

Our Saviour

Lutheran Church



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The Baptism of Our Lord + Year C**

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🌀 GATHERING 🌀

Gathering Song

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!

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*)

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*)

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P 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.

C Amen.

Sharing the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

L 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.

C Amen.

WORD

Children's Message

Children come forward as we sing "This Little Light of Mine".

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

A reading from Isaiah.

- ¹ But 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.
- ² When 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.
- ³ For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴ Because 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.

⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;

⁶ I 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—

⁷ everyone who is called by my name,

whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 29

¹ Ascribe 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.

³ The 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.

⁵ The 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.

⁷ The 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.

⁹ The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees wither and strips the
forests bare.

And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

**¹⁰The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.**

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

Second Reading: Acts 8:14-17

L A reading from Acts

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.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel: LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22

P The holy gospel according to Saint Luke.

C 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 strap 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.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Lay Sermon

Tom Bartkiewicz

Song of the Day *I've Just Come From the Fountain.* **WOV696**

Refrain (repeat each time):

I've just come from the fountain,
I've just come from the fountain, Lord,
I've just come from the fountain,
His name's so sweet. (O Lord,)

Leader: O Brother, do you love Jesus?

All: Yes, yes, I do love my Jesus.

Leader: Brother, do you love Jesus?

All: His name's so sweet. O Lord,
(Refrain)

Leader: O Sister, do you love Jesus?

All: Yes, yes, I do love my Jesus.

Leader: Sister, do you love Jesus?

All: His name's so sweet. O Lord,
(Refrain)

Leader: O Sinner, do you love Jesus?

All: Yes, yes, I do love my Jesus.

Leader: Sinner, do you love Jesus?

All: His name's so sweet. O Lord,
(Refrain)

Remembrance of Holy Baptism

As we remember the baptism of Jesus himself, at some services we will welcome new members through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism and the Affirmation of Baptism.

When invited by the presiding minister, worshipers may join in the Profession of Faith:

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

The presiding minister asks the candidates (and the assembly) if they will continue in the Christian life. All may respond:

We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.

The presider may ask the assembly to support the new members of the church:

People of God, do you promise to support *those who are* baptized today, and *those* making public affirmation of *their* baptism, and to pray for *them* in *their* life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Prayers of the People

P Beloved, let us lift prayers to our friend, Jesus, either out loud or in silence. Before and after we pray, we sing together.

Prayer Song

Silent Night

Verse 4

Silent night, holy night;
Wondrous star, lend thy light.
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

The prayers conclude with:

- P Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C Amen.

The Prayer Song is repeated at the conclusion of our prayers.

❧ MEAL ❧

Sharing Our Gifts

- L Let us offer back to God what God has first given us: ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of his gracious love.

Our offerings support the work of the church here and around the world. Please pass the baskets from front to back. You may also make an offering online at www.oslc-warrenton.org by clicking the "DONATE" tab on the homepage. Thank you!

Offertory

What Feast of Love

ELW 487, Verse 2

What light of truth is offered here,
what covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life,
what wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the sun come down from heaven.
Oh, see and hear and sing!
The Word of God is given!

Offering Prayer

- L Let us pray together.
- C Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another
and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Dialogue

- 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.

Thanksgiving at the Table

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: surrounded by evil and bordered by death, we appeal to you, our Sovereign, our Wisdom, and our Judge.

We praise you for Christ, who proclaimed your reign of peace and promised an end to injustice and harm.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and 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.

Again, 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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, the sacrifice of his life and death and the victory of his resurrection, we await with all the saints his loving redemption of our suffering world.

Send your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine and on all who share in the body and blood of your Son: teach us your mercy and justice, and make all things new in Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P Let us pray as our Savior taught us.

C 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.

Sharing Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are invited to share Christ's Body. If you wish to receive Holy Communion, please come forward and stand or kneel around the altar.

Communion Hymn ***How Many Kings***

Follow the star to a place unexpected.
Would you believe after all we've projected,
A child in a manger?
Lowly and small, the weakest of all,
Unlikeliest hero wrapped in His mother's shawl --
Just a child.
Is this who we've waited for?

Chorus:

How many kings stepped down from their thrones?
How many lords have abandoned their homes?
How many greats have become the least for me?
And how many gods have poured out their hearts
To romance a world that is torn all apart?
How many fathers gave up their sons for me?

Bringing out gifts for the newborn Savior
All that we have, whether costly or meek,
Because we believe.
Gold for His honor and frankincense for His pleasure
And myrrh for the cross He'll suffer.
Do you believe?
Is this who we've waited for?

(Chorus)

All for me, all for you.
All for me, all for you.

(Chorus)

Only one did that for me.
All for me, all for you.

Prayer After Communion

L Let us pray.

Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

✻ SENDING ✻

Blessing

L Almighty God, Father, Son + and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

Sending Song

This Little Light of Mine

Love has come - a light in the darkness!
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;
Hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!
Love! Love! Glory to God on high.

Love is born! Come, share in the wonder.
Love is God now asleep in the hay.
See the glow in the eyes of his mother;
What is the name her heart is saying?
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers;
Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.

Love has come and never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us.
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Dismissal

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

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Thanksgiving at the Table: *With One Voice*