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Baptism of Our Lord ~ January 16, 2022 ~ 8:30 a.m.

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**PRELUDE:**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:**

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

**C: Amen**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

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

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness.*

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.

**C: Amen**

**HYMN: *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized***

Christ, when for us you were baptized, God's Spirit on you came,  
As peaceful as a dove, and yet as urgent as a flame, as urgent as a flame.

God called you, "My beloved Son"; you are God's servant true,  
Set to proclaim the reign of heav'n, God's holy will to do, God's holy will to do.

Straightway and steadfast until death you then obeyed the call  
To serve with free and willing heart, to give your life for all, to give your life for all.

Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord; your cross on us be signed,  
That likewise in God's service we may perfect freedom find, may perfect freedom find.

**APOSTOLIC GREETING:**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

P: 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.

**C: Amen**

## **ANTHEM:**

### **FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 43:1-7**

*Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring the people home. God who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies and declares them precious and honored.*

A: The First Lesson is from the 43<sup>rd</sup> chapter of Isaiah.

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. <sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

<sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. <sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; <sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—<sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND LESSON: Acts 8:14-17**

*Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.*

A: The Second Lesson is from the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter of Acts.

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup>The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup>(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup>Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/THE RESPONSE:**

*Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John 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. <sup>17</sup>His 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.”

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and 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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON: *Pastor Amy***

**HYMN: *We Know That Christ Is Raised***

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!

The Father’s splendor clothes the Son with life.  
The Spirit’s fission shakes the church of God.  
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One. 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!

**RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS:**

*Our ushers will now light their candles from the Baptismal candle and pass the light to the congregation via the center aisle.*

P: Jesus said: “The one who believes and is baptized will be saved.” At baptism we give each new Christian a candle to remind them that their faith is active in their daily life when they follow Jesus’ instruction: “You are the light of the world... Let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” We hold candles today to remember our baptisms and to renew our commitment to letting our lights shine in all the dark places around us.

Let us renew our baptismal vows by professing our faith in Christ Jesus, rejecting sin, and confessing 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?

**ALL: I do.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**ALL: 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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**ALL: 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.**

P: We have made public profession of our faith. Now I ask you, 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,  
to let my light shine?

**ALL: I do and I ask God to help and guide me.**

P: Gracious Lord,

**ALL: We thank you for the new life you have given us through Holy Baptism. Continue to strengthen us with the Holy Spirit, and increase in us 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 our Lord. Amen**

## **PRAYERS:**

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:*

P: . . . Lord, in your mercy.

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen**

**OFFERTORY:** *Let the vineyards be fruitful*

*Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.*

*Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.*

*Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer.*

*Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast of come.*

**OFFERING PRAYER:**

P: Merciful God,

**C: in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**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.**

**PREFACE:**

P: 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:

**RESPONSE:**

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

**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:**

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 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:**

*Please receive the bread and wine as the pastor speaks the words:*

P: The body of Christ, given for you; and the blood of Christ, shed for you. *The communicant may say: "Amen."*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:**

*Lord, now you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled.*

*My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:*

*A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,*

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen*

**PRAYER:**

P: 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.

C: Amen

**BLESSING:**

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

*Sung Response: Amen, Amen, Amen*

**HYMN: When Jesus Came to Jordan**

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.

He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss,  
For us and our salvation to die upon the cross.  
So when the dove descended on him, the Son of Man,  
The hidden years had ended, the age of grace began.

Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make;  
This very day invade us, and ev'ry bondage break.  
Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most:  
To share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.

#### **DISMISSAL:**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

#### **POSTLUDE:**

#### **OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST LUTHERAN**

##### **Today**

8:30-Traditional Worship  
9:45-Contemporary Worship  
11:00-Traditional Worship  
**6:30-Psalms Bible Study Begins!**

**Monday**-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

**Tuesday**-2:00-Bible Study / 5:30-Council

**Thursday**-6:30-Choir Practice

**Saturday**-Volleyball Games @ 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist

##### **FUTURE MINISTRIES**

**Sun-Jan 23**-9:45-Sunday School!

**6:00-7:30-LYO Event (6<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> grades)**

**6:30-Psalms Bible Study**

**Mon-Jan 24**-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

**Tues-Jan 25**-2:00-Bible Study

**Thurs-Jan 27**-6:30-Choir Practice

**Sat-Jan 29**-Volleyball Games @ 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist

Next Sunday's Gospel: John 2:1-11

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The flowers in the chancel vases have been presented to the Glory of the Lord and in loving memory of Brandi Lynn Fye by Rick & Karen Fye.

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**Annual Congregational Meeting *Sunday January 30, 2022*** at 9:25 and 10:25 a.m.

**New Members . . .** We welcome Janet Peterson and Brunie Horchen to the congregation of Christ Church at the 9:45 service today.

**2021 Year End Statements** are available in the narthex. Please pick up yours today.

**Themes of the Epiphany Season Faith 5 Devotions** are available in the narthex and can be downloaded from our website.

**NEW Adult Bible Study . . . TONIGHT** at 6:30 let's come together in the church to study a few of our favorite Psalms. You will hear God's love and comfort for you, receive strength to endure all this craziness today, and learn something new. All are welcome.

**Mission of the Month for January & February:** *Tackle Hunger: Action Against Hunger / Souper Bowl of Caring.* Action Against Hunger is an international food aid organization, whose teams do whatever it takes to provide food assistance to worldwide communities in need. For our Souper Bowl of Caring collection on **Sunday February 13**, our youth will collect donations in soup pots at our church doors and again this year all of the money will be donated to Action Against Hunger. If you would like make a financial gift to Action Against Hunger, please use the pew envelopes and write "*Hunger*" in the "other" line. Checks may be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church.

**LYO Event for youth in grades 6th through 12<sup>th</sup>, next Sunday, January 23**, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Let's gather to play some fun games, look ahead to our big activities this year and spend a little time in worship and prayer with and for each other! For part of the event the group will divide up Senior High Youth and Middle School Youth for some separate activities. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board or email Pastor Amy at [pastormiller12@gmail.com](mailto:pastormiller12@gmail.com).

**Food Pantry Items** for January are canned chicken and/or chicken noodle soup.