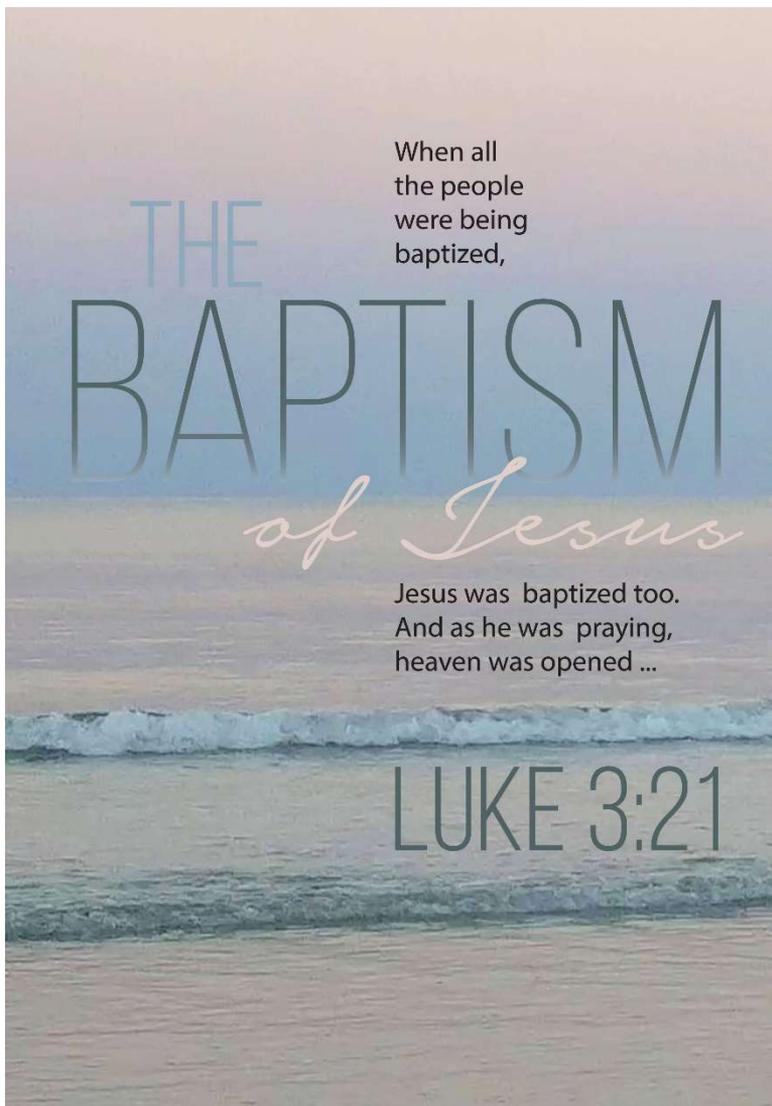


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Our vision for ministry ...

**"God calls us to reach out and to grow in Christ's love"**



Baptism of Our Lord

*Announcements and Parish Concerns*

The grace and peace of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

Let's join in praising our Lord Jesus!

*Hymn* ELW (red book) **310** "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

**1**Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
manifested by the star to the sages from afar,  
branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem:  
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

**2**Manifest at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest, and king supreme;  
and at Cana wedding guest in thy Godhead manifest;  
manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine;  
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

**3**Manifest in making whole weakened body, fainting soul;  
manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might;  
manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill:  
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

**4**Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, present in thy holy word;  
grace to imitate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;  
that we might become like thee at thy great epiphany,  
and may praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.

*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.**

*Hymn Of Praise* Tune: ELW (red book) **855**  
"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

**Glory to God on high, and to the earth God's peace!**  
**With thanks God's name we glorify; let gladsome praise increase!**  
**With angel hosts we sing / your holy name to bless,**  
**Almighty Father, heav'nly King, enthroned in holiness.**

**Jesus, the Father's Son, the Lamb for sinners slain,**  
**You are the Lord, the Holy One / by earth and heav'n proclaimed.**  
**To all eternity / You with the Spirit live,**  
**In God the Father's majesty, To God all glory give!**

