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# Baptism of Our Lord

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PRELUDE

*Jesus, the Light of the World*



**St. Matthew's**  
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LUTHERAN CHURCH

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth.

C: Amen.

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.

*We invite you to retrieve a bowl of water, dip your finger in the water, and make the sign of the cross on your forehead.*

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, 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.

C: Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. Amen.

### HYMN OF PRAISE

Setting 12, verse 1

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

## INVOCATION

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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Holy God, creator of light and darkness, giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## HYMN

### *God Whose Almighty Word*

ELW 673



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard  
2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,  
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,  
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -  
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the  
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.  
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.  
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.  
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN. Felice de Giardini. 1716–1796

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### FIRST READING

**Genesis 1:1-5**

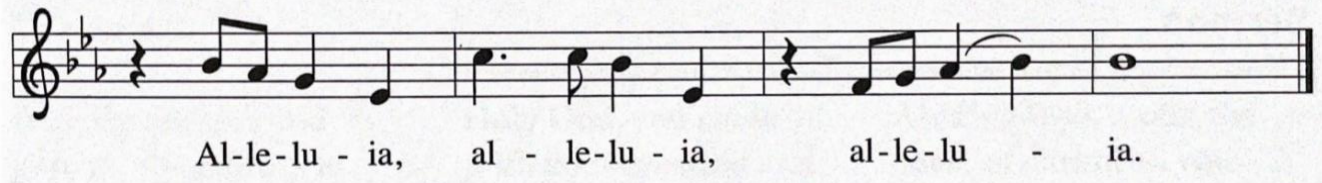
<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

## SECOND READING

Acts 19:1-7

<sup>1</sup>While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” <sup>3</sup>Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” <sup>4</sup>Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” <sup>5</sup>On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—<sup>7</sup>altogether there were about twelve of them.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** - *please stand, if able*



## GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

*The holy gospel according to Luke... C: Glory to you, O Lord.*

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

*Holy Words, Holy Wisdom. Praise to you, O Christ.*

## MESSAGE



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.  
 2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.  
 3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,  
 4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.  
 Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.  
 and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.  
 All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door  
 For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:  
 As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - nce be known:  
 Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.  
 end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.  
 pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.  
 one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956  
 Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathy Skogen-Soldner  
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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: On this Sunday of the baptism of our Lord, let us offer our prayers for all in need, responding to each petition with, "Give us your blessings of peace."

A: For the worldwide church; for those who minister in the church; for all who will be baptized this year; and for their godparents and sponsors: that the Holy Spirit will empower all the faithful for lives of service. O God, give strength to your people.

**C: Give us your blessings of peace.**

A: For the waters of the earth; for the seas, the lakes, the rivers; for the wells that provide drinking water; and for the water that is piped into our homes: that God provide clean and nourishing water for all living things, let us pray. O God, give strength to your people.

**C: Give us your blessings of peace.**

A: For the nations of the world and their leaders; for our government; for international efforts to prevent war and reduce violence; for the armed forces; for police officers; and for peacemakers. Break open our hearts, God, and inspire all people to work for the harmonious well-being of others. O God, give strength to your people.

**C: Give us your blessings of peace.**

A: For students; for teachers and school administrators; for parents assisting their children in home schooling; and for young people who are finding a way toward graduation: that as the academic year resumes, God give resilience to everyone in the search for education, let us pray. O God, give strength to your people.

**C: Give us your blessings of peace.**

A: For all who are in trouble, want, or sickness; for the countless who are suffering with COVID-19; for medical workers; for people who are hungry or homeless, imprisoned or lonely; and for those we name here. . . .: that God grant health and wholeness to a world so filled with pain, let us pray. O God, give strength to your people.

**C: Give us your blessings of peace.**

P: Almighty and most merciful God, you are the mighty Voice from heaven, you are our beloved Savior, you are the descending Dove. We give you thanks for all your goodness and tender mercies, and we ask you to accept our prayers for the sake of your mercy, today and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **OFFERING AND THE PEACE**

*We invite you to give online at [www.stmatthewsva.org/give](http://www.stmatthewsva.org/give) and to share a sign of peace with one another. Take a moment to send a text, put a message in the YouTube chat, or give a hug.*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

### **ORGAN OFFERTORY**

***Veni Creator Spiritus (Come Holy Spirit)***

Plainsong, 9<sup>th</sup> century

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide.

Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. **Amen.**

### **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 our thanks and praise**

P: 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'r and  
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples saying:

*Take and eat this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink, saying:

*This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of your sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

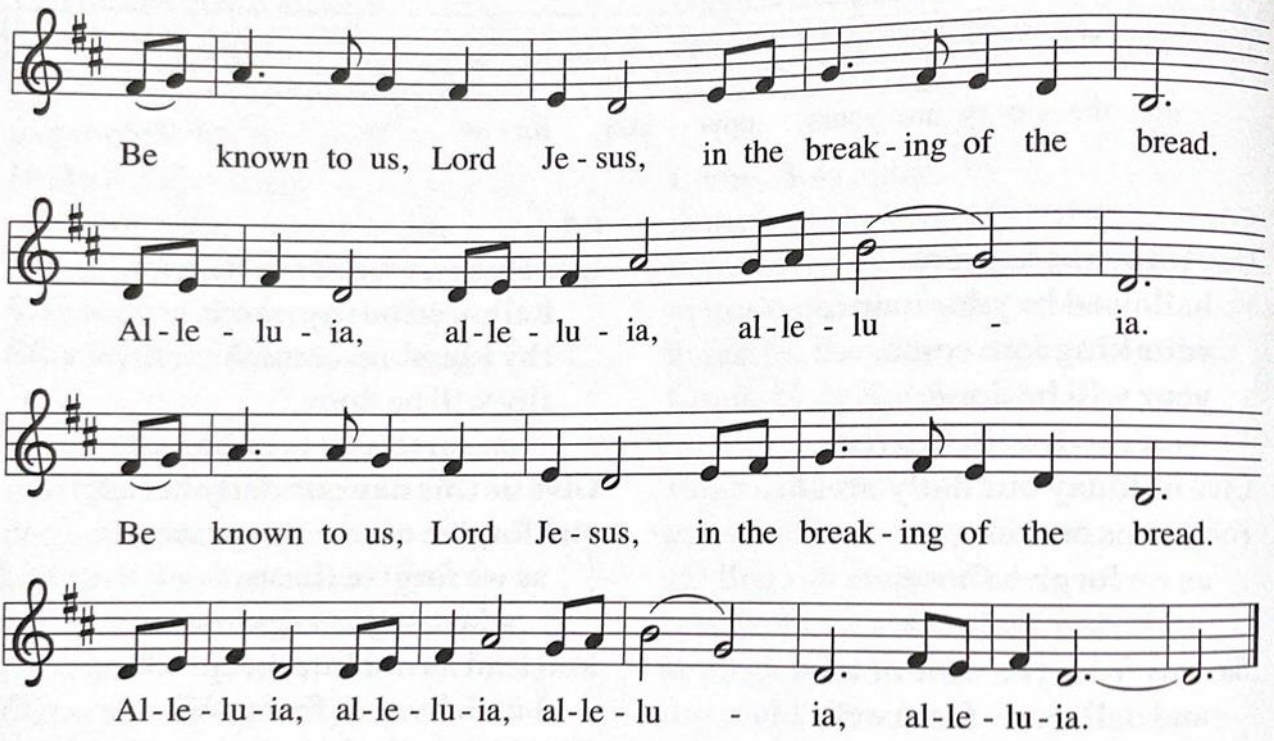
## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus. Come and be fed.

## THE DISTRIBUTION

*All who believe Jesus is present in this sacrament are invited to receive the bread and wine. Know that if you only take the bread that you have fully communed. If you are receiving communion alone, we extend to you: **The body of Christ given for you. And the blood of Christ shed for you.** If you are taking communion with others, give the bread to the person sitting next to you and say, "**The body of Christ given for you.**" Then, giving the wine/grape juice say, "**And the blood of Christ shed for you.**"*

## LAMB OF GOD/ALLELUIA



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

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

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

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

## COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name. **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

P: God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✠ keep you in peace. **C: Amen!**



**HYMN*****Shine Jesus Shine*****ELW 671****Refrain**

Shine, Jesus, shine,  
 fill this land with the Father's glory;  
 blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
 Flow, river, flow,  
 flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
 send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

**Verse 1:**

Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
 in the midst of the darkness, shining;  
 Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,  
 set us free by the truth you now bring us,  
 Shine on me, shine on me

**Refrain**

Shine, Jesus, shine,  
 fill this land with the Father's glory;  
 blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
 Flow, river, flow,  
 flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
 send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

**Verse 2:**

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
 so our faces display your likeness,  
 ever changing from glory to glory,  
 mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.  
 Shine on me, shine on me.

**Refrain****DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

***Wade in the Water***     *Spiritual*, arr. Chuck Marohnic

The flowers on the altar today are presented by the Congregation Council in loving memory of Ted Bean.

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