

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Baptism of Our Lord ~ January 12, 2025 ~ 8:30

PRELUDE:

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TEMPLE TALK – The Keystone Family Alliance

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

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

C: Amen

P: 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.

C: Amen

P: 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.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: 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

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness.

P: 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.

C: Amen

HYMN: *When Jesus Came to Jordan*



1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John,
2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,
3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;



he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.
for us and our sal - va - tion to die u - pon the cross.
this ve - ry day in - vade us, and ev' - ry bond-age break.



He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,
So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,
Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:



to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.
the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.
to share the re - sur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.



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: Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful in their calling to be your children and inheritors with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

ANTHEM: I AM A VOICE

~ Choir

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 43:1-7

Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring the people home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies.

A: The First Lesson is from the 43rd 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. ²When 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.

³For 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. ⁴Because 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. ⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather

you; ⁶I 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—⁷everyone 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 10:34-38

Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter’s preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized.

A: The Second Lesson is from the 10th chapter of Acts.

Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.”

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/THE RESPONSE:



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3rd 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, 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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON:

Pastor John

HYMN: *Baptized in Water*

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APOSTLES' CREED:

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

**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.**

**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:

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P: . . . Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

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

C: Amen

OFFERTORY: *In the Bleak Midwinter*

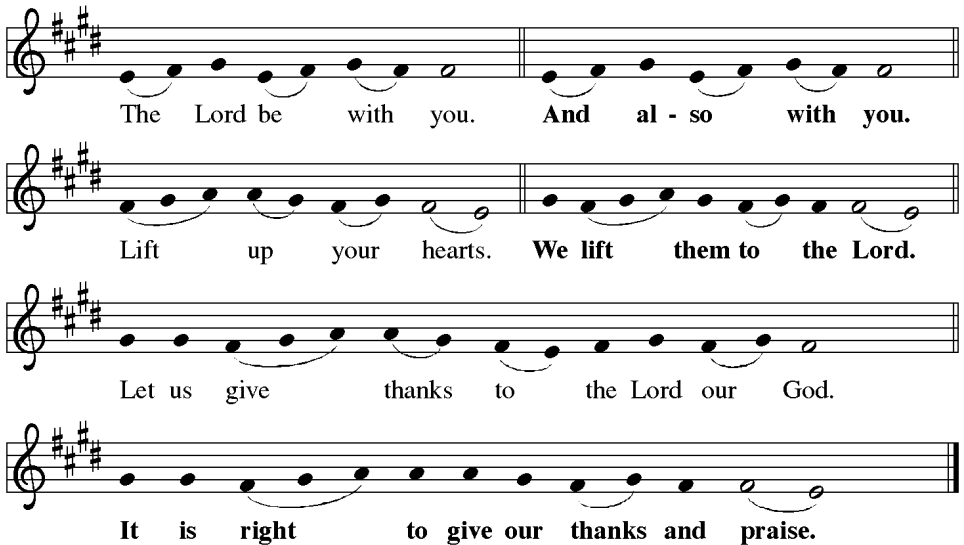
What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wiseman, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him—give my heart.

OFFERING PRAYER:

P: Merciful God,

C: in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you show 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:



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.

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:



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.

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.

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 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:

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

The body of Christ, given for you. 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 ser - vant go in peace; your word has
been ful - filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which
you have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:
A light to re - veal you to the na - tions and the
glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the
Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning,
is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men

PRAYER:

P: Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same 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: *Are You Washed in the Blood?*

Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?
Are you fully trusting in His grace this hour?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb? *Refrain*

Refrain: Are you washed in the blood,
In the soul-cleansing blood of the Lamb?
Are your garments spotless?
Are they white as snow?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Are you walking daily by the Savior's side?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?
Do you rest each moment in the Crucified?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb? *Refrain*

When the Bridegroom cometh will your robes be white?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?
Will your soul be ready for the mansions bright,
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb? *Refrain*

Lay aside the garments that are stained with sin,
And be washed in the blood of the Lamb?
There's a fountain flowing for the soul unclean,
O be washed in the blood of the Lamb. *Refrain*

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-Sunday School
9:45-Contemporary Worship

10:40-Senior High Brunch

11:00-Traditional Worship

6:30-Information Session re Budget, Organ & Constitution

Monday-9:00-Quilters/Sewers / 6:00-Property

Tuesday-2:00-Bible Study

6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/6:30-Vocal

Thursday-6:30-Traditional Choir Practice

Saturday-5 & 7:30 pm-Volleyball games @ First Baptist

FUTURE MINISTRIES

Sun-Jan 19-6:00-Confirmation Event

Mon-Jan 20-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

5:30-Council

Tues-Jan 21-2:00-Bible Study

6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/6:30-Vocal

Thurs-Jan 23-6:30-Traditional Choir Practice

Fri-Jan 24-Youth & Adults at YouthQuake in Pittsburgh through Sunday

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

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Attendance last week: Sunday Worship: 8:30-33; 9:45-77; 11:00-29

The flowers in the chancel vases have been presented to the Glory of the Lord and in loving memory of Ricky Keller by Eileen Keller.

At the 9:45 worship service we welcome our newest members Robert & Diana Kessler!

Temple Talk . . . We welcome Bobbie Johnson from the **Keystone Family Alliance**. This ministry seeks partnerships with local churches to help Pennsylvania's vulnerable children and families in the child welfare system. She will be in the narthex after worship to answer your questions and to sign you up to help as you are able.

Congregational Meeting Sunday, January 26, 2025 after the 8:30 and 9:45 worship services.

2024 Year End Statements are available in the narthex. Please pick up yours today. Thank you!

Sunday School resumes **TODAY AT 9:45**. Our new theme is “God Loves Me!”

Senior High Youth Brunch . . . TODAY after the 9:45 worship service the senior high youth will gather in the back of the Fellowship Hall for brunch and fellowship.

Discussion Session on the proposed 2025 budget, the organ capital campaign and the new constitution **TONIGHT** at 6:30 pm. Please come to learn more details about these important issues.

Budget and Summary for 2025 are located on the tables in the narthex.

Volleyball News . . . Games will be played each Saturday night in January; watch your email for details. Fans are always welcome!

Confirmation Event . . . NEXT Sunday, January 19, 6-7:30 p.m. Parents, please return at 7:20 for a brief meeting.

If you would like to donate flowers in 2025, please sign up in the Altar Flower Book, located on the table in the narthex. There are many available dates! The cost of both vases is \$20. Thank You.

At the Annual Meeting on January 26, your Church Council will ask you to approve a new constitution for Christ Church to reflect our membership in the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). This constitution is similar in form to our previous constitution but ensures the greater congregational freedom and flexibility membership in the NALC allows. You may pick up a copy of this new constitution on the tables in the narthex. Please see Pastor John or Debbie Brubaker with any questions.

NEW!! Epiphany Season Devotions, The Gospel of Luke, are available in the narthex and can be downloaded from our website.

Mission of the Month for January & February: On Sunday, February 9, our youth will collect donations in soup pots at our church doors for the Souper Bowl of Caring. All of the money collected here will benefit the DuBois Area Food Pantry. If you would like make a financial gift to the Souper Bowl of Caring, please use the pew envelopes, and write “*Souper Bowl*” in the “other” line. Checks may be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church.

Food Pantry Items for January are CANOLA OIL and/or STEVIA.