# The Baptism of Our Lord



### Good Hope Lutheran Church

#### BAPTISM OF OUR LORD January 12, 2025 10:30 A.M

The Prelude & Meditation			
The Ringing of the Bell			
The Welcome & Announcements			
*The Hymn	"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"	#90	
*The Greeting & Kyrie		page 78	
*The Hymn of Praise	"This is the feast"	page 81	
*The Prayer of the Day	(unison)		

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.

The First Reading

-Isaiah 43:1-7

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. 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. 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. 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. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;

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— 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.

The Special Music	"Circle Without End"	-Senior Choir
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The Psalm

-Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

#### Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

#### the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes.

## The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

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!"

## The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.

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

The Second Reading

-Acts 8:14-17

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..." page 83
\*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"	#194
*The Apostles' Creed	-	page 85
*The Prayers		
*The Confession & For	rgiveness	
Blessed be the holy Tri	nity, one God, our creator, our protector,	
our wellspring of life. A	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		
*The Offertory '	<i>'Let the vineyards''</i>	page 86
*The Offertory Prayer		page 87
*The Great Thanksgiving		page 88
*The Communion Liturgy		page 89
*The Lord's Prayer		page 91
The Distribution '	"Lamb of God"	page 92
(#2	203, #205, #212)	
*The Post Communion Liturgy	"Thank the Lord"	page 92
*The Blessing		
The Spirit of the triune God bles	s you with joy, anoint you with o	compassion,
and send you in love. Amen.		
*The Closing		
Go in peace. Live in hope. Than	nks be to God.	
*The Hymn "Go, My C	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

<u>A WARM WELCOME</u> 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.

<u>THE ANNUAL MEETING</u> will be held on **Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>** 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!!!

