

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD ~ JANUARY 12, 2025



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“Being Transformed By God’s Grace To Love And Serve.”

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If it is uncomfortable for you to stand where indicated, please feel free to remain seated. The congregation responds where it is bold print.



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

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.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things. Blessed be God now and forever.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. Blessed be God now and forever.

In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Blessed be God now and forever.

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. Blessed be God now and forever! Amen.

On this day of the Baptism of our Lord, we remember all the members of St. Paul's who were baptized this past year... Violet Kruep.

please stand in body or spirit

Opening Hymn "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.**

Hymn of Praise "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" #249 vs 1 & 2

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**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. Amen.**

please be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 43:1 - 7

¹But 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. 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.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God’s name; worship the LORD in the beauty 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 powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars 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 wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The 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!”

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

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



Second Reading

Acts 8:14 - 17

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.

Thanks be to God

Children's Sermon

Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller

please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" #249 vs 3 & 4

Gospel

Luke 3:15 - 17, 21 - 22

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 3rd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

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.

Praise to you, O Christ.

please be seated

Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

please stand in body or spirit

Hymn of the Day

"When Jesus Came to Jordan"

#305

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.

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

please be seated

Offering

please stand in body or spirit

Offertory

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

#249 vs. 5

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.....God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

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 our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

Hear, O Lord, the prayer you taught us to pray.....**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.**

please be seated

HOLY COMMUNION

By Stations

All who believe that Jesus is present in the Bread and the Wine
and has the power to forgive are welcome to commune.

Red wine or white grape juice is available.

Communion Hymns

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

#800

“Spirit of Gentleness”

#396

please stand in body or spirit

Post-Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.....Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

Amen.

Blessing

The Spirit of the triune God ☩ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”
(see next page)

#310

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



- 1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
- 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
- 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;
- 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.

Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702

“THE HOPE OF CHRIST”



Welcome: Welcome to worship in the name of God the Father, his beloved Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, who descended as a dove at Jesus' baptism. May we all sense God's touch today.

We invite everyone to enjoy coffee and fellowship before worship in the Gathering Space. Please join us!

In Our Prayers: “Unspoken prayer concerns”, Ron Eickhoff, Gordon Ives, Norene Ives, Jon Beckman, Scott Cash, Judie VonHolten, Greg Ives, Dewey Jobe, Judy Smith, Renee Weller and Kyle Luetjen.



Fred Beeman, Kylee Scheel (family of Teresa Viebrock), David Mobely (brother-in-law of Randy Healan), Stacy Morrison (friend of Teresa Viebrock), Joyce Jones (sister of Connie Gerken), Kaleb Mundy, Kris Barnes (friend of Julie Cronin), Donna Allen (mother of Adrienn Dieckman), Jamie Simon, Joe Campbell, Don Brooks, Vernitta Brooks, Dustin Woods, Liz Smart, Art Heimsoth, Cliff Eckhoff, Carmilla Swaim and husband (friends of Debbie Eckhoff), Joseph Fuelling (nephew of Paul Fuelling), Karen Haase (sister-in-law of Gene Beckman), Jackie Ross (sister of Randy Healan), Ronnie Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marlin Lackas (brother-in-law of Paul Fuelling), and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



Nursing Home: Vern Dean Bohling: *Ambrose*. Marie Viebrock & Florence VonHolten: *GSCC*.

Military: Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: Rank E3 Jensen Hamilton (grandson of Dennis Hamilton), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in law of Suzanne Lutjen) Lt. Col. Ron Poe, SSG Nick Smith and Major Joseph Strathman.





Prayers: If you would like your name added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.

Daycare: The Daycare committee will meet on Tuesday, **January 14th** at 6:30pm.



Planning: Worship & Music committee will meet on Wednesday, **January 15th** at 3:30pm.

Worship Team

Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **January 16th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to assist you with your health care needs.



Worship: There will be no Casual Worship Service on Saturday, **January 18th**.

Annual Meeting: It is time to regroup and find out where we have been in 2024 and where we want to be 2025. Come and spend time with us on Sunday, **January 19th**. We will begin with Sunday School Class at 9:00am. Then worship will begin at 10:00am. After worship we will enjoy a soup and chili lunch together, stretch our legs and then gather at 12:15pm in the sanctuary for the annual meeting.



Circle: Esther Circle will be on Monday, **January 20th** at 7:00pm at the home of Sharel Wienberg.

