

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

JANUARY 7, 2024 | 8:30 AM

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

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"Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you."

Romans 15:7

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church warmly welcomes people of any age, race, nationality, sexual orientation, life circumstance, and physical or mental capability.

(* The Assembly Stands) Note: Hymns marked "ELW" are in the back of the book with numbers at the top of the page.

Gathering

PRELUDE

"Wade in the Water"

Gay Lyn Ferry

- arr. Kerengy Salas

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.
- C Amen.**
- P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. **C God, our rock and refuge, we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all.**
- P** The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.
- C Amen.**

*GATHERING HYMN

"Hail To the Lord's Anointed"

ELW #311

*GREETING

- 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.**

*KYRIE (sung)

front of ELW pg.147

- A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.**

A This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

G **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Holy God, creator of light and 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. **G Amen.**

Word

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-5

Pew Bible, Page 1

At the conclusion of the reading:

L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29 (*sung responsively*)

A Ascribe to the | Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glo- | ry and strength.

**G Ascribe to the Lord the glory | due God's
name;
worship the Lord in the beau- | ty of holiness.**

A The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God
of | glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the | mighty waters.

**G The voice of the Lord is a pow- | erful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a | voice of splendor.**

A The voice of the Lord breaks the | cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;

**G the Lord makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**

A The voice | of the Lord
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.

**G The voice of the Lord | shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.**

A 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!"

**G The Lord sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for-
| evermore.**

A O Lord, give strength | to your people
give them, O Lord, the bless- | ings of peace.

SECOND READING: Acts 19:1-7

Pew Bible, Page 1012

At the conclusion of the reading:

L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung)

front of ELW pg.151

**☞ Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

*GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:4-11

Pew Bible, Page 910

☞ The holy gospel according to Mark.

☞ Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the reading:

☞ The gospel of the Lord.

☞ Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Karen Boda

*HYMN OF THE DAY

"When Jesus Came to Jordan"

ELW #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

(As the Assisting Minister closes each petition with the words, "God of grace," worshippers respond with the words, "receive our prayer.")

*PEACE

☞ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☞ And also with you.

(Please greet one another with a friendly word or non-contact gesture of God's peace.)

Meal

OFFERING

The "Who's Who in the Pew" pads are passed as the offering is received.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Take Me To The Water"

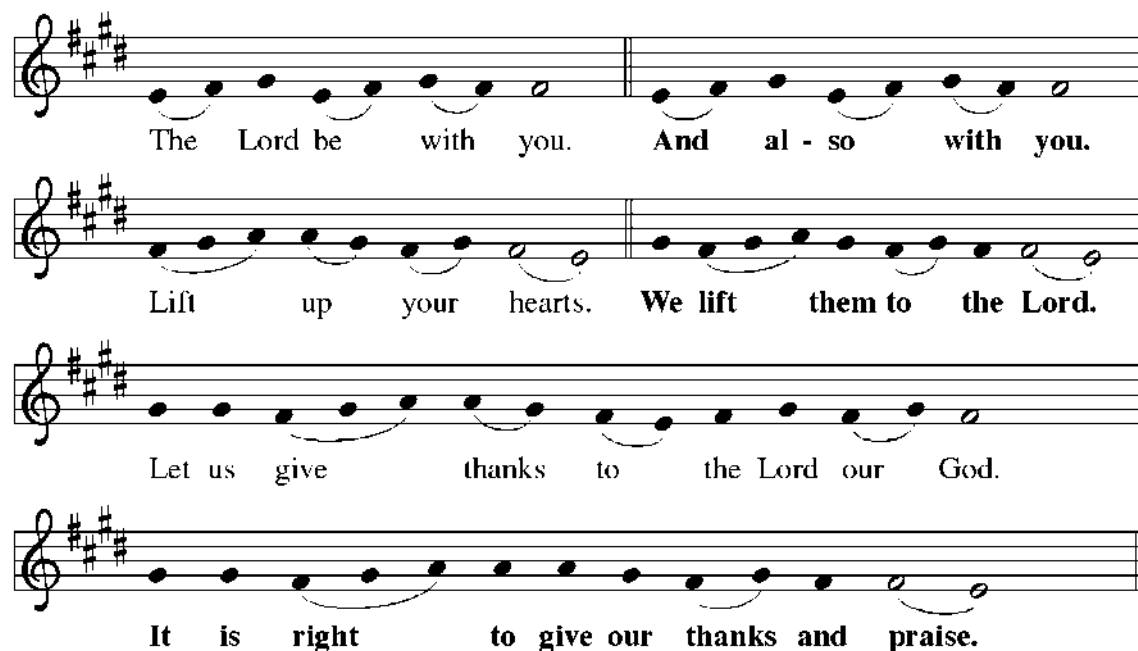
African American Spiritual Arr. Horace Clarence Boyer

