting, 11:30a in
the Conference Room

3rd Sunday of the Month

Food Pantry Distribution,
12-2p

MONDAY

Youth, 6p Youth Room

2nd Monday of the Month

Justice Ministry, 7p Zoom

TUESDAY

1st Tuesday of the Month

Elizabeth Circle, 2p Gather
Room

Rebecca Circle, 10a
Grow Room

Mary Circle, 10a Parlor

2nd Tuesday of the Month

Stewardship Committee, 5p
Gather Room/Zoom

ILDS Board Meeting 6:10 p,
Conference Room

Music & Worship Meeting 7p
Long Range Committee
Meeting, 7p

WEDNESDAY

Sotaria, 7p Parish Hall

2nd Wednesday of the Month

Tired and Retired, 11:30a
Parish Hall

3rd Wednesday of the Month

Men's Breakfast, 6:30a
Parish Hall

Quilters, 8:30a WELCA Room

THURSDAY

Bible Study with Pastor
Matthew, 11a Gather Room &
4:45p via Zoom

SATURDAY

2nd Saturday of the Month

Prayer Shawl Ministry, 9a
Gather Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW YOUTHERANS MEETING TIMES FOR 2024

Starting January 8th the Youth will be meeting on Monday
Nights! Signups for snacks and volunteers is available now via
the Connections.

YOUNG ADULTS MEETING

First Sunday of the Month! See y'all on January 7th at 9:15am in
the WELCA Room.

150TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE MEETING

Join us on January 8th at 6 pm in the Gather Room as we plan
the 150th celebration.

150TH ANNIVERSARY TICKETS

Tickets go on sale soon. We are holding off on ticket sales until
after the Jan. 8th meeting.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING/POTATO LUNCH

Sunday, Jan. 28 at 11:30 am in the Parish Hall. The Youtherans
are collecting items for the Potato Lunch, see the flyer for
details.

NEW WELCA MEETING TIMES FOR 2024

<< See sidebar for details

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF GAMES

ALL ARE WELCOME! Friday, January 26 at 1:30 in the Gather
Room. We will be playing fun card or domino games for all!

BROWN BAG LUNCH AND LEARN

Join us for six weeks as we are offering a new opportunity to
view history through the lens of our Christian faith. For more info
contact Elizabeth Arndt at earndt0@gmail.com /512-619-5572

TIRED & RETIRED

We will get together in the new year on Wednesday, January
10, 2024, 11:30 a.m. for brown bag lunch.

We Lift These Names Up In Prayer

*Sandra Noton, Virginia Weiss, Wilbert & Billie Becker, Judy
Tawater, Betty Wolf, Gail Hammett, LaVerne Scott, Betty
Wicklund, Hal Kuempel, Gloria Allmon, Nathzele Pfluger, Robert
Boehm, Mary Hufstедler, Linda Lane, John Estes, Brenda Hagn,
Karen Livingston, Michael Hansen, Chris Rankin, Brian Kleen,
Johnny Pritchett*