

## Baptism of Our Lord

Jan. 9 2022

American Lutheran Church, Filley, Nebraska

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### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

We gather together in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

### CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 29)

P: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**C: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

P: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

**C: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

P: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**C: He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

P: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

**C: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

P: The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

**C: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.**

P: May the Lord give strength to his people!

**C: May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

### GATHERING HYMN: "Brightest and Best" #84 (LBW), vv. 1-3

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

**C: Amen.**

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

*(silence for reflection and self-examination)*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

P: Rejoice in this good news in † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**C: Amen.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Let us pray...

**C: 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.**

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

<sup>1</sup>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."

SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17

<sup>14</sup>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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (*Noisy offering is taken at this time.*)

(*Children are excused to go downstairs for Sunday School.*)

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

<sup>15</sup>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."

MESSAGE

Pastor Jonathan Jensen

HYMN OF THE DAY: "**Bright and Glorious is the Sky**" #75(LBW), vv. 1,5,6

*Offerings will be received at this time.*

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Merciful God,

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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 OF THE PEOPLE:

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

*A brief silence.*

By the Holy Spirit, you gather your church and send it out in mission to share the good news of Jesus. Inspire your faithful people to be fervent in prayer and service, that all people know they are precious in God's sight. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

You reveal your love and power through water and the Spirit. Guard rivers, seas, and all bodies of water from destruction and pollution. Secure access to clean water for all, and protect the land from drought and flood. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Establish among the nations the blessings of peace. Raise up leaders who will protect vulnerable people in their care. Strengthen advocates who risk reputation or retaliation for the sake of mercy and justice. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

You protect us through the fires and troubled waters of this life. Assure us that we will not be cut off from you by illness or despair, anxiety or pain, confusion or weakness. Comfort all who are in need (*Dustin and Janice*). God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

We are joined in baptism to Christ and to one another. Bless those who are newly baptized and those who are preparing for baptism. Help us to be faithful in fellowship, worship, evangelism, service, and justice-seeking. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

You created each of your saints for your glory. We give thanks for those you have called by name into your eternal embrace (*Don VanEperen*). Comfort us in grief and release us from fear. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

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.**

BENEDICTION

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May his face shine upon you with grace and mercy. May He look upon you with favor and grant you peace. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: "**As with Gladness Men of Old**" #82(LBW), vv. 1-3

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** It's wonderful to gather as the body of Christ to worship and give thanks to God! Thanks be to God for all of you here! If you are a visitor, please sign the guest book and feel welcome to come again. You are invited to come downstairs for refreshments and fellowship following worship.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS;** Dustin Fritch, Janice Uecker and our shut-ins.

**OUR SYMPATHY** to the family of Don Van Eperen who passed away Monday, January 3. Don's funeral will be held Tuesday, January 11, at 10:30 a.m. at American Lutheran. We commend Don to God's care and ask His blessings on his family and friends.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Adam Keedy (Jan 9) Kaleb Wood (Jan 10) Rebecca Crosier, Denise Fritzen (Jan 11) Melvin Dorf, Owen Robertson( Jan 12) Art Saathoff (Jan 14) Mike Baehr (Jan 15)

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** to Dennis and Brenda Hippen (Jan 11, 1985) Justin and Whitney Antons (Jan 12, 2013)

**ANNUAL REPORT ITEMS** are due to the church office by TOMORROW! Please leave your report at the church office or email to Britan at [britanrace@gmail.com](mailto:britanrace@gmail.com). Thank you!

**SUNMART RECEIPTS:** Thanks to everyone who has been saving their SunMart receipts! SunMart/Spartan Nash Co. supports a fundraising program called "Support Our Schools and Churches." All you have to do is save your SunMart cash register receipt tapes and put them in the box in the Fellowship Hall (or give to a council person). When we have collected \$150,000 in receipt tapes Spartan Nash Company awards us a check for \$1000. We have reached our goal of \$150,000 two times so far and are starting over again with a balance of about \$95,000.00. You can also ask your check-out person if they have any extra receipts. They save the ones that people don't want and give them out – first come, first serve. Thank you to everyone who is helping with this ministry!

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### **COMING UP:**

Every Wednesday – BeLoved/Confirmation, 4:00-5:30 p.m

January 9 -The Long Range Planning Committee will meet after church to prepare for the upcoming annual meeting.

January 16, 2022- American Lutheran's Annual Meeting will be held immediately after church.

### **WORSHIP HELPERS**

Transitional Minister – Pastor Jonathan Jensen, 402-768-3665

Council – Dave Norton-President (402-520-3555), Virgil Jobman-Vice President (402-310-6339), Carol Frerichs-Secretary (402-223-7919), Brenda Hippen-Treasurer (402-688-4466), Linda Searcey-at large (402-223-8237).

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Audio/Video: Randy Schmidt NEXT WEEK- Brad Frerichs

Accompanist: Sandy Mahler; NEXT WEEK- Sandy Mahler

Fellowship Brad and Susan Frerichs NEXT WEEK – Virgil and Pat Jobman