Newsletter: The Sunbeam committee will meet on Wednesday, **January 22nd** at 3:00pm.



Audit: Those with check books or receipts or money market/banking statements, to please have items in to Brian Randall as soon as you are able after the new year. The audit committee will meet around the second week in January.

Envelopes: The 2025 offering envelopes are available in the link. If there isn't a box for you and you would like 2025 offering envelopes, please contact Russell Oelrichs, or the church office to request a box.



Staffing Update: After serving as church secretary for many, many years here at St. Paul's, Shirley recently announced her intention to retire from the position. First, let us all offer our thanks to Shirley for all that she has done for St. Paul's. We are truly grateful and are working on plans to celebrate her time. Secondly, we are now beginning the search for someone to fill that position. The office is currently staffed for 18 hours each week across four days. If you or anyone you know might be interested in applying for the secretary position please speak with Pastor Stephen or Jake Jackson.

Souper Bowl: The "Souper Bowl" challenge is on! This year every congregation is invited to bring any kind of food staples: soup and crackers, instant potatoes, canned meat, mac 'n cheese, canned vegetables or fruit, peanut butter, jelly, breakfast items, baking items, etc. Just about any and everything will be useful. Items can be brought to the church all through January and early February. Let's see if we can return the trophy to St. Paul's!



~ * ~ **IN OUR COMMUNITY** ~ * ~



Concert: Everyone is invited to the "Join the Angels" Concert presented by the Cole Camp Community Choir on Sunday afternoon, **January 12th**, beginning at 4:00p.m. The concert, a collection of inspirational vocal Christmas songs by a variety of composers, will be performed at Trinity Lutheran Church, located at 104 East Butterfield Trail in Cole Camp. There will be a free-will door offering to benefit the Cole Camp Regional Ministry's music fund and other worthwhile projects.

**SAMPLE BALLOT
NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION ON
January 19, 2025**

**CONGREGATIONAL SECRETARY:
(vote for one)**

- Melisa Balke
- Susan Goosen

**CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL:
(vote for two)**

- Erin Oelrichs
- Kim Oelrichs
- Melinda Strathman
- Kelly Viebrock



**CEMETERY TRUSTEES:
(vote for one)**

- Mark Oelrichs
- Bill Viebrock

**SYNOD ASSEMBLY:
(vote for one man and one woman)**

- Greg Bredehoeft
- Paul Fuelling

- Janice Gerken
- Norma Schlesselman

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:
(vote for four)**

- Tara Anderson
- Greg Bredehoeft
- Jerome Goosen
- Dennis Moellmann
- Norma Schlesselman
- Lindsey Tinney
- Larry Viebrock

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, January 12:	8:45am	Confirmation Class
	9:00am	SS / Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations
Tuesday, January 14:	6:30pm	Daycare Committee
Wednesday, January 15:	3:30pm	Worship & Music
Thursday, January 16:	8:00am	BCHD
Saturday, January 18:	NO	Casual Worship
Sunday, January 19:	8:45am	Confirmation Class
	9:00am	SS / Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations
	AW	Soup & Chili Lunch
	12:15pm	Annual Meeting



~ * ~ Coming Events ~ * ~

January 18.....	No Casual Worship
January 19.....	Annual Meeting
January 22.....	Sunbeam
February 9.....	SOUPer Bowl Challenge

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Ministers The Whole Congregation
Presiding Minister Pastor Stephen Zeller
Organist Lois Viebrock
Pianist Jeannette VonHolten
AV Technicians Russ Oelrichs & Todd Rusk
Altar Guild Janice Gerken & Rhonda Schlesselman
Ushers Melinda Strathman, Head Usher
..... Nicholas Dieckman, Mark Oelrichs, Randy Schlesselman & Steve Triplett



Baptism of our Lord ~ January 12, 2025

Assisting Minister Melisa Balke
Communion Assistants Glenalee Dillon & Norma Schlesselman
Reader
Children's Sermon Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller
Acolytes Freddie Goosen & Kale Kruep
Flowers Shirley Logan



Second Sunday after Epiphany ~ January 19, 2025

Assisting Minister Tom Oelrichs
Communion Assistants Luther League
Reader Lesa Warden
Children's Sermon Paul Fuelling
Acolytes Hudson Kullman & Jace Tinney
Flowers Melinda Strathman

