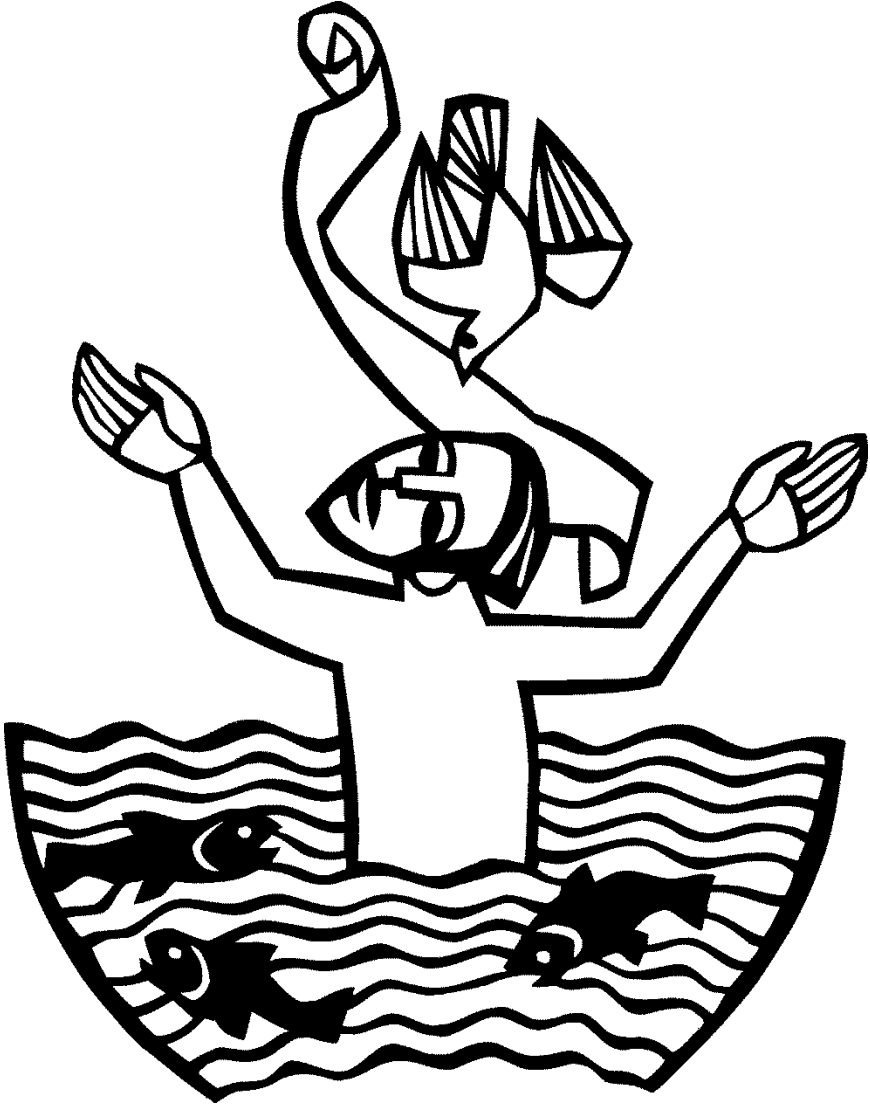


Baptism of Our Lord



Messiah Lutheran Church
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To our Guests: Welcome!

May the God who led you here today refresh you with his grace and peace in Christ Jesus as you spend this hour with us. We're glad you're here.

Some helpful things to know—



- **Tell us you were here.** You'll find a visitor's card in the pew rack that you can fill out and either hand to an usher or drop in the offering plate. We'd be grateful if you did.
- **Restless children?** Nursery care is available during the late Sunday morning services. We also have a room where parents can tend to little ones while watching and listening to the service. Ask an usher for directions.
- **Large print bulletins and personal audio receivers** are available at Sunday services for any who may find them helpful. Don't hesitate to ask an usher.
- **May you commune at Messiah?** Yes, if you're a baptized communicant elsewhere and are able to respond with joyful confidence when Christ invites you to meet him in the sacrament here. As he says of the bread, "This is my body," and of the cup, "This is my blood"; and of both he says, "given and shed *for you.*"
- **Our communion procedures:** the sacrament is distributed at the head of the aisle. Come forward as the usher directs. For receiving the wine, two cups are available, one to drink from and a second to dip the host in. Follow your preference. If you choose not to commune but would like even so to receive a blessing, approach the pastor or assisting minister with your arms crossed. For a gluten-free host, quietly ask the pastor.

