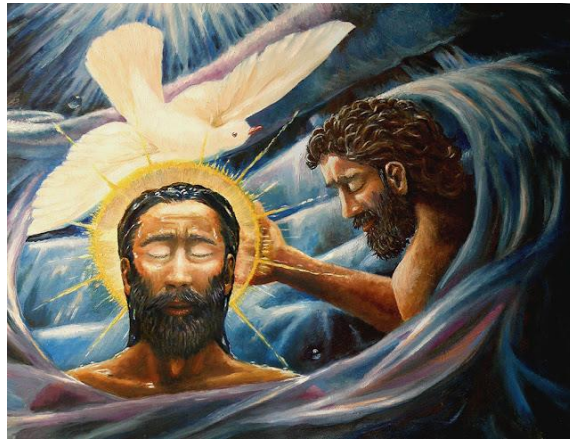


**January 7, 2023**  
**Baptism of Our Lord**



**Thought:** God has called you by name and you are His. Name and change by God's Spirit in Baptism. Through Christ's baptism, the One who names Jesus as child and beloved declares that same gift and calling upon you in your baptism. Your name is how you now see yourself. God sees the essence of who you are and you are known.

**Prelude – Lillian Pinkston**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prayer Concerns**

**Sharing of the Peace**

**P:** The peace of our Lord, reach your heart and who you are! God's peace be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

## Call to Worship

L: In the beginning was the word, and the Spirit moving over the face of waters.

**C: We rejoice in your new creation, O God, by your Spirit coursing through baptism's waters.**

L: And God spoke – and God saw that it was good.

**C: We gather to hear and follow your living Word, as your beloved children.**

**Gathering Hymn – “When Jesus Came to Jordan”**

ELW #305

## Invocation

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

**C: Amen.**

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: O God, John's baptism of repentance should not be for Jesus, your sinless one, but it should be for us.

**C: We are the ones who have been baptized into your name, but continually find ways to avoid or reject our standing as your children.**

**Forgive us for acting as though we have not heard your command to love you and love our neighbor as ourselves.**

**By your Spirit's renewing power, help us to live as your beloved and faithful children.**

P: As Isaiah 43 says: “I have called you by name and you are mine.” By the presence and power of God through Jesus our Lord, your sins are forgiven.

**C: Amen.**

## Kyrie

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: 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 and Amen!**

## Prayer of the Day

L: Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters.

**C: Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

## Preparing for the Word

L: The vast expanse of sky stretches in praise.

**C: The waters and streams cry out in longing.**

L: The earth now hardened, incubates life.

**C: And we your people awaken.**

## Old Testament reading – Genesis 1:1-5

*Out of chaos, God brings order. God created and continues to create new life.*

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light.

<sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.

<sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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

## Psalm 29

*The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.*

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**<sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God’s name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the <sup>l</sup> mighty waters.

**<sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a <sup>l</sup> voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the ce- <sup>l</sup> dars of Lebanon;

**<sup>6</sup>the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**<sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, “Glory!”

**<sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength | to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

**Epistles reading – Acts 19:1-7**  
*Into what then were you baptized?*

<sup>1</sup>While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” <sup>3</sup>Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” <sup>4</sup>Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” <sup>5</sup>On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—<sup>7</sup>altogether there were about twelve of them.

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

**Holy Gospel – Mark 1:4-11**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you O Lord.**

<https://youtu.be/RQTiaGKruVk?si=kzSdUXAFzaAefzkk>

*I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.*

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, “The one

who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

### **Children of God Time**

<https://youtu.be/iGdrNypfvqs?si=F-U6pVwXT41E4-8f>

**Message** – “Resolution or Renewal?”

<https://youtu.be/HcDxlv9hINy?si=Ef3L9qY1TIOI27HV>

**Hymn of the Day** – “Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized” ELW #304

### **Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance  
with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the  
right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **Prayers of Intercession**

P: As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

L: Inspire wisdom and a spirit of proclamation in your church, God of forgiveness. Uplift leaders (*church leaders may be named*) to share the truth of your word in community. Encourage us to live into the promises of baptism, working for justice and peace in all the world. God of grace,

**C: receive our prayer.**

L: Renew your creation, God of thunder and mighty waters. Restore the rivers in which your children are baptized. May fields flourish and grow. Summon the stewards and caretakers of the land to cherish your good works. God of grace,

**C: receive our prayer.**

L: Give strength to your leaders, God who is present in every country and community. Raise up leaders committed to equity and healing. Grant them discernment and compassion as they lead in love. God of grace,

**C: receive our prayer.**

L: Protect and cherish the most vulnerable among us, God of strength. Accompany those separated from family or hurting from broken relationships. Shelter our unhoused neighbors and any experiencing poverty. Protect those incarcerated in prisons and detention centers. Care for the sick and suffering (*especially*). God of grace,

**C: receive our prayer.**

L: Encourage this congregation, God who calls and sends disciples. Guide us in accompanying, learning from, and serving our neighbors on the margins, following the example of Jesus. God of grace,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

L: Trusting the assurance of the Holy Spirit, we remember all who have died and rest in God's care. Give hope to those who grieve even as we rest in your eternal promise of resurrection. God of grace,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**Offering/Offertory Music** – “Bright and Glorious Is the Sky” ELW #301 vss. 1-3

### **Offertory Prayer**

L: Heavenly Father...

**C: Father...**

L: ...you have made us your children through the waters of Baptism and the death and resurrection of your Son. Accept these gifts, O Father...

**C: Father...**

L: For they are rightfully yours. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: 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 our thanks and praise.**

### **Preface**

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus**

### **Words of Institution**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

### **Invitation**

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

### **Distribution**

**Communion Music** – Lillian Pinkston

**Post Communion Blessing** – Pastor

### **Post Communion Prayer**

L: Lord Jesus Christ, in this meal you invite us into the Father's presence.

**C: Give us eyes to see**

L: a table spread in heaven's halls.

**C: Give us ears to hear**

L: our Father's voice:

**C: "You are my beloved; with you I am well pleased."**

L: We bless you now and evermore.

**C: Amen.**

**Benediction – from Numbers 6**



**Sending Hymn – “Arise, Your Light Has Come”** ELW #314

**Dismissal**

L: Morning by morning your Baptismal Promise is refreshed by God’s promise...you are my child. Go in joy to serve!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude – Lillian Pinkston**

