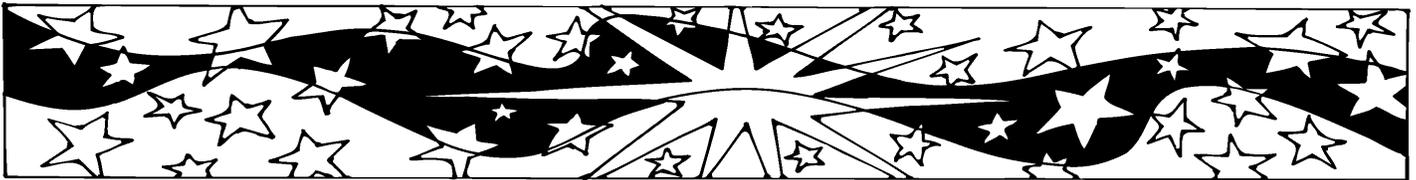


*Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Trumbauersville, PA*

*January 9, 2022
9:00am*



The Baptism of Our Lord

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*Indicates when all who are able may stand

Introduction

Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings.

*We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children,
the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God
when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire."*

*On this day the heavens open again for this assembly,
and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.*

Prelude

Procession Of The Magi

Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we have sinned against you
and your beloved children.**

**We have turned our faces away from your glory
when it did not appear as we expected.**

**We have rejected your word
when it made us confront ourselves.**

**We have failed to show hospitality
to those you called us to welcome.
Accept our repentance for the things we have done
and the things we have left undone.
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe
in the glory of your Son born among us,
and reflect your love for all creation.
Amen.**

P: Rejoice in this good news:
In ☩ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.
You are descendants of the Most High,
adopted into the household of Christ,
and inheritors of eternal life.
Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

C: Amen.

***Apostolic Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

P: 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.

C: Amen.

First Reading

L: ¹But now thus says the LORD,

Isaiah 43:1-7

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.
²When 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.
³For 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.
⁴Because 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.
⁵Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
⁶I 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—
⁷everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."
The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Acts 8:14-17

L: ¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on

them, and they received the Holy Spirit.
The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Holy Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3rd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

P: ¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John 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. ¹⁷His 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."

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Sue Lang

*Reflection Hymn

Baptized in Water

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*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
faithfully now God's praise we sing.*

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our king:
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praise we sing.*

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our king:
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praise we sing.*

Installation of Church Council & Officers

P: The following persons, having been elected by the congregation or appointed by the council to positions of leadership, are asked to stand as their offices and names are read:

Paul Gerhart, Jr.: Council President & Stewardship

Mike Patterson: Council VP

Nicole DeReiter: Council Secretary & Evangelism

Joan Kratz: Financial Secretary

Brian Fenstermacher: Church Treasurer, Finance,
& Property Committee

Erika Krauthauser: Christian Education Committee

Gary Nace: Social Ministry Committee

Dean Niemenski

Gail Bambu

P: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ liberated us from sin and death and made us members of his Church. Through Word and Sacrament you have been nurtured in faith. I ask you, together with all who have gathered, to confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

*Apostles' Creed

P: Living together in trust and hope, let us profess our faith....

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.**

**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.
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.**

***Prayers of the People**

L: 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.

A brief silence.

L: By the Holy Spirit, you gather your church
and send it out in mission to share the good news of Jesus.
Inspire your faithful people to be fervent in prayer and service,
that all people know they are precious in God's sight.
God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: You reveal your love and power through water and the Spirit.
Guard rivers, seas, and all bodies of water
from destruction and pollution.
Secure access to clean water for all,
and protect the land from drought and flood.
God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Establish among the nations the blessings of peace.
Raise up leaders who will protect
vulnerable people in their care.
Strengthen advocates who risk reputation or retaliation
for the sake of mercy and justice.
God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: You protect us through the fires and troubled waters of this life.
Assure us that we will not be cut off from you
by illness or despair, anxiety or pain, confusion or weakness.
Comfort all who are in need (especially).

God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

L: We are joined in baptism to Christ and to one another.
Bless those who are newly baptized
and those who are preparing for baptism.
Help us to be faithful in fellowship, worship,
evangelism, service, and justice-seeking.

God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

L: You bring life out of death.
Help us part with those things
that are no longer beneficial to us
and open our eyes and hearts to see where new life
and possibilities are budding in this congregation.
God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Restore the spirits of those who serve
in all medical and helping professions

as they continue to serve during this lingering pandemic.
Protect those who cannot be vaccinated
due to medical conditions or age.

