

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD—JANUARY 9, 2022

A MOMENT OF SABBATH REFLECTION

“How Lovely Shines the Morning Star”

—setting, Dietrich Buxtehude

Helen Weiss Phelps, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***INVOCATION**

In the name of the Father,

and of + the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,

the fountain of living water,

the rock who gave us birth,

our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,

we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font
as the minister and congregation gives thanks.*

We give you thanks, O God,

for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters

and by your Word you created the world,

calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood

you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John

and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

**By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us
heirs of your promise and servants of all.**

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

**To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.**

***GATHERING SONG**

“We Know That Christ Is Raised”

ELW # 449; st. 1, 2, 4

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**We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.
Hallelujah!**

**We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life,
as living members of our Savior Christ.
Hallelujah!**

**A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe restored and whole will sing:
Hallelujah!**

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

Let us pray. Almighty God,

**you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as
your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in
your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

PSALM: Psalm 29 (*read responsively*)

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

**²Ascribe 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.

**⁴The 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;

**⁶the 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.

**⁸The 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!"

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

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

TEACHING MOMENT

***GOSPEL Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 3rd chapter.



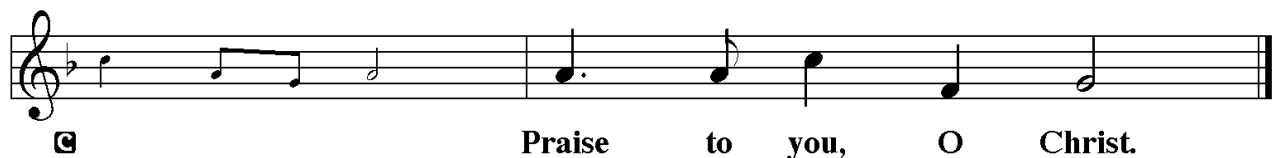
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful

than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

The gospel of the Lord.



HOMILY “Divine Encounters”

Pastor Dave Helfrich

***SONG OF THE DAY** “Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters” ELW # 445

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**Wash, O God, our sons and daughters,
Where your cleansing waters flow.
Number them among your people;
Bless as Christ blessed long ago.**

**Weave them garments bright and sparkling;
Compass them with love and light.
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit,
Holy dove and heart’s delight.**

**We who bring them long for nurture:
by your milk may we be fed.
Let us join your feast, partaking
Cup of blessing, living bread.**

**God, renew us, guide our footsteps;
Free from sin and all its snares,
One with Christ in living, dying,
By your Spirit, children, heirs.**

**Oh, how deep your holy wisdom!
Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor!
With our lives we worship, praise!**

**We your people stand before you,
Water-washed and Spirit born.
By your grace, our lives we offer.
Recreate us; God, transform!**

***APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 INTERCESSION**

MUSICAL OFFERING

“How Lovely Shines the Morning Star”

—setting, Paul Manz

Helen Weiss Phelps, organ

***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.

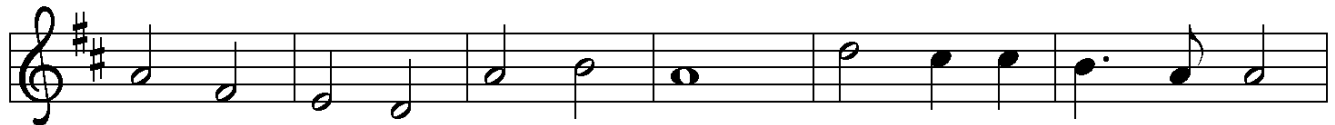
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star
he was shown forth to all nations;
in the waters of the Jordan
you proclaimed him your beloved Son;
and in the miracle of water turned to wine
he revealed your glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*SANCTUS



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.

*LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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**

LAMB OF GOD



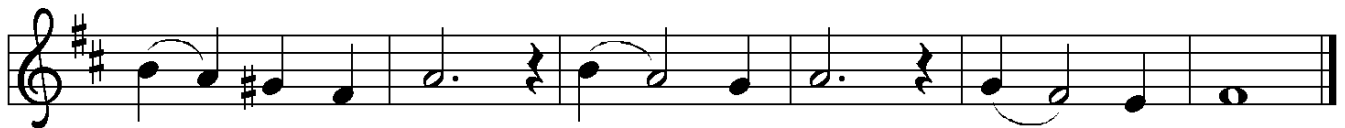
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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.

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONGS "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" ELW # 310

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**Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar,**

**branch of royal David's stem
in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.**

**Manifest at Jordan's stream,
prophet, priest, and king supreme;
and at Cana wedding guest
in thy Godhead manifest;**

**manifest in pow'r divine,
changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.**

**Manifest in making whole
weakened body, fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight,
quelling all the devil's might;**

**manifest in gracious will,
ever bringing good from ill:
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.**

**Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
present in thy holy word;
grace to imitate thee now
and be pure, as pure art thou;**

**that we might become like thee
at thy great epiphany,
and may praise thee, ever blest,
God in flesh made manifest.**

COMMUNION HYMN

"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

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ELW # 308; st. 1 & 4

**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!**

**Almighty Father, in your Son
you loved us, when not yet begun
was this old earth's foundation!
Your Son has ransomed us in love
to live in him here and above:
this is your great salvation.**

**Alleluia!
Christ the living,
to us giving
life forever,
keeps us yours and fails us never!**

***COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Amen.

***SENDING PRAYER**

***BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the name of the Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

***SENDING HYMN “Remember and Rejoice”**

ELW # 454; st. 1, 2, 4

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**Remember and rejoice,
renewed by floods of grace.
We bear the sign of Jesus Christ,
that time cannot erase.**

In life, in death, we trust
in God's most holy name,
forever traced by water sign,
and sealed by Spirit flame.

God, bless us by your grace;
remind us of your care.
Renewing Spirit, fill us now,
inspire our work, our prayer.
(end)

***DISMISSAL**

Go with Christ into a weary world.
Share the good news.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!”

—setting, Wilbur Held



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