



Jesus' Baptism

We cannot rest on our laurels. There is work to do.

January 8, 2023 10:00am

*Worshiping and Growing Together in Christ
Serving and Reaching Out Joyfully to All!*



Welcome! We're glad you're here!

*If you are a guest and are interested in knowing more about this community and the ministries that Holy Shepherd is engaged in, please fill out the **Welcome Card** located in the pew racks. Once filled out, please place the card either in the offering basket as you come forward to receive communion or at the information desk as you enter the narthex.*

Thank you and we look forward to getting to know you!

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Prelude

"Oh How Good It Is"

Welcome

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.**

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"
who has shone in our hearts
to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.**

So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off
and peace to those who were near;
for through him all of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.

The peace of Christ be with you, **And also with you!**

Please greet one another as we are gathered as one in the Spirit.

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.

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

Baptized in Water

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**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.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Holy Spirit, **in the waters of the Jordan you claimed Jesus as your beloved son and launched him into his earthly ministry. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that we might live as your children and care for all that you have made. Amen.**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

The Pharisees and Sadducees went to the wilderness to see what John was about. He wasn't happy with their attitude of entitlement. He warned them another was coming to separate the ones who were producing good fruit from the ones who were not. Perhaps this one could be Jesus?

Psalm 2:1-8

Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?
The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and his anointed, saying,

"Let us burst their bonds apart and cast their cords from us."

He who sits in the heavens laughs;

the LORD has them in derision.

Then he will speak to them in his wrath and terrify them in his fury, saying,

"I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill."

I will tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to me,

"You are my son; today I have begotten you.

**Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage
and the ends of the earth your possession.**

You shall break them with a rod of iron

and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

Now therefore, O kings, be wise;

be warned, O rulers of the earth.

Serve the LORD with fear; with trembling kiss his feet,

or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Happy are all who take refuge in him.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:1-17

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” ⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

✠ Growing with Jesus ✠

Children’s Time

Message

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;
make straight the way for God within,
and let us all our hearts prepare
for Christ to come and enter there.

We hail you as our Savior, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without your grace we waste away
like flow'rs that wither and decay.

Stretch forth your hand, our health restore,
and make us rise to fall no more;
oh, let your face upon us shine
and fill the world with love divine.

All praise to you, eternal Son,
whose advent has our freedom won,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Spirit, evermore.

Proclamation of Faith

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

We believe in God the creator, savior and sustainer of all life.

**We believe that God's reign is created with a love
that knows no boundaries, not even death.**

**We believe that God leads us as God's hands, feet and voice
to journey as disciples of Jesus,
to go deeper in our pilgrimage with God,
and to proclaim and live in God's love
that continues to renew all of creation.**

Prayers of the People

Confident that our savior, Jesus Christ, hears us when we pray, we lift up the church, the world, and all in need.

Prayer response:

Merciful God, **you hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and hold all for whom we pray in your loving arms, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

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 God thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution

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.

Invitation

God claims you as beloved children, and invites you to the feast that has no end. Come share in Christ's body and blood with your precious siblings. All is ready.

✠ We Are Church. Better Together ✠

Options on how to receive Holy Communion:

1) You may come forward to the rails, kneel or stand, starting at the center and fill along the rail. After you have received communion you may exit by the side aisles and those waiting will then fill in the empty space at the rail. Bread (gluten-free) and wine or grape juice (center of the tray) will be given to you at the rails with the words spoken:

“The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.”

If you would like communion served in the pew, please signal to a pastor or the assisting minister.

2) You may take a pre-prepared kit to your seat, located at the back entrance, and receive communion at your seat,

(One side of the cup contains a gluten-free wafer and the other side contains juice. Please open the wafer side first.)

3) For those participating online, you may have any type of bread and wine or juice and take these elements as you are able.

All are Welcome

You are invited . . .

to bring an **offering** forward before or after worship or during Holy Communion.

The offering is gathered in front of the communion table where we are reminded of God’s gifts given to us in Christ and our response to these gifts.

Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Song

“Prepare the Way”

- Praise Team

Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer

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

O God, you call upon us to bear good fruit. Accept these gifts as a sign of our commitment to you and the world you have created, in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Home Communion Sending

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist us in this ministry on which we are sent forth. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this sacrament, that through the body and blood of your Son we all may know the comfort of your abiding presence. **Amen.**

God blesses us and sends us put in mission to the world

Blessing

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod
✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always. **Amen.**

Sending Song

Shine, Jesus, Shine

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Refrain

**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!**

**Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me: *Refrain***

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story,
Shine on me, shine on me: *Refrain***

Sending

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

✝ WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES ✝

- **THANK YOU** for being considerate of disabled worshippers and their families. Please leave the pew cuts and several adjoining seats available for those with walkers, wheelchairs, or electric carts and their families.
- **HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES (4 devices available)** are located at the sound booth located in the back of the sanctuary on the east side.
- **PRAYER STATION** is available before and after worship for candle-lighting. Please be mindful of personal space around one another.
- **FELLOWSHIP:** Once service has concluded, if you would like to greet one another, the narthex, fellowship hall, library and columbarium are available for fellowship.

OFFERING

If you would like to make a donation to the mission of Holy Shepherd, which will be used to serve the community, neighborhood and the world, there is an offering plate located at the front of the sanctuary. Please make checks payable to:
Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church. *Thank you.*

NURSERY

The nursery (un-staffed) will be available to use for your family, if you need to leave the service. The library and Fellowship Hall are also available



Worship Leadership

- Pastors: Julie Brooks, Teri Hermsmeyer
- Organist: Jordan Ortman
- Assisting Minister: John Reed
- Praise Team: Directed by Diane Klinkerfues
- Communion Assistants: Denise Rosko, Bonnie Yockstick
- Reader: John Reed
- Greeter: John Reed
- Usher: Del Felton
- Altar Guild: Susie DiPaolo
- Technology: Judy Ekberg, Josh Cohen
- Fellowship Hosts: Pat & Gerald Scholten

Narrative Lectionary Worship Resources

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