*Prayer of the Day*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray together: **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 Lesson: Isaiah 43: 1-7* 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. 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. 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. 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. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; 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— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made." nrsv

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

*Second Lesson: Acts 8: 14-17* Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. nrsv

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

*Response: Please stand and sing*

Tune: ELW (red book) 301 "Bright and Glorious is the Sky"

**And this star, as bright as day, that will never lead astray  
with its message so appealing, is the word of God, revealing  
Christ, the way, the truth, the life, Christ, the way, the truth, the life**

*Gospel Lesson: The Good News of Our Lord Jesus Christ!*

The Good News according to St. Luke the third Chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

*Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22* As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 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. 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." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, 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." nrsv

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Sermon: Pastor Paulette Obrecht*

*Hymn* ELW (red book) 311 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

**<sup>1</sup>Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed, your reign on earth begun!  
You come to break oppression, to set the captive free,  
to take away transgression and rule in equity.**

**<sup>2</sup>You come with rescue speedy to those who suffer wrong,  
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in your sight.**

**<sup>3</sup>You shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;  
love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in your path to birth.  
Before you on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go;  
and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.**

**<sup>4</sup>Kings shall fall down before you, and gold and incense bring;  
all nations shall adore you, your praise all people sing.  
To you shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;  
your kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.**

*Affirmation of Baptism*

We give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come before God to affirm our baptism into Christ.

*Let us pray.* Merciful God, we thank you for making us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*Prayers of the Church*

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.

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.**

*Sharing of the Peace*

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*(The congregation greets one another in the name of the Lord, saying "The Peace of the Lord be with you")*

*The offering basket is available as you enter or exit the sanctuary – it will not be collected during the service.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Offering Response* Tune: ELW (red book) **296** "What Child Is This"

**What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven?**

**What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?**

**This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven.**

**Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given!**

*Offertory Prayer*

Let us pray together:

**Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.**

*Preface to Communion*

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 our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....and join their unending hymn:

*Sanctus* Tune ELW (red book) **302** "As With Gladness"

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord. God of power and might adored!**

**Heav'n and earth cannot contain. All the glory of Your name!**

**With the heav'nly host we sing; Praise to our eternal King.**

*Words of Institution*

*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 the Table*

Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all. **Amen!**

*Pastoral blessing for children and those not receiving communion.*

*You may be seated.*

*You are invited to Commune at our Table*

Emmanuel's Church practices open communion, inviting all who are baptized and believe in the presence of Christ in the bread and wine to receive communion here.

*Instructions for Today's Communion*

We will be using Fellowship Cups for communion today which you received in a small plastic bag when you entered the sanctuary. The cups contain a wafer packaged on top of a small cup of grape juice. Peel back the clear film top to access the wafer (bending the tab downward will release the tab for the film). The juice portion of the cup is opened by bending the tab up and gently removing the foil layer. Be careful not to squeeze the cup. Once the cups are opened we will all partake of communion together. When you are finished you may discard your used cup into the plastic bag and place it into the bucket provided as you leave the sanctuary. There are gluten free wafers available – please let the usher know if you need one.

*Sharing of Holy Communion*

**Body of Christ, given for you.**

**Blood of Christ, shed for you.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Post-Communion Blessing*

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

*Post-Communion Prayer*

We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Benediction:* ( ✠ Signifies the sign of the cross, a reminder of our Baptism)  
God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever .**Amen.**

*Hymn* ELW (red book) **304** “Christ, When For Us You Were Baptized”

**<sup>1</sup>Christ, when for us you were baptized,  
God's Spirit on you came,  
as peaceful as a dove, and yet  
as urgent as a flame,  
as urgent as a flame.**

**<sup>2</sup>God called you, "My beloved Son";  
you are God's servant true,  
sent to proclaim the reign of heav'n,  
God's holy will to do,  
God's holy will to do.**

**<sup>3</sup>Straightway and steadfast until death  
you then obeyed the call  
to serve with free and willing heart,  
to give your life for all,  
to give your life for all.**

**<sup>4</sup>Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord;  
your cross on us be signed,  
that likewise in God's service we  
may perfect freedom find,  
may perfect freedom find.**

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*Sending Forth to Serve*  
Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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