

The Baptism of Our Lord



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Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

*The Verse & Responses

“Alleluia...”

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*The Holy Gospel

A reading from the Gospel of Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

C: Glory to you O Lord.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 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. 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.”

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, 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.**

The Sermon

The Hymn

“All Who Believe and Are Baptized”

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*The Apostles’ Creed

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*The Prayers

*The Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

The Offering

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*The Blessing

The Spirit of the triune God bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **Amen.**

*The Closing

Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God.**

*The Hymn *"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"* WOV #721

Go in Peace to Serve the Lord – **Thanks be to God!**

*The Silent Prayer

*The Postlude

*Congregation stand if you are able

A WARM WELCOME this morning to Pastor John Holt this morning. We thank him for being here today to lead us in worship.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE *Holy Communion. All who seek to meet Jesus, who is present body and blood in the bread and wine, are welcome to come to the table. Gluten free bread and grape juice are available. Just let the pastor or people serving communion know you need it.*

THE OFFERING TODAY and next Sunday is for current expenses.

THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held on **Sunday, January 29th** immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner will follow the morning services and the meeting will begin immediately after dinner. **It is important that everyone attend the meeting!**

PASTOR JOHN'S OFFICE HOURS: **Mon, 9:30-12:30 at Immanuel, Tues. 9:30-12:30 at St. John's, Wed. 9:30 to 12:30 at Good Hope.**

THE 2025 GREETER AND lector lists are on the table in the Narthex. Please stop by and sign up to be greeters or to read the lessons during our worship services. Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT GOOD HOPE

Today	4:30 p.m.	Youth Group/Supper Out and Game Night at the Summit House
Tues., Jan. 14	9:00 a.m.	Quilting
Wed., Jan. 15	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation
Sun., Jan. 19	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Senior Choir Practice
	10:30 a.m.	Worship/Noisy Offering/Baptism

WE WELCOME MEN & WOMEN who are willing to come and help tie and put together quilts for our Lutheran World Relief Project every Tuesday during January, February and March. Contributions of material are needed to make quilt tops; blankets, old sheets, and used drapes are needed for liners and backs. Monetary donations are also accepted. Please put these items in the Stewardship Room in the lower Sunday school hallway. Join us for coffee at 9:00 a.m., a sack lunch at noon, and spend the day with us in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!!!



