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THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 12, 2025

8:15 AM



³² Then John testified, “I saw the Holy Spirit descending like a dove from heaven and resting upon him. ³³ I didn’t know he was the one, but when God sent me to baptize with water, he told me, ‘The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and rest is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴ I saw this happen to Jesus, so I testify that he is the Chosen One of God.”” (John 1)

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY TO THE GLORY OF GOD

At the beginning of the service all are asked to sign the attendance card located in the pew racks and place them in the offering plate during the collection. So that we may better serve you and send you more information, guests, please print your address and telephone number on this card.

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THIS WEEK AT FAITH!

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS TODAY... We are grateful to God for His blessings of leaders in our ministry. May God bless you, elected officers and members, with His Holy Spirit, that you may prove faithful stewards of Christ our Lord. *Gracious God, grant us, Your servants, every spiritual gift necessary to complete our tasks in harmony with Your plans for us and for this organization. Lead us to discover our greatest potential as well as our limitations. Help us accept the humanity of one another. Most of all, instill in all of us daily dependence on You, our loving Father. Amen.* The God of peace make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

WE BELIEVE GOD’S WORD... ON THE LORD’S SUPPER

We believe that in the Sacrament of Holy Communion Christ gives His true body and blood under the form of bread and wine for the assurance of the forgiveness of sins. We believe Jesus is truly present in the Sacrament, and as we come in faith to receive it, we receive Him. The Bible teaches that those who eat without recognizing the Lord's body, eat and drink judgment on themselves (*I Corinthians 11:27-29*). Those baptized and believing Christians who share our confession of faith are welcome guests at the Altar. The Pastor would be glad to answer any questions relating to our faith or practice. Anyone not confirmed or communing is welcome to come and receive a blessing.

Also Happening This Week (Jan 12 to 18, 2025)

Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Create in Me - Ladies’ Crafts

Our Discipleship the past weeks:

Worship	1/5/2025	1/12/25	1/19/25	1/25/25
8:15 Traditional	84 (73)			
11:00 Contemporary	60 (55)			
Sunday School				
Monthly Budget	\$44,200	\$44,200	\$44,200	\$44,200
Giving MTD	\$10,487	\$	\$	\$
Weekly Giving	\$10,487	\$	\$	\$
On-line Giving				

ORDER OF WORSHIP

AS WE GATHER

Luke 3:15-22: Jesus came to fully carry out the will of His Father. This included being baptized to fulfill all righteousness and take our place under the holy Law of God. He lived in perfect obedience to that Law in our place so that we might be the redeemed children of God who now have some really Good News to share with others who need to hear some. Don't deprive your friends, co-workers, neighbors, or anyone else the blessing of hearing from God when He says to them "You are Mine!"

Please stand

OPENING HYMN "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"

LSB 405

- ♪ 1. To Jordan's river came our Lord, The Christ, whom heav'nly hosts adored,
The God from God, the Light from Light, The Lord of glory, pow'r, and might.
2. The Savior came to be baptized—The Son of God in flesh disguised—
To stand beneath the Father's will And all His righteousness fulfill.
3. As Jesus in the Jordan stood And John baptized the Lamb of God,
The Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove, Descended on Him from above.
4. Then from God's throne with thund'rous sound
Came God's own voice with words profound:
"This is My Son," was His decree, "The one I love, who pleases Me."
5. The Father's word, the Spirit's flight Anointed Christ in glorious sight
As God's own choice, from Adam's fall To save the world and free us all.
6. Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute; This man is Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan's stream, Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 151

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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 self-examination

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

KYRIE

LSB 152

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

♪ Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

♪ Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

♪ Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

♪ Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

♪ Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 154

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

♪ Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

♪ And also with you.

Let us pray: Father in heaven, at our Lord's baptism in the Jordan river You once proclaimed Jesus Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized in his name may faithfully keep the covenant into which they have been

called, boldly confess their Savior, and with him be heirs of life eternal; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Amen.

