

Celebration!

January 16, 2022
The Baptism of Our Lord

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it !

Prepare Ye The Way

**¹The Word of the Lord came one evening
Concerning his bride's great sin
So he sent down his Word to renew her
To prepare for the Bridegroom again**

**²Repent of seeking vain glories
Thru the gifts in the Lord's name you give
Repent of all the first stones cast to kill
While your own self-righteousness lives**

Chorus **Prepare ye the way of the Lord
Prepare ye the way of the kingdom
Prepare ye the way
Prepare ye the way of the Lord**

**⁴Walk in his love as newborn children
Walk in his love let the wedding gown mend
Walk in his love in humility
Come with pure hearts
And cast down your cares to the wind *chorus***

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**³The Word said repent and turn from your striving
Repent and turn from your hatred
Repent of the doctrines of men that divide
And tear like your wedding gown rends**

**⁵The Word of the Lord came one evening
Concerning his bride's great sin
He assured me we will be forgiven
And then let the marriage begin *chorus***

The River is Here

**¹Down the mountain the river flows
And it brings refreshing wherever it goes.
Through the valleys and over the fields
The river is rushing and the river is here. and we rejoice for the river is here.**

Chorus **The river of God sets our feet a dancing,
The river of God fills our hearts with cheer.
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter,**

**²The river of God is teeming with life
And all who touch it can be revived,
And those who linger on this river's shore
Will come back thirsting for more of the Lord.**

**³Up to the mountain we love to go
To find the presence of the Lord.
Along the banks of the river we run,
We dance with laughter giving praise to the Son.**

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We Gather to Worship

Remember your baptism and be glad!

The waters of God's mercy have flowed and we have been cleansed and refreshed.

Remember the waters that God created that quench the thirst of the earth and all its inhabitants.

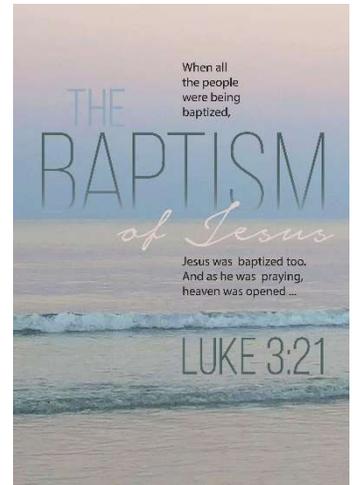
We drink of the water of God's creation and praise God's name for life.

Remember Jesus at the River Jordan; the One who was without sin took upon himself our sin.

We are redeemed by Jesus, called to serve and to live for others.

Remember God's grace; we are redeemed by Jesus and not by who we are or what we do.

Thanks be to God for unconditional love!



Prayer

Let us pray together: **Creator God, our soul's delight, your voice thunders over the waters, liberating the future from the past. In the Spirit's power and the waters of rebirth, Jesus was declared your blessed and beloved Son; may we recall our baptism, and give thanks. Amen.**

Announcements and Prayer Concerns

Scripture Lesson: Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

Sermon: Pastor Paulette Obrecht

All Who are Thirsty

**All who are thirsty, all who are weak, come to the fountain, dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away in the waves of his mercy as deep cries out to deep**

(We sing)

Come Lord Jesus come, come Lord Jesus come repeat

Holy Spirit come, Holy Spirit come repeat

As deep cries out to deep, as deep cries out to deep, as deep cries out to deep we sing

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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.

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Prayers of God's People

Sharing God's Peace

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

Please greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying "The Peace of the Lord be with you"

Holy Communion

We celebrate the Baptism of Jesus and the promise that we are born again to everlasting life.

We come to worship and to give thanks and praise.

We come to receive Jesus in these gifts of bread and wine.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer (contemporary form)

Let us pray in the words that Jesus has taught us:

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.

Pastoral blessing for children and those not receiving communion.

Come to the Lord's Table

All who seek the presence of Jesus Christ at God's table of grace are welcome to receive God's forgiveness in Holy Communion.

We will be using Fellowship Cups for communion today which you received in a small plastic bag when you entered this morning.. 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. 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.

Following Communion: Blessing and Prayer

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

Let us pray... 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.**

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor ✠ and give you peace. **Amen**

Open Up the Heavens

**We've waited for this day, we're gathered in your name. Calling out to you –
your glory like a fire, awakening desire will burn our hearts with truth**

You're the reason we're here; you're the reason we're singing:

**Open up the heavens, we want to see you. Open up the floodgates, a mighty river
flowing from your heart, filling every part of our praise**

**Your presence in this place, your glory on our face we're looking to the sky descending like a cloud,
you're standing with us now Lord, unveil our eyes**

Show us, show us your glory; show us, show us your power; show us, show us your glory, Lord

Instrumental

Ending: **We want to see you**

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We Go Out To Serve

Go in Peace, serve the Lord! Thanks be to God!