

# Baptism of Our Lord

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Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Port Angeles, Washington



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Please pray for the church during our time of transition.

Please note: This service is live-streamed. When you come forward for communion you may be filmed. If you have concerns, please speak with the pastor or an usher.

**\*ELW= Evangelical Lutheran Worship= red hymnal  
in the pew rack in front of you.**

THE PRELUDE

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

GATHERING

**🕯 REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM**

Let us journey to the Jordan River,

**All: and stand with the crowds who confess their sins and are baptized by John.**

Let us journey to the Jordan River,

**All: and watch with awe as Jesus comes to be baptized.**

Let us journey to the Jordan River,

**All: and realize our responsibility as members of the "Community of the Baptized".**

Remember the common ties that hold you in baptism!

**All: We recall our common participation in the community of faith.**

Remember the needs that are brought home to you.

**All: We are challenged to use our common talents to meet those needs.**

Remember the wisdom of the saints who have gone before you.

**All: We will draw on their wisdom, and take courage from their endurance.**

Remember the Holy Spirit stands with you.

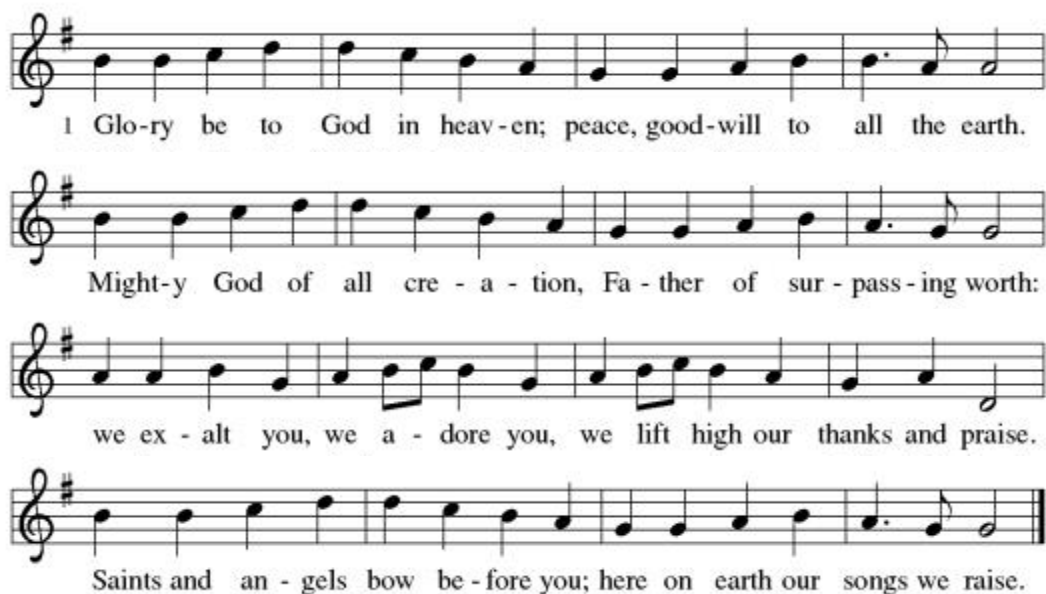
**All: In the power of the Spirit, there are no obstacles that cannot be overcome!**

**🕯 THE GATHERING SONG *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!* (ELW 308)**

THE 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.**

## THE HYMN OF PRAISE:



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.

Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:

we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Response: **Amen.**

## WORD

### THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

<sup>1</sup> But now thus says the LORD, 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.

<sup>2</sup> When 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.

<sup>3</sup> For 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.

<sup>4</sup> Because 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.

<sup>5</sup> Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;

<sup>6</sup> I 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—

<sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made." The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm: Psalm 29

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup> **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup> **The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup> **the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup> The voice of the LORD bursts forth in <sup>1</sup> lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup> **The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup> 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!"

<sup>10</sup> **The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned asking for evermore.**

<sup>11</sup> O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

## THE SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17

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



## THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

### THE GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

<sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup> and 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. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## THE SERMON: PASTOR GAIL WHEATLEY

*Following the sermon, there will be a brief period of quiet. Please use this meditative time to reflect on the sermon or pray. Our musician will play quietly. Stand when you see the pastor stand to sing the hymn.*

 **THE HYMN OF THE DAY** *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized* (ELW 304)

**NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, \*who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Response: God of grace, **hear our prayer.**  
**Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

**MEAL**

 **THE OFFERING**

*We thank you for your gifts of time, talent and possessions given for the glory of God! If you wish to give electronically, you may do so online at our website [www.go2trinity.org](http://www.go2trinity.org), or sign up for automatic giving with the office.*

## THE OFFERTORY MUSIC



## THE OFFERING PRAYER

Response: Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;  
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;  
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus 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.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table. All the bread is gluten-free. Both wine and grape juice are available.*



## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN 1 *What Feast of Love* (ELW 487)

COMMUNION HYMN 2 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* (ELW 815)

COMMUNION HYMN 3 *Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am* (ELW 314)

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Response: **Amen.**

### SENDING

## AN ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

Gracious God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ into the world to reveal your love to all people. Enrich this couple with every good gift, that their life together may continue to show forth your love; and grant that at the last we may all celebrate with Christ the marriage feast that has no end; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## A PRAYER FOR A BIRTHDAY

O God, our times are in your hand. Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives: through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE BLESSING

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Ones by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Comforter, be upon you and remain with you this day and always. **Amen.**

**THE SENDING SONG** *Arise, Your Light Has Come* (ELW 314)

## **THE DISMISSAL**

Go now to follow the Light of Jesus:  
see others as he did;  
dare to give freely as he did;  
and to love unconditionally as he did.  
Go, embraced by the Source of life, love and hope.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Introductory lines of the bulletin (Remembering Our Baptism) are from pp. 35-37 Prayers to Share, Year A by David Sparks*

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING?**

### **Sunday, January 12, 2024**

**11am** Fireside Chat "Odd Couples"

**11am** Sunday School- Room 3

### **Tuesday, January 14, 2025**

**9:30am** LWR Quilters

### **Wednesday, January 15, 2024**

**1-2:30pm** Threads of Love

**4-4:45pm** Young Voices Choir

**6:30pm** Chancel Choir

### **Thursday, January 16, 2025**

**9:30am** Holy Hikers to the Mouth of Elwha

### **Sunday, January 19, 2024**

**9:30am** Worship Service

**11am** Confirmation Room 1 downstairs

**11am** Fireside Chat "Odd Couples"

**11am** Sunday School Room 3  
downstairs