



Baptism of Our Lord



GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Gathering Song

"Shall We Gather at the River"

ELW 423

Greeting

Song

"Spirit of Gentleness"

ELW 396

Prayer of the Day

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Children's Message

Isaiah 42:1-9...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. ²He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. ⁵Thus 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: ⁶I 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, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

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

Acts 10:34-43...Peter began to speak to Cornelius and his household: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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Matthew 3:13-17...Then 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 the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message Pastor Heather Grell

Hymn of the Day

"God, Whose Almighty Word"

ELW 673

Prayers

Sharing God's Peace

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Offering

Special Music

Offertory

"Now the Silence"

ELW 460

Words of Institution

"Remember Me"

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Communion Song

"Here is Bread"

ELW 483

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Song

"Every time I feel the Spirit"

Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

- ⇒ **The Yellow Roses and the Altar Flowers** are in celebration of Dan Huseeth's 70th Birthday.
- ⇒ **Call Process Update** Throughout the building, you will see **Call Process** posters. We are currently in the Preparation Phase, steps 2 & 3. In **Step 2** (The Transition Projects) the church council has been looking at community demographics, compiling a digital view book about the ministry of Holy Cross, and ensuring that our governing documents are up to date. In **Step 3** (The Ministry Site Profile) the church council has begun to compile and draft a ministry site profile for the congregation. Due to the starting of a new Bishop in our synod and the transition to a new synodical staff, our Assistant to the Bishop will change starting in January. Pastor Juliet Focken will help facilitate this transition and beginning in January we will be working with Pr. Gregory Berger. Pastor Heather will continue to serve as our full-time interim pastor throughout the call process.
- ⇒ **Centering Prayer Group** will meet Monday's at 1:00 pm in the Youth Room here at Holy Cross. Questions, contact Paula McDonald at 402-210-6040.
- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our third Thursday of the month Food Pantry is Thursday, January 19. [CLICK HERE](#) to help. We are in need of cereal, pasta, ramen, Mac & Cheese, juice, bar soap, and paper sacks.
- ⇒ **Omaha Lutheran Campus MinisTREE** Have you noticed the Omaha Campus MinisTREE in the Narthex? On it, you will find various ways to support Omaha's Lutheran Campus Ministries. Please take a look and give as you are able! Contact Kelsey with questions.
- ⇒ **Board Game Day at Holy Cross** Join us for a day of fun at Holy Cross! Bring your favorite board game and snack and come have fun. Saturday, January 21st at 12:00 pm. Bring a friend! See you there.
- ⇒ **Jumping for Jesus** All 4th & 5th graders are invited to a night out at Altitude Trampoline Park as we join area churches to Jump for Jesus on Friday January 27th! Cost is \$20 per child, talk to Kelsey to register!

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, January 8

9:30 am Worship
10:45 am Sunday School/Adult Forum

Monday, January 9

1:00 pm Centering Prayer Group
6:30 pm Boy Scouts
7:00 pm Rachel Circle
9:00 pm CMA Meeting

Tuesday, January 10

3:00 pm Finance Committee
7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, January 11

6:00 pm Confirmation/Uke Choir
6:30 pm Youth Worship
7:00 pm Radical Ringers/Youth Group

Thursday, January 12

6:30 pm Carolan Bell Choir
7:00 pm Boy Scout Committee
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, January 13

7:00 pm Belles N Beaus

Saturday, January 14

9:30 am Sarah Circle

Sunday, January 15

9:30 am Worship
10:45 am Budget Forum
10:45 am Sunday School
10:50 am Youth Ensemble
11:00 am Middle School/High School Bells
3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 48012 Mtg

Prayer Requests from our Church Community

Member Concerns: Jan Swanson as she recovers from a fall. Connie Mertz as she deals with medical concerns.

On-Going Member Concerns: Edie Nabity at Hillcrest Papillion

Friends and Relatives: Karen Schramm, grandmother of Valerie Birch; Timothy Poole, cousin of Ben Poole; Todd Erickson, brother of Wendy Erickson; Jessica Sampson, Matthew Wrenn & Family, friends of Melissa Regan; Walt Weaver & Carson Rich, family of Carol Rich; Angela Gehring, friend of Brad Yearwood; Ronda Bayer, friend of Debbie Risinger; Debbie Haacke, coworker of Debbie Risinger; Logan Black, son of Joey Black; George Adamson, friend of Sue Spengler; Tatyana Povazhnaya, friend of Sue Spengler; Gaylen Grunke, Wes Grunke's Brother; Jason West, Sue Spengler's boyfriend's cousin; Andie Hunter, Elizabeth Yearwood's sister; Linda Anderson, Barb Kay's sister; Amy Churchill, friend of Barb Kay; Ronald Gulbranson, Julie Noteman's brother; Josh Prochotsky and family, Paula McDonald's nephews son and family; Aaron McDonald and Family and Caregivers, McDonald's grandson.

Grieving

Wendy Erickson and family as they mourn the loss of Wendy's sister-in-law.

Chad Duke and family as they mourn the loss of Chad's grandmother.