Chancel Choir

*OFFERING PRAYER

- A** Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION



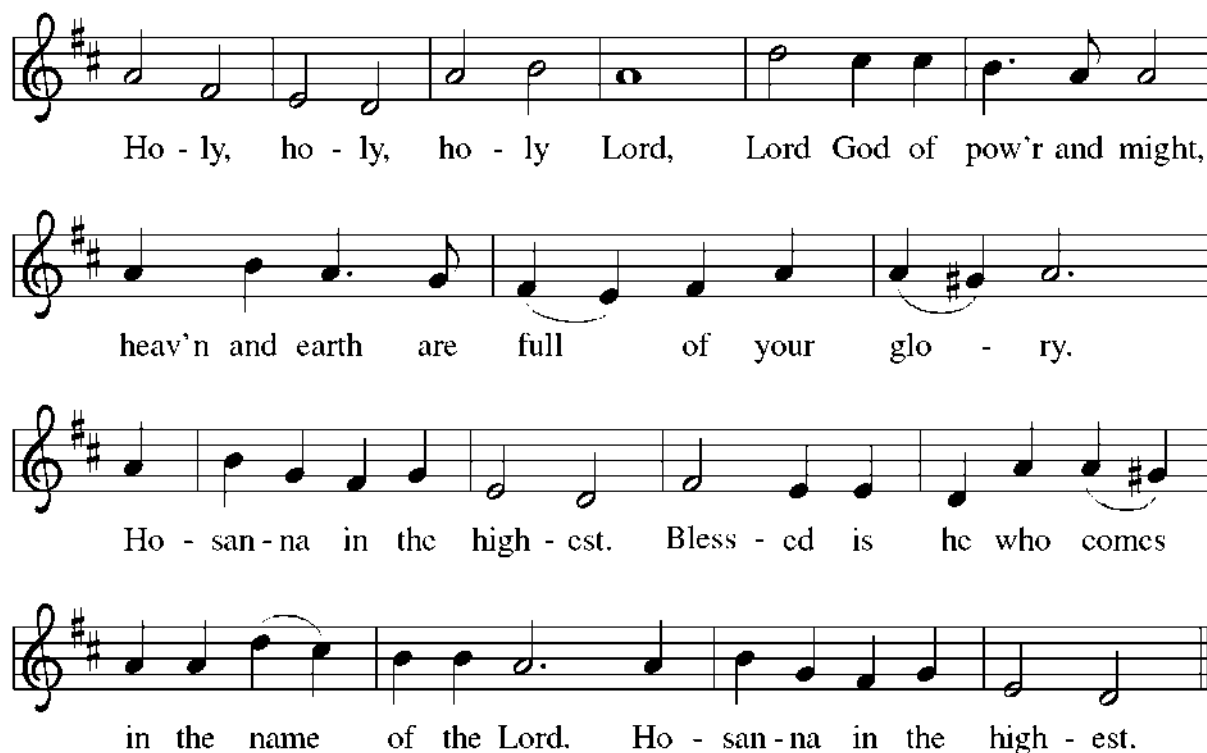
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

- P** It is indeed right...praise your name and join your unending hymn.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND 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.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"
"I Bind Unto Myself Today"

ELW #445
ELW #450 vs. 1-3

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

*COMMUNION PRAYER

☒ Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by our power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.
☒ **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sending

***BLESSING**

P God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ☩ bless you and remain with you always. **C Amen.**

*SENDING HYMN "Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"

ELW#304

*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. You are God's beloved. **G** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "St. Patrick's Breastplate"
- Lani Smith

Gay Lyn Ferry

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We are called, gathered and blessed to be a community and instrument of grace for all sheep of the Good Shepherd.

Attendance Last Sunday

8:30 AM - 66

Online - 42

10:45 AM - 55

*The Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God, and are given by Sandy Cerstvik in memory of Ted Cerstvik. If you would like to help with this ministry, sign up using a form, the cost is \$40. **We have lots of open dates for January and February!***

Thank you to Tom and Mary Wilson for providing donuts/snacks for Fellowship this morning. If you would like to help with this ministry, sign up using a form in the Administration Hallway, the cost is \$30.

This Week

Sun	1/7	8:30 AM/10:45 AM	The Baptism of Our Lord
		9:45 AM	Adult Sunday School
		9:45 AM	Outreach Mtg.
		10:00 PM	How to spot a scam F. Hall
		12:00 PM	Personnel Mtg
		12:30 PM	Confirmation
Mon	1/8	6:30 PM	Long Range Planning Mtg
Tues	1/9	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Sanctuary
		7:00 PM	Council Mtg. F. Hall
Wed	1/10	10:00 AM	Word on Wednesday F. Hall
		11:30 AM	Lunch and Learn Mtg. Rm.
		1:00 PM	Staff Mtg
		6:30 PM	Bells of Good Shepherd
		6:30 PM	Theology on Tap Game Day
Thu	1/11	10:00 AM	Thursday Bible Study F. Hall
		7:30 PM	Praise Team Rehearsal
Sun	1/14	8:30 AM/10:45 AM	Council Installation
		9:45 AM	Stewardship Ministry Fair
		9:45 AM	Sunday School (younger ages)

Additional Event Dates

Sign-up sheets are available at gslutheran.org ([Sign-up Central Online](#)) or Sign-up Central in Fellowship Hall

Jan 15	MLK Day of Service 10:30 AM
Jan 16	Ladies Night Out Longhorn's 7 PM
Jan 21	Coffee w/Council F. Hall 9:45 AM
Jan 27	LRPTF Circle Conversations 10 AM - 1 PM
Jan 28	Family Fun Night Bowling 5 PM



MLK DAY OF SERVICE

The Outreach committee is sponsoring an event on Monday, January 15th, at 10:30 AM for a "Martin Luther King Day of Service". We will be writing letters of thanks to our military that are serving overseas, making gift bags for *Sunabella* and *The Oaks* assisted living homes and delivering them; and making thank you bags for the first responders that take care of our area and delivering them. This is for youth as well as adults.

Outreach is also collecting clean, like new coats jackets, sweaters and raincoats for men, women and children during the months of January and February. Please make sure that they are clean with no tears.

We will be donating them to the Cherokee Family Violence Center and to MUST, Cherokee.