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Baptism of Our Lord

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* Stand as you are able

GATHERING

INVOCATION

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, Savior and Lord of all.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *

P: Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice, **you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in ✠ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN*

ELW # 303 (v1-2) "Brightest and Best of the Stars"

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.**

KYRIE (pages 184-185 in front of hymnal – please sing the refrain)

Lori: For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all: ... let us pray to the Lord.

C: Sing refrain

Lori: That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor...let us pray to the Lord.

C: Sing refrain

Lori: For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family ... let us pray to the Lord.

C: Sing refrain

Lori: For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word ... let us pray to the Lord

C: Sing refrain

Hymn of Praise*

ELW pages 187-188 in front of Hymnal: "This is the feast ... Allelulia"

Prayer of the Day *

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING ISAIAH 42:1-9

¹ Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ² He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; ³ a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching. ⁵ Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶ I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷ to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸ I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹ See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

P: The Word of the Lord: **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 29

¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

² Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

³ The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

⁴ The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶ the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

⁷ The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸ The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹ 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!"

¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.

¹¹ O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

SECOND READING ACTS 10:34-43

34 Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. 36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. 37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, 40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

P: The Word of the Lord: **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation *

ELW# 172 “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 3:13-17

¹³ Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord: **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *

ELW# 304 “Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized”

The Apostle’s Creed * (Printed inside the back cover of the hymnal.)

Sharing of Good News and Prayer Requests

Prayers of the Church

Response: P: God of mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

Sharing the Peace

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**
(you are encouraged to turn to one another and share the peace of the Lord.)

Offering Hymn *

ELW # 708 “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

Offering Prayer *

God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

MEAL

Thanksgiving *

P: The Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Preface *

P: Lord, it is indeed right and our joy that at all times and in all places we give thanks and praise to you. And so with the angels and archangels and with the church on earth and in heaven, we give glory to you O God, through Jesus Christ, as we praise your name and join in the unending hymn:

C: **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** (pg. 144 ELW)

The Words of Institution and The Lord's Prayer *

Invitation to Communion

P: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table; taste and see.

Hymn

ELW # 146 "Lamb of God"

Distribution

Communion Hymn *

ELW # 654 "The Church's One Foundation"

SENDING

Communion Blessing *

Prayer After Communion *

Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.**

Sending Hymn *

ELW # 302 (verses 1,4) “As with Gladness Men of Old”

Dismissal *

P: Go in Peace.

C: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today’s Lector is Tom Hostad, and our Ushers are Kurt & Wendy Hintz..
- Next week’s Lector is Kurt Hintz and our ushers is Don Horen.
- The next Women’s Bible Study is **Monday, January 12th**, at noon. Bring a lunch and join us.
- A Church Council Meeting will be held on **Monday, January 12th** at 4:00PM.
- Al-Anon Meeting held Thursdays at 7:00PM.
- Casa Guadalupe English Language Learners “ELL” meets Monday & Wednesdays from 6-7:30PM.
- Special Giving for January is Hartford Community Lunch,.
- Community Lunch will be served on **Saturday January 31st**, 11:30am, at First United Methodist Church. Fellowship prior to lunch.
- Conversations with God: Our next Conversations with God will be held on Thursday, **January 15th**, at 10am. We will take this time to gather for prayer, Scripture, and conversation on a different topic each month.
- Pastor will be in the office on **Thursday, January 15th** from 9:00am - 12:00pm. Appointments are appreciated, but not necessary. If you wish to meet with Pastor at other times, please contact him directly. Looking ahead, he will be in the office he will be in on **Thursdays, 22nd, and 29th** from 9am-12pm.
- We have begun partnering with Lincoln Elementary School. They have expressed a need for several items (lists will be posted near the trees in the coffee area AND on one of the trees).
 - Clothing needs include winter clothes for children in various sizes: snowpants, winter coats, socks, sweatpants for both elementary and middle school, gloves, and gloves for playing in the snow.
 - Snack needs include: Goldfish, Individually wrapped food items, Animal Crackers, and Granola Bars...**NO** bags of nuts.
 - Food drive/pantry needs (most helpful in Feb – Spring – Summer) include: cereal, shelf stable microwave meals, canned goods and mac and cheese with cheese sauce (not add milk and butter).
- Looking ahead – The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 1st following services. Please mark your calendars. Copies of the Annual Report will be available January 18, 2026.