

**Cross of Christ Lutheran Church**  
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**Baptism of our Lord Worship with Holy Communion/FB**  
**Sunday January 12, 2025**



- Monday:**  
**Tuesday:** 6:00 Executive Mtg.  
**Wednesday:** 6:30 Confirmation/Club 56 (Simple Supper 6:00)  
**Thursday:**  
**Friday:** Pastor's Day Off  
**Saturday:**  
**Sunday:** 9:30 Worship Service w/Holy Communion/Caring Collection/FB  
10:30 Sunday School/Coffee hour

*Cross of Christ Mission Statement: As a fellowship of believers, it is our mission to joyfully proclaim the gospel of Christ in word and deed; inviting people to worship together, nurturing them in the Christian faith, loving one another and serving a world in need.*

## Prelude

## Ringling of the Church Bell

## Announcements

### Gathering Song: Hymn #423 “Shall We Gather at the River”

1 Shall we gather at the river,  
where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever  
flowing by the throne of God?

(Refrain)

**Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.**

2 On the margin of the river,  
washing up its silver spray,  
we will walk and worship ever,  
all the happy golden day. **R**

3 Ere we reach the shining river,  
lay we ev'ry burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver,  
and provide a robe and crown. **R**

4 Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver  
with the melody of peace. **R**

### Prayer of the Day:

**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.**

## First Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7

- <sup>1</sup> 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.
- <sup>2</sup> 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.
- <sup>3</sup> For 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.
- <sup>4</sup> 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.
- <sup>5</sup> Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;
- <sup>6</sup> 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—
- <sup>7</sup> everyone 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

- <sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- <sup>2</sup> **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name;  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**
- <sup>3</sup> The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- <sup>4</sup> **The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

- <sup>5</sup> The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- <sup>6</sup> **the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- <sup>7</sup> The voice of the Lord  
bursts forth in lightning flashes.
- <sup>8</sup> **The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- <sup>9</sup> 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!"
- <sup>10</sup> **The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.**
- <sup>11</sup> O Lord, give strength to your people;  
give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

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

### **Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

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

<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> John 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. <sup>17</sup> His 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."

<sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup> and 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.**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Dana Jackson**

## **Hymn of the Day: Hymn #456 “Baptized in Water”**

1 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:  
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,  
faithfully now God's praise we sing.

2 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
dead in the tomb with Christ our king:  
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,  
thankfully now God's praise we sing.

3 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
marked with the sign of Christ our king:  
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;  
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

## **Apostle's Creed**

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 life everlasting.**

## **Prayers of Intercession:**

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

## **Offering Collection**

### **Offertory**

### **“Let the Vineyards be Fruitful”**

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were  
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of  
life.

Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with your presence,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

## **Words of Institution**

### **The 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,  
for ever and ever. Amen**

## **Invitation to Communion**

*Pastor:* The Table is set. Who is Welcome?

*Congregation Response:* **All are welcome.**

## **The Distribution (*Please sign the pew pad.*)**

**Communion Hymns: 471, 629, 733**

## **Sending Song: ELW #543 “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”**

1 "Go, my children, with my blessing,  
never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you,  
you are my own.

In my love's baptismal river  
I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing,  
you are my own."

2 "Go, my children, sins forgiven,  
at peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you,  
what I can cure.

Here you heard my dear Son's story,  
here you touched him, saw his glory.

Go, my children, sins forgiven,  
at peace and pure."

3 "Go, my children, fed and nourished,  
closer to me.

Grow in love and love by serving,  
joyful and free.

Here my Spirit's power filled you,  
here my tender comfort stilled you.

Go, my children, fed and nourished,  
joyful and free."

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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**Thank You for helping with the service today:**

Organist: Gayle Smith

Choir Director: Jake Olson

Acolytes: Aaren Kulas, Helen Kulas

Reader: Nancy Runningen

Communion: Nancy & Dave Runningen,

Ruth Ann Stensgard, Cheryl Eaton

Usher: Garret Reay, Teddi Nastor-

Whitney,

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Sunday January 19<sup>th</sup>** Caring Collection we will be collecting shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste.

**Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup>** Cross of Christ Annual Meeting following worship service.