

This is the Spirit's entry now:
The water and the word,
The cross of Jesus on your brow,
The seal both felt and heard.

The Baptism of Our Lord January, 13, 2019



# Sunday, January 13, 2019 The Baptism of our Lord Holy Communion

# January 13, 2019 • 7:45 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M. Services

#### **WELCOME TO EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

#### INTRODUCTION

The Baptism of Our Lord cannot help but recall our own and all baptismal blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as daughters and sons, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again, for this assembly, and we receive the gift of the beloved Son of God in bread and wine.

PRELUDE Deep River / Going Home Spiritual/Dvorak

#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The assembly stands.

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.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

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

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**ELW 448** 

#### **GREETING**

The boundless grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God, and the light of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

#### **GLORY TO GOD**



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Text: Isaiah 60:1, 6; Matthew 2:2, para. Daniel Schwandt; George D. Elderkin, refrain Music: We'll Walk in the light, traditional, arr. Daniel Schwandt Text and arrangement © 2013 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Permission is granted for reproduction of this item for non-sale local use only, provided that each copy carries the copyright notice.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

(Please turn to page 745 in the Old Testament of your pew Bible).

Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring them 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. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17

(Please turn to page 131 in the New Testament of your pew Bible).

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.

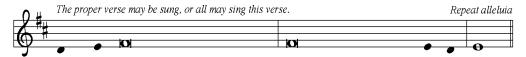
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**





A voice from heaven said, This is my Son the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.

**GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17** 

(Please turn to page 61 in the New Testament of your pew Bible).

The holy gospel according to Luke, the third chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON Pastor Rick Bliese

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY You Are Mine ELW 581

#### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

APOSTLES' CREED
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.\*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.

\*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Giving thanks for the gift of baptism and the gifts of grace in the world, we pray for the church, the world, and those in need. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

# Congregational refrain: Hear Our Prayer



We bring to you, Christ, members and friends of Emmanuel who need your healing touch.

(Names from our congregation...)

Into your loving hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ our risen Savior. **Amen.** 

# Congregational refrain: Hear Our Prayer

#### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

# And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

#### **OFFERING**

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set.

#### **OFFERTORY**

The Emmanuel Choir sings this song today in loving memory of our sister and Choir member. Carolyn Heier, who went to her eternal rest with the Lord on Monday, January 7.

> Down to the River to Pray (9:30 - Emmanuel Choir; 11:00 - Ensemble)

arr. Larson

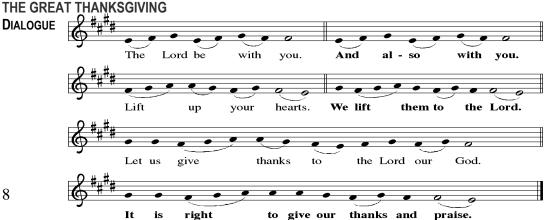
Bev Ranstrom, violinist

As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good old way, and who shall wear the starry crown--Good Lord, show me the way! O sisters/brothers let's go down, let's go down, come on down O sisters/brothers, let's go down, down to the river to pray. Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God? As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good old way, and who shall wear the starry crown--Good Lord, show me the way! O sinners let's go down, let's go down, come on down, O sinners let's go down, down to the river to pray.

The assembly stands.

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



#### **PREFACE**

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;

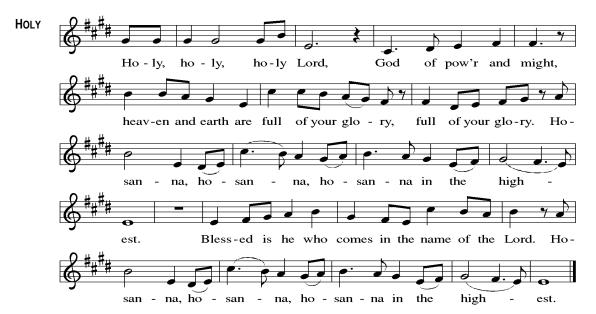
In the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son,

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:



#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

#### 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.

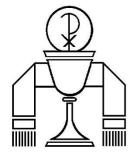
#### Invitation to Communion

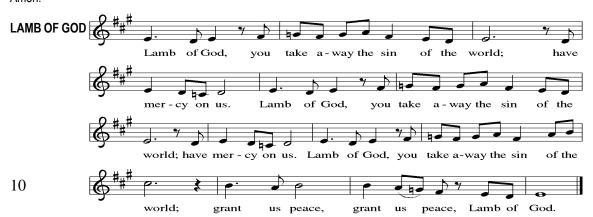
Come to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you.

#### COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond
Amen.

Invited to the Lord's Table are all baptized Christians who celebrate with us the Real Presence of Christ in the Sacrament. The Communion is administered by "intinction," that is, the bread is handed to the communicant and the communicant dips the bread into the wine. If you are not able to take the wine, simply take the bread. Children are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you desire Communion, but are not able to come forward, please let an usher know. We'll bring it to you. If you do not wish to partake of the Sacrament, simply remain seated when vour row is directed to come forward. Gluten-free wafers are available. Simply ask the Communion server





How Beautiful the Feet

G.F. Handel Kimberly Albrecht, soloist

(7:45, 9:30, 11:00)

(9:30, 11:00)

# THE LORD IS MY LIGHT

# Psalm 27



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#### **ASSEMBLY HYMNS:**

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart ELW 800
Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters ELW 445
Remember and Rejoice ELW 454

The assembly stands.

#### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We thank you, O God,
that you have fed us at your banqueting table
with bread and wine beyond compare,
the very life of Christ for us.
Send your Spirit with us now,
that we may set the captive free,
use your gifts to build one another up,
and in everything reflect your glory
revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

## **BLESSING**

The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

SENDING SONG I'm Going On a Journey ELW 446

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is your light.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE I'm Going On a Journey Reprise

#### 7:45 Service

Greeters: Dick & Joan Spangler Assisting Minister: Barry Borman

Lector: Joyce O'Neill Acolyte: Jim Klinke

Ushers: Arlene Borman, Ray & Melissa Schrader, Rosy Myers

Altar Guild: Joyce O'Neil

Hospitality: Kerstin Beitzel & Pat Marlett

## 9:30 Service

Greeters: Dave & Kerstin Beitzel Assisting Minister: Theresa Shaw

Lector: Fred Davis
Acolyte: Sally Johnson

Ushers: Hal Williams, Jerry Kimble, Bruce Carlson

Altar Guild: Bruce & Cheryl Carlson Hospitality: Kerstin Beitzel & Pat Marlett

## 11:00 Service

Greeters: Ann Jones & Beth Supensky

Assisting Minister: Rick Boe Lector: Carol Hartman Acolyte: Maridee Boe

Ushers: Bud & Nancy Umbach, Linda Goldberg, Laurie Wren

Altar Guild: Diedre Milligan

Hospitality: Kerstin Beitzel & Pat Marlett



The flowers that beautify our altar today are given by Mike and Frances Maslowski in loving memory of Jennifer Nevers.