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 43:1–7

¹⁸The But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
“Fear not, 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, Cush and Seba in exchange for you.
⁴Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you,
I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life.
⁵Fear not, 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 up, and to the south, Do not withhold;
bring my sons from afar 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.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 29

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

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.**

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters.

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

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

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

The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare,
and in his temple all cry, “Glory!”

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.
May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!

EPISTLE READING

Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.
⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Please stand.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 156

♫ **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-22

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

♫ **Glory to You, O Lord.**

As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶ John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸ So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹ But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reprov'd by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰ added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison. ²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

♪ Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered"

LSB 404

- ♪ 1. Jesus, once with sinners numbered, Had no blemish of His own;
In the waters of the Jordan His true worth and work were shown:
Heaven opened and the Spirit There descended like a dove,
As the Father's voice resounded, "Hear My Son, the One I love."
2. John confessed Him as the Savior— "Look, the sinless Lamb of God!"
Yet he dared not loose the sandals Of the One God's love had shod.
Oh, how fair the feet of Jesus, Bringing news of peace to us,
Christ, the herald of salvation, Preaching mercy from the cross:
3. This the baptism that our Savior Greatly longed to undergo;
This the crimson cleansing needed So the world God's love might know;
This the mission of Messiah As He stepped from Jordan's stream,
He, the chosen and anointed Son of God, sent to redeem.
4. Jesus, once with sinners numbered, Full obedience was Your path;
You, by death, have consecrated Water in this saving bath:
Dying to the sin of Adam, Rising to a life of grace;
We are counted with the righteous, Over us the cross You trace.

Sermon "Jesus Numbered... And Now, Numbered in and with Jesus"

By his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,
make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities;
because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors. (Isaiah 53)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended**

into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Elder: In peace, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

(A time of silence for personal prayer.)

For the baptized people of God, that strengthened by His Holy Spirit we would walk as the new and holy people He has declared us to be in Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the family, especially all Christian homes; for husbands and wives, that God would turn them toward one another in love; for fathers and mothers, that God would equip them for their holy duty as teachers of the faith; and for all children, that God would preserve them in the saving faith and certain promises of their Baptism unto life everlasting, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the rulers of the nations, that they would submit to the preaching of God's Word and acknowledge Jesus as the Christ and true King, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For who find themselves in times of weakness, illness, despair and death, [especially _____,] that God would grant healing and relief according to His will; and that He would give us every aid of His Holy Spirit to endure afflictions and find comfort in the healing wounds of the Savior, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

For all the baptized who partake of the Lord's Supper today, that God would give us tender hearts to confess our need and rejoice in His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

Lord God, heavenly Father, You manifested Yourself with the Holy Spirit in the fullness of grace at the Baptism of Your dear Son. With Your voice, You directed us to the One who has borne our sins, that we may receive grace and forgiveness. Keep us, we implore You, in the true faith. Since we have been baptized in accordance with Your command and the example of Your Son, strengthen our faith by Your Holy Spirit and lead us to everlasting life and salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS



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A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Almighty God, all that we possess is from Your loving hand. Give us grace that we may honor You with all we own, always remembering the account we must one day give to Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Luke 3:21 – “Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying ...” We know why the people were baptized, but why was Jesus baptized? He didn’t need repentance or forgiveness. The answer is that He did it for us. The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. The whole of Jesus’ life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us. With our righteousness fulfilled in Jesus and given to us in Baptism, our hearts now overflow with thanksgiving and praise.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Please stand

OFFERTORY

LSB 159

♪ What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

**I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and will call on the name of the Lord.**

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. For in the waters of the Jordan you revealed with signs and wonders a new Baptism, so that through the voice that came down from heaven we might come to believe in your Word dwelling among us, and by the Spirit’s descending in the likeness of a dove we might know that Christ your Servant has been anointed with the oil of gladness and sent to bring the good news to the poor. Therefore with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, we sing:

♪ Holy, holy, holy 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.

