

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray together

C: 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, & 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.

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

¹“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. ²He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. ³A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; ⁴he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope.” ⁵This is what God the Lord says—the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: ⁶“I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, ⁷to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. ⁸“I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: “Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia” *(stand as you are able)*

**Alleluia, the angels sing, it is the birth of our new king,
The heavens echo loud with joy, God’s gift to us, this baby boy.**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:13-17

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented. ¹⁶As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

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Children’s Message: Pastor Eric Hanson

PreK-1st Graders Singing: “This Little Light of Mine”

Sermon: Pastor Eric Hanson

Hymn of the Day & Offering: *(you may be seated)* **“Shall We Gather At The River”** #423

Offerings will be collected during the hymn of the day. Thank you also to those who give online. If you’d like to sign up for online giving please visit <http://www.stlukegoodhue.org/online-giving.html>. Children’s coin offering will go toward ELCA Good Gifts serving communities in need around the world.

**Verse 1: Shall we gather at the river, Where bright angel feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever Flowing by the throne of God?**

**Refrain: Yes, we’ll gather at the river, The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river That flows by the throne of God.**

**Verse 2: On the margin of the river, Washing up its silver spray,
We will walk and worship ever, All the happy golden day.**

**Verse 3: Ere we reach the shining river, Lay we ev’ry burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver, And provide a robe and crown.**

**Verse 4: Soon we’ll reach the shining river, Soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver With the melody of peace.**

Offertory Prayer: P: Let us pray.

C: Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Response: “Give Thanks”

**Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.**

And now let the weak say, “I am strong”.

Let the poor say, “I am rich Because of what the Lord has done for us”. Give thanks.

Apostles’ Creed: *(please stand as you are able)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. 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, & 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, & he will come to judge the living & 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, & the life everlasting. Amen.

Choir Hymn: “When A Star Is Shining”

The Prayers: *(call and response)*

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence.* Calling God, you speak with power to your church. Open our hearts and minds to the new things you are declaring. Strengthen bishops, pastors, deacons, lay leaders, and teachers of the faith. Equip the baptized for your reconciling and redeeming work. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Renewing God, you provide the waters of the earth and in Jesus’ baptism you reveal the waters of life. Cleanse and protect oceans, rivers, and watersheds. Bring relief to parched lands and to communities without access to safe water. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Righteous God, you never weary of establishing justice. Increase cooperation and constructive dialogue between nations. Guide local, national, and international authorities to govern with equity, vision, and integrity. We pray for those in military service, for peacemakers, and for our enemies. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Abiding God, your mercy is steadfast. Give sanctuary to people who flee from oppression, war, poverty, and famine. Sustain health care workers, caregivers, first responders, counselors, and all who help and heal. Comfort those who are grieving, experiencing crisis, or ill especially; Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Sara Nolte, Judy Carpenter, Nancy Nord, Larry Reese, Jan Benidt, Neil Stehr, Dave (Pud) Gnotke, Jen Berg, Marilyn O’Brien, Karen O’Reilly, Kellie Peterson, Rich Majerus, Peg Campbell, and the family of Tammy & Troy Opsahl. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Blessing God, in Christ you gather the beloved community. Kindle the gifts of your Spirit in your people. Accompany the newly baptized, those recently ordained, and any beginning a new ministry. Inspire synodical leaders and congregational councils to serve with imagination and wisdom. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Promising God, your faithfulness endures throughout all generations. We give thanks for those who have died in Christ, trusting that we will be united with them and all the saints in Christ’s resurrection life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace: P: The peace of Christ be with you always,

C: And also with you.

The Great 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 Him thanks & praise.**

The 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.

Meal and Hymns:

All are welcome at this meal. We believe in the saving power of Jesus Christ through the gift of his life, death, and resurrection experienced in bread and wine.

Please move forward via the center aisle. Bread is received in the hands. Wine is received by dipping the bread into the wine chalice and consuming both together. All ages are welcome to commune. Those not communing may receive a blessing by simply keeping your hands folded or extending your arms over your chest in the sign of a cross inviting blessing. For those unable to consume either wine or bread, communion is received fully in either element alone, for Christ is fully present in the meal. You may return to your seats via the side aisles after communing. Gluten-free is available, simply make the server aware of your need. Also, if you cannot come forward, but wish for communion or blessing, let the usher know it will come to you at the end.

"Spirit Of Gentleness" #396

Refrain: Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

Vs 1: You moved on the waters, you called to the deep, then you coaxed up
the mountains from the valleys of sleep; and over the eons you called to each thing:
Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings. [Refrain]

Vs 2: You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand, and you goaded your people with a law
and a land; and when they were blinded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. [Refrain]

Vs 3: You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill, then you whispered in silence when the whole world
was still; and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. [Refrain]

Vs. 4: You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes. From the bondage of sorrow all the captives
dream dreams; our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. [Refrain]

Communion Prayer: *(please stand as you are able)*

P: Let us pray together.

C: Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace.
May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Blessing:

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. May the
Lord look upon you with favor + and give you peace. **Amen.**

Dismissal: P: Go in peace to love the Lord and serve your neighbor.

C: Thanks be to God!

Sending: *"Go Tell It On The Mountain" #290*

Refrain: Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born.

Verse 1: While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens There shone a holy light. [Refrain]

Verse 2: The shepherds feared and trembled When lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth. [Refrain]

Verse 3: Down in a lowly manger The humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn. [Refrain]

Baptism of our Lord Sunday

St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson
9:30AM • January 8, 2023

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

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.

Thanksgiving for Baptism/Confession: *(stand as you are able)*

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give
thanks for the gift of baptism. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word
you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you
delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At
the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you
claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the
gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us
with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and
praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: As baptized Christians, trusting in the promises of Christ we confess our sins,

C: God of all Mercy, come to our aid. When we hide brokenness and only show you wholeness, forgive
us. When we cover shame and guilt with pride and pretense, forgive us. When we point out the speck
in our neighbor's eye but ignore the log in our own eye, forgive us. When we choose old, harmful ways
of living over new, life-giving ways, forgive us. Transform us by the power of your Spirit, Lord God,
and make us New.

P: Children of God, God loved us even when we were dead in sin, and makes us new through Jesus Christ. By
grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Live as people set free.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn: *"Spirit, Open My Heart"*

Refrain: Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.

As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart.

Vs 1: God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender. [Refrain]

Vs 2: Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory. [Refrain]

Vs 3: May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of friend and neighbor.
As I live from day to day, love will be my finest labor. [Refrain]