Baptism of Our Lord

January 12, 8:30 & 11 am

*The congregation is invited to participate at the places marked with **bold** type*

Prelude

“When Jesus Came to Jordan,”

Confession and Forgiveness

Stand as you are able

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for self-examination.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Gathering Song

“Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized,” #304

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.

Baptism (11)

This Is the Feast (8:30 only)


Refrain




This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.




Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.




1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:




Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

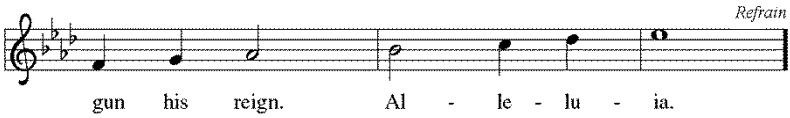


Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



Prayer of the Day

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, and 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. **Amen.**

You may be seated

The Word of God

First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

¹Here 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.

The Word of the Lord.

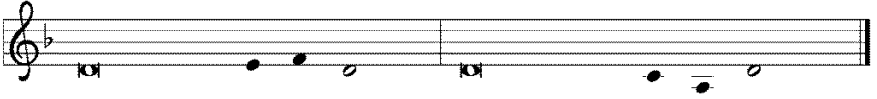
Thanks be to God.

Cantor/Choir sings refrain; All sing refrain



The voice of the LORD is up - on the wa - ters.

Cantor sings verses in regular print; All sing verses in bold print



¹Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,

ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;**

worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;

the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;**

the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor. Refrain

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;

the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;

⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,**

and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.

⁷The voice | of the LORD

bursts forth in | lightning flashes.

⁸**The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;**

the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh. Refrain

Second Reading

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter 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.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation

“Celtic Alleluia,”

Refrain
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

At the announcement of the Gospel:

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be seated


Sermon

Pastor Burce


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Song of the Day

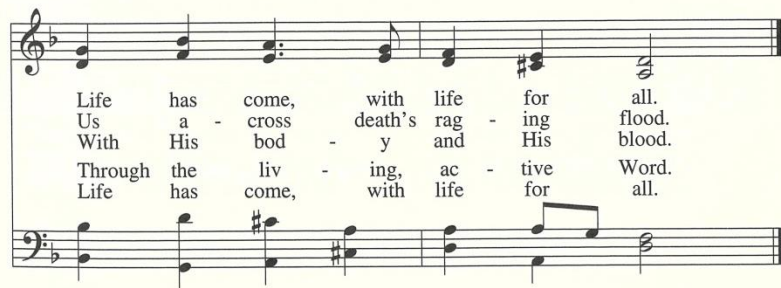
“Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying,”



1 Wa - ter, blood, and Spir - it cry - ing, By their wit - ness
2 In - a wa - t'ry grave are bur - ied All our sins - that
3 Dark the way, yet Christ pre - cedes us, Past the scowl of
4 Though a - round us death is seeth - ing, God, His two - edged
5 Spir - it, wa - ter, blood en - treat - ing, Work - ing faith and



tes - ti - fy - ing To the One whose death - de - fy - ing
Je - sus car - ried; Christ, the Ark of Life, has fer - ried
death He leads us; Spreads a ta - ble where He feeds us
sword un - sheath - ing, By His Spir - it life is breath - ing
its com - plet - ing In the One whose death - de - feat - ing



Life has come, with life for all.
Us a - cross death's rag - ing flood.
With His bod - y and His blood.
Through the liv - ing, ac - tive Word.
Life has come, with life for all.

Confession of Faith (8:30 only)

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

Installation (11:00)

Messiah's Church Council, 2020

Prayer of the Church

After each portion of the prayers:

Lord in your mercy. . .