Reassure them of your compassionate love so they might find
their strength in you during these stressful times.

Restore to health those who suffer with Covid
and its protracted symptoms.

God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Strengthen all who experience burnout and exhaustion
from the prolonged effects of the pandemic
as it burdens their minds and their spirits.

Help us all to recognize each person as our neighbor
and to care for them by the example of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.

God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: You created each of your saints for your glory.
We give thanks for those you have called
by name into your eternal embrace.

Comfort us in grief and release us from fear.

God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

P: St. Paul writes:

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts,
but the same Spirit gives them.

There are different ways of serving,
but the same Lord is served.

There are different abilities to perform services,

but the same God gives to everyone
the ability for particular service.

The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person,
for the good of all. (*I Corinthians 12:4-7*)

You have been elected and appointed
to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.
You are to see that the words and deeds
of this household of faith reflect Him in whose name we gather.

You are to work together with other members
to see that the worship and work of Christ are done
in this congregation, and that God's will is done
in this community and in the whole world.

You are to be diligent in your specific area of serving
that the one Lord who empowers you is glorified.

You are to be examples of Faith active in love,
to help maintain the life and harmony of this congregation.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you:
Are you ready to accept and faithfully carry out the duties
of the offices to which you have been elected and appointed?

Council: Yes, by the help of God.

P: People of God, I ask you:
Will you support these, your congregational leaders,
and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given
to all who are baptized?

Congregation: Yes, by the help of God.

P: I now declare you installed as council members and officers
of this congregation. God bless you with His Holy Spirit,
that you may prove faithful servants of Christ.

Congregation: Amen.

*Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.
Please share a distanced greeting of peace with one another.

Offering

*There are a variety of ways to give
to the church's ministry during this pandemic:
Mail or hand deliver your envelopes during office hours
or use the Paypal link at <http://www.christslutheran.com/worship.html>
Also give through your purchases at Amazon Smile by designating
Christ's Trumbauersville as your charity.*

*Offering Prayer

P: 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

C: **Amen.**

*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.**

*Blessing

P: 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.

C: Amen.

*Dismissal

P: Christ is born!

Go tell it on the mountain and everywhere.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Closing Hymn

Baptized and Set Free

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*We are people created, chosen by God.
Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.
Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door
to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.*

*We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed.
Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed.
For whatever the need, God is greater indeed:
endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.*

*We are nourished by water, all living things,
and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.
As we journey toward home, may your presence be known:
precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.*

*Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.
All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.
Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be
one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!*

Postlude

Savior, Again to Your Dear Name

Welcome to worship at Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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The Rev. Susan Lang, Interim Pastor

Our Mission:

We gather to **WORSHIP** God,
EQUIP people with a faith that works in everyday life,
and to **SERVE & WELCOME** all with God's grace.

Notes on the Service

During the Prayers of the People there will be a time for you to offer your prayers of intercession, thanksgiving, and praise either aloud or silently.

Children's Activity Bags are available from the ushers and may be left in the pews.

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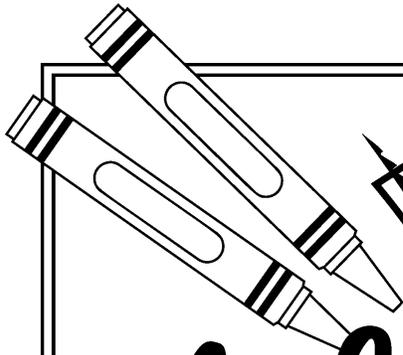
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A fresh start

Baptism is a blessing because it changes us and gives us hope.

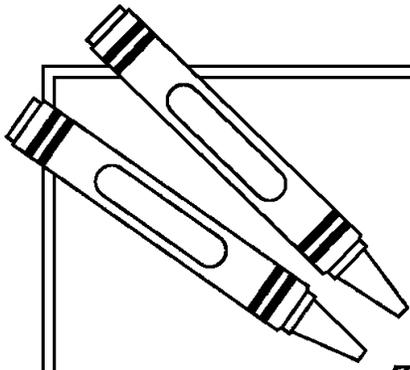
Directions: Write the boxed letters in the squares below. Then unscramble those letters to form two words that complete the Bible verse and represent the gift of baptism.



We were therefore buried with him
through baptism into death in order that,
just as Christ was raised from the dead
through the glory of the Father,
we too may live a _____.

Romans 6:4, NIV

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Just for KIDS

The Shepherds and the Angel

What did the angel of the Lord say to the shepherds?
(Luke 2:11)

Write the first letter of each picture on the lines.

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