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PEACE OF THE LORD

LSB 163

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

Please take a moment and share the Peace of the Lord with those around you.

LAMB OF GOD

LSB 163

♪ 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.

We examine ourselves before partaking our Lord's Supper.

"ALL CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED"

LSB 596

♪ 1. All Christians who have been baptized, Who know the God of heaven,
And in whose daily life is prized The name of Christ once given:
Consider now what God has done, The gifts He gives to ev'ryone
Baptized into Christ Jesus!

2. You were before your day of birth, Indeed, from your conception,
Condemned and lost with all the earth, None good, without exception.
For like your parents' flesh and blood, Turned inward from the highest good,
You constantly denied Him.

3. But all of that was washed away— Immersed and drowned forever.
The water of your Baptism day Restored again whatever
Old Adam and his sin destroyed And all our sinful selves employed
According to our nature.

4. In Baptism we now put on Christ— Our shame is fully covered
With all that He once sacrificed And freely for us suffered.

**For here the flood of His own blood Now makes us holy, right, and good
Before our heav'nly Father.**

**5. O Christian, firmly hold this gift And give God thanks forever!
It gives the power to uplift In all that you endeavor.
When nothing else revives your soul, Your Baptism stands and makes you whole
And then in death completes you.**

**6. So use it well! You are made new— In Christ a new creation!
As faithful Christians, live and do Within your own vocation,
Until that day when you possess His glorious robe of righteousness
Bestowed on you forever!**

THANK THE LORD

LSB 164

**♪ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

LSB 166

Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”

LSB 395

**♪ 2. “Come, heavenly Bridegroom, Light divine,
and deep within our hearts now shine; There light a flame undying!
In Your one body let us be As living branches of a tree,
Your life our lives supplying.
Now, though daily Earth's deep sadness May perplex us
And distress us, Yet with heavenly joy You bless us.**

SENDING

Go in peace to serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God.

Sunday Bible Studies 9:45 a.m.

- ▶ Ezekiel (Cafeteria)
- ▶ Stewardship Basics (Choir Room)
- ▶ **The Wired Word: What does the Bible say about?** (Board Room)
 - ▶ Acts (LWML Room)
- ▶ Sunday School: Ages 4 through 6th Grade (Gathers in Sanctuary)
- ▶ Youth Confirmation: 7th and 8th Graders (Confirmation Room)
 - ▶ High School/College Age Bible Study (Youth Room)

Open House, TODAY, Sunday, Jan 12

Faith Lutheran School, 1 – 3 pm

We are spreading the Word... We have room for God's precious children at Faith!

Sunday, January 19, 2025, 12:30 p.m., we hold our first Voters Meeting of the year. The Board of Directors will give an update of 2024 and an overview of 2025-26 Ministry Plans.

District President Visit Our Florida-Georgia District President, Rev. James Rockey, will be with us on **Sunday, February 23, 2025**, in worship and for a presentation. He will preach at both services and be available to meet with our congregation and leadership to provide encouragement and counsel as we make our way with our Pastoral and Principal Calls.

Wednesday Gatherings

Resumes this Wednesday, January 8, 2025, with supper at 5:30 pm and event at 6:30.

To register for supper, follow this link:



We want to let the congregation know that, with their help, the Food Pantry donated 2,420 bags of food and toiletries last year to people in our community. Thank you! We are making an impact in our area and beyond!

2025 Directory Available

Thanks to the Stewardship Board for their time and effort in producing the new Member and Friends Directory. A special thanks to Sherri Booker and Charlotte Bode for their leadership in this valuable tool for our fellowship. They will hand out Directories before and after worship, or look for a copy on the narthex tables.

"I AM A TRUST FROM YOU, LORD!"

God has entrusted me with life, body and soul, and all my material and spiritual blessings. By faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, I will care for, honor, and freely and gladly share His gifts.

Now, our God, we give You thanks, and praise Your glorious name. But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. -- 1 Chronicles 29:13-14