

# THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



**PRAISE WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**JANUARY 7, 2024 | 10:45 AM**

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

*Parents of small children: Children can and do encounter Jesus during worship. For your convenience, please know that our entryway and a nursery (Room 113) are equipped with an audio reception of the service. We also have activity bags available for their use during worship. Please see an usher for more information.*

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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.

## GATHERING

Gathering Music

Praise Team

Welcome

\*Confession and Forgiveness

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

**G Amen.**

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

**G Amen.**

Gathering Song

“Light Of The World (Sing Hallelujah)”

Words and Music by Andrew Bergthold, Ed Cash,  
Franni Cash, Martin Cash and Scott Cash  
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**Verse 1**

Light of the World Treasure of Heaven  
Brilliant like the stars in the wintery sky  
Joy of the Father reach through the darkness  
Shine across the earth send the shadows to flight

**Verse 2**

Light of the World from the beginning  
The tragedies of time were no match for Your love  
From great heights of glory You saw my story  
God You entered in and became one of us

**Chorus**

Sing hallelujah  
Sing hallelujah

\*Greeting

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **G And also with you.**

\*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.**

Sing hallelujah for the  
things He has done  
Come and adore Him  
Bow down before Him  
Sing hallelujah to the Light of the World

**Verse 3**

Light of the world crown in a manger  
Born for the cross to suffer to save  
High King of Heaven death is the poorer  
We are the richer by the price that He paid  
(Chorus)  
Yes You are Yes You are Yes You are

# Word

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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Second Reading: Acts 19:1-7

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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Children's Message

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:4-11

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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Sermon

Pastor Karen Boda

\*Song of the Day

"He Came to Be Baptized"

Words: adapted from Matthew 3 by John Ylvisaker;  
Music: trad Norwegian, Arr. by John Ylvisaker  
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## Verse 1

Then Jesus came from Galilee to Jordan  
He came to be baptized by Cousin John  
He came to feel the Spirit rest upon him  
He came to hear the angel's song

## Chorus

He came to be baptized by the river  
He came to be baptized by John  
He came to feel the Spirit rest upon him  
He came to hear the angel's song

## Verse 2

But John would have prevented him by saying  
It's I who needs to be baptized by you  
Then Jesus said we must fulfill the promise  
So wash me as the Hebrews do  
(Chorus)

## Verse 3

A dove descended from the clouds above them  
It was the Holy Spirit of the Lord  
A voice was heard like thunder from the heavens  
This is the only son of God  
(Chorus)

\*Affirmation of Faith

**C** 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 Intercession

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

## \*Peace

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **A** 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.

## Song During Offering

### "In the River"

Praise Team

by Chris Quilala, Joshua Silverberg, Ryan Williams and Mark Alan Schoolmeesters

## \*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. **A** Amen.

## \*Words of Institution & Lord's Prayer

**A** 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

## Communion Songs

### "Down to the River to Pray"

Words: Traditional; Music: Traditional  
Arr. Eric Bright  
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Anthony K. Music

#### Verse 1

As I went down in the river to pray  
Studyin' about that good ole way  
And who shall wear the starry crown  
Good Lord show me the way

#### Chorus

Oh sisters (brothers sinners) let's go down  
Let's go down come on down  
Oh sisters (brothers sinners) let's go down  
Down in the river to pray

### "Waterlife"

#### Verse 1

Before I can remember  
The covenant was sealed  
With Father, Son, and Spirit  
In water was revealed  
The cleansing was for certain  
With water and the Word  
Gentle words were spoken

#### Verse 2

As I went down in the river to pray  
Studyin' about that good ole way  
And who shall wear the robe and crown  
Good Lord show me the way  
(Chorus)

#### Verse 3

As I went down in the river to pray  
Studyin' about that good ole way  
And who shall wear the starry crown  
Good Lord show me the way  
(Chorus)

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In heaven they were heard

#### Chorus

They were singing waterlife  
Beginning life  
Waterlife all my life  
Waterlife, Spirit life, waterlife

## Verse 2

A simple sweet beginning  
A loving place to start  
Christ began the singing  
That swells within my heart  
His love became my calling  
His life my ministry  
His name is my adoption  
Into his family  
(Chorus)

## Verse 3

My hope and expectation  
For true community  
Begins with resurrection  
His death and life in me  
His Spirit fills the Body  
His church through water sees  
Promise for tomorrow  
His waterlife in me  
(Chorus)

## "Let Your Kingdom Come"

Words and Music by Bob Kauflin  
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### Verse 1

Your glorious cause O God  
Engages our hearts  
May Jesus Christ be known  
Wherever we are  
We ask not for ourselves  
But for Your renown  
The cross has saved us so we pray  
Your kingdom come

Let Your song be heard ev'rywhere on earth  
Till Your sov'reign work on earth is done  
Let Your kingdom come

### Verse 2

Give us Your strength O God  
And courage to speak  
Perform Your wondrous deeds  
Through those who are weak  
Lord use us as You want  
Whatever the test  
By grace we'll preach Your Gospel till  
Our dying breath  
(Chorus)

### Chorus

Let Your kingdom come  
Let Your will be done  
So that ev'ryone might know Your Name

## \*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

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

## \*Sending Song

## "Light of the World"

Words and Music by Matt Redman  
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### Verse 1

O Jesus Son of God  
So full of grace and truth  
The Father's saving Word  
So wonderful are You  
The angels longed to see  
And prophets searched to find  
The glory we have seen revealed

### Verse 2

You shone upon the earth  
But who will understand  
You came unto Your own  
But who will recognise  
Your birth was prophesied  
For You were the Messiah

Who came and walked  
upon the earth  
Your glory we have seen  
The one and only King  
And now You're living in our hearts

### Chorus

Light of the world Light of the world  
Light of the world You shine upon us  
Light of the world Light of the world  
Light of the world You shine upon us  
(Repeat)

### \*Dismissal

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

Sending Music

Praise Team

#### GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

Rev. Karen Boda ..... Interim Pastor  
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..... Ministry Coordinator  
..... & Office Coordinator  
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