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**St. John's celebrates God's love,
Proclaims the Gospel and
Serves our neighbors.**



Baptism of Our Lord
Sunday, January 16, 2022
8:30 am

The Baptism of Our Lord cannot help but recall our own and all baptismal blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as daughters and sons, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again, for this assembly, and we receive the gift of the beloved Son of God in bread and wine.

* = Please Stand

Prelude

*Be Thou My Vision, Gayle Riggert-Harris
In Thee Is Gladness,
There Is a Happy Land,
and The Gift to Be Simple*
arranged by Dale Wood

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Peter

Welcome First Time Worshipers

***Opening Hymn** *O Morning Star How Fair and Bright*
ELW #308, vs. 1,3,4

*Confession and Forgiveness

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sins, whose mercy endures forever.
C. Amen.

P. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C. Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P. Gracious God
C. Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P. God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ.
By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C. Amen.

*The Sharing of the Peace

Kyrie

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Hymn of Praise

This Is the Feast

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Prayer of the Day

P. Let us pray.
C. 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.

A Reading from the Prophet 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."

R. The Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29



Psalm 29:3
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¹Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,
 ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.
²Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;
 worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.
³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
 the God of | glory thunders;
 the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.
⁴The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;
 the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor. R
⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;
 the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;
⁶the 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.
⁸The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;
 the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh. R
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 forever.**
¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace. R

A Reading from the Book of 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.

R. The Word of the Lord.
C. Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel According to Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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."

P. The Gospel of the Lord.
C. Thanks be to God.

Sermon Hymn *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized*
ELW# 304

Sermon	Which Baptism?	Pastor Peter
Apostles' Creed		p. 105

Prayers of the Church

Each petition ends...Lord, in your mercy,
Response: hear our prayer.

Tithes and Offerings *Offering Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord's Prayer

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Prayer of Confidence in Christ (For those at home)

My Lord Jesus, I believe that You are present in the sacrament of Holy Communion. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come into my heart. Embrace me and unite me wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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Lamb of God
For the Bread which You Have Broken

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*Prayer after Communion

*Blessing

***Closing Hymn** *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* ELW #596
vs. 1,3,4

***Postlude** *Allegro Vivace from The Water Music*
George Friedrich Handel

January 16, 2022

Worship Leaders

8:30 am

Pastor:	Peter Perry
Vicar:	Cogan Blackmon
Organist:	Gayle Riggert-Harris
Cantor:	Herb Schilling
Lector:	Dale Hurless
Ushers:	Bruce and Jan Bean
Streaming:	Gary Shipley
Sound:	Gene Phillips
Altar Care:	Sylvia Hasbrouck Catherine Davis