. . . **Hear our prayer.**

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you. (*Greet those around you with these or similar words*)

You may be seated

Offering

“This Is My Beloved Son,” Dan Uhl (8:30)

“Baptism of Jesus,” Austin Lovelace (11)

Stand as you are able

Presentation of the Gifts

“Jesus, Come! For We Invite You,” #312

Stanza 4

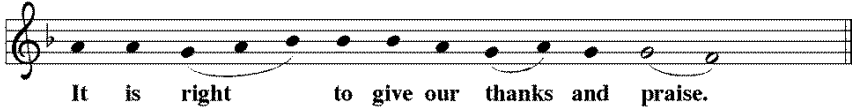
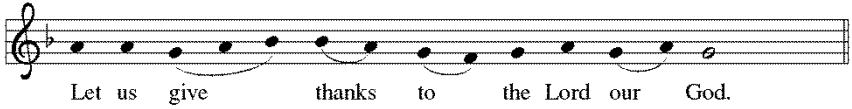
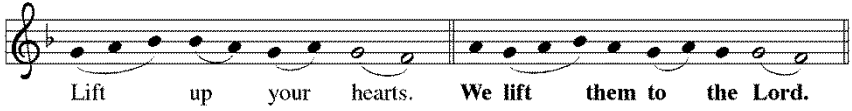
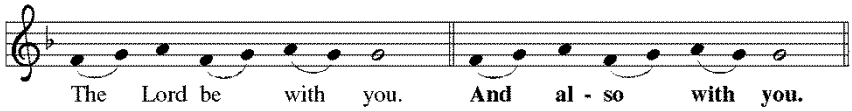
**Jesus, come! Surprise our dullness,
Make us willing to receive
More than we can yet imagine,
All the best you have to give:
Let us find your hidden riches,
Taste your love, believe, and live!**

Let us pray. God of Light,

You brighten our days with the grace of Christ. Fill us with the Spirit that rested on him, and use what we offer to ease the darkness of the world you cherish. Amen.

The Lord's Supper

Great Thanksgiving



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy. . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy, mighty and merciful Lord. . .now and forever. **Amen.**

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.

You may be seated

To learn how we distribute communion, see the inside front cover.

Communion

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

“Crashing Waters at Creation”

#455

“This Is the Spirit’s Entry Now”

#448

Stand as you are able

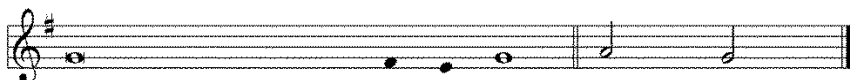
Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray. We thank you, Almighty God, that, true to your promise, you have nourished us again with the food and drink of eternal life. Send us now in peace and joy to testify to your goodness, and to share your hope for all people in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sending

Blessing



Almighty God, Father, \dagger Son,
and Holy Spirit, bless you now and for - ever. A - men

Sending Song

“God Whose Almighty Word.” #673

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“All Christians Who Have Been Baptized,” Jacob Weber

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Serving Today

Preaching Minister & Presiding Minister – Pr. Burce

Assisting Ministers – Ron Coulter (8:30); Janice Snyder (11)

Lectors – Kathy Neumann (8:30); Christopher Peters (11)

Communion Assistants – Eric Anderson, Linda Herhuth, Carl Herhuth,
Lee Vysoky (8:30);
Mike Allan, Ray Ling, Wendy Ling, Nancie Smith (11)

Acolytes – Gavin Jennings (8:30);
Kaitlyn Carlin, Cassidy Yesko (11)

Cantor (8:30) – Adam Castro

Messiah Choir (11) – Directed by Connie Triplett

Organist – Connie Triplett

Deacons – Joe Frantz, Raffee Johns(8:30);
Amy & Mark Hunger (11)

Greeters – Jill & Scott Straffen (8:30)
Kathy & Pat Gallagher (11)

Ushers – Adam Castro, Craig Jernigan (8:30);
Padraig Donohoe, Reilly Kinter, Tyler Seagro, George Skliros (11)

Trustee – Mike Green

Altar Guild – Tiffany Advani, Laura Schwartz-Gaydos

Nursery – Jennifer Helmink, Haley Tome (11)

In our Prayers

- ❖ Baptized this weekend: Reagan Joy Fleming
- ❖ The Church's witness to the promise of life in Christ
- ❖ Our church council as it takes up its work in 2020
- ❖ Australia, assaulted by heat and fire
- ❖ People trapped by war or threatened with violence
- ❖ For health and healing: Judy Gahl, David Daley, Becky Eicher, Carla Huetter

This Week's Commemorations

January 13—GEORGE FOX., d. 1691, founder of the Society of Friends (Quakers).

January 15—MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., d. 1968, the great American pastor and civil rights leader.

January 17—ANTONY OF EGYPT, d. 346, and PACHOMIUS, d. 346, early leaders of the monastic movement in Egypt.

God's Word for Next Week Second Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-11
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42

*We encourage you to read the texts as part of your
preparation for next week's services.*

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