

Baptism of Jesus



TRINITY  LUTHERAN
CHURCH

Sunday, January 12, 2025
9:00 am Service

Order of Worship

Prelude

Way Maker
by Osinachi Okoro

Worship Band

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

O God of Celebration,

We gather here in your presence to remember all that you have done for us, even though we often forget the generosity you have first shown to us. Forgive us Lord, for those times when we are selfish and greedy. Forgive us Lord, for those times when we ignore the needs of others. Forgive us, Lord, when we forget who gives us all that we have. Remind us of the overflowing love shown by your Son, Jesus. Help us to follow in his footsteps, and lead us to the light that shines in our darkness.

Amen.

People of God: By the grace of Almighty God, you are forgiven. The light of Christ shines in our lives, and we are given forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace of God through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

Opening Hymn

Baptized in Water

Hymn #456

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 Christ's 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.

Invocation

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 Eleison

Kyrie Eleison means "Lord have mercy."

by Chris Tomlin

Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Hear our cry and heal our land
Let kindness lead us to repentance
Bring us back again

Chorus:

For Your Name is great, and Your heart is grace
Kyrie Eleison
Over all You reign, you alone can save
Kyrie Eleison, Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy on us now

Who is this God
Who pardons all our sin
So ready to forgive
You delight to show Your mercy *(repeat 4x, Chorus)*

Prayer of the Day

Heavenly Father,

With joy and awe we praise you for claiming us as your sons and daughters, and for pouring your Holy Spirit upon us. Help us to prepare this earth for your glory, and shine your light on all your faithful children, for the sake of the one whose birth and baptism brought renewal and transformation to this world, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Anthem

Shoulders
by For King & Country

Worship Band

Children's Moment

Hannah Rosholt

Reading

Luke 3:1-22

Jesus and John the Baptist

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Therefore, bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What, then, should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none, and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 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 strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 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." So with many other exhortations he proclaimed the good news to the people. Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, 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 Word of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Hymn of the Day

Gather Us In verses 1, 2, 4

Hymn #532

Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away,
See in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame,
Call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery, we are the old, who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong,
Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven light years away,
Here in this place the new light is shining, now is the Kingdom and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own,
Gather us in all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Apostles' Creed

**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, and 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,
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 Church

Congregational Response: **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

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Offertory Response

We Are An Offering

Hymn #692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to you, we are an offering.
Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands,
Lord use our lives, they are yours, we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are,
All that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to you, we are an offering, we are an offering.

Closing Prayer

Almighty God,

You have filled the earth with the light and love of your incarnate Word. By your grace, empower us to reflect your light in all that we do. Comfort us in our darkness, and turn us toward the love of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, so that others might be drawn into the light which alone brings comfort, courage, and peace.

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.

Benediction

May Almighty God, Creator, Christ, and Comforter, keep you in God's light, God's truth, and God's love, now and forever.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

Here I Am, Lord

Hymn #574

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Chorus:

Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? (*Chorus*)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (*Chorus*)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

My Feet Are on the Rock

Worship Band

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our missionary in Papua New Guinea, Rev. Andrew Ronnevik and family

Announcements

You are invited to enjoy conversation, treats and coffee
following worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Trinity's OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans) Fellowship Group meets on the
third Thursday of the month for a variety of activities and events to relax,
socialize and enjoy Christian fellowship with one another. Join us on
Thursday, January 16 at 9:30 am for breakfast and conversation at Farmer's Plate
Hometown Cafe (117 Lewis Ave S) in downtown Watertown. Hope to see you there!

Trinity's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 26,
following worship at 10:00 am in the sanctuary. Please make every
effort to attend. A review of the 2025 Spending Plan will also be presented
following worship at 10:00 am on Sunday, January 19.

2025 Offering Envelopes are available in the Narthex.