



BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 14, 2024

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
MINNEAPOLIS

WELCOME TO ALL

*The people of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church wish to extend a special welcome to all visitors!
Please leave your name and phone number on the visitor card found in the pew.*

*We are committed to the inclusion of all people, with no exception. Therefore, we practice **open communion**, welcoming all to the table to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.*

Children are full participants in this congregation's worship, educational, and community life! The Mary Martha Room is a quiet space for infants needing to nurse or to nap. For active toddlers, the Community Room has a Children's Corner with books and a table at which to play. Our ushers are ready to assist you in finding the place that best fits your family's needs.

***Accessible and all-gender restrooms** are located in the basement.*

***Single-use, all-gender restrooms** are located on the 1st floor.*

*For over forty years, this congregation has advocated for the **full welcome, inclusion, and equity** of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA+) Lutherans in all aspects of the church and the community. We invite all people into lives of authenticity, integrity, and wholeness.*

***Hearing assist devices and large-print bulletins** are available. Ask an usher if you are interested.*

*Our **services are livestreamed** on Vimeo and Facebook every week.*

If for privacy reasons you prefer not to be on camera, the balcony is outside of the camera's range.

*If you are seeking **pastoral care**, please speak to a pastor today.*

We honor that we gather and worship on the Dakota Homeland.

Today's bulletin cover art is provided by Kristen Townsend. Thank you, Kristen!

+invites the congregation to stand

GATHER

Sighs Too Deep for Words

Today we are using a liturgy titled *Sighs Too Deep for Words*. It is a collaboration of pastors, musicians, and artists intended to engage us as whole persons. This liturgy is mindful that when we worship, all of our senses, our bodies, and our imaginations are engaged personally and communally.

Like all ELCA worship liturgies it has four movements: Gathering, Word, Meal, and Sending. It employs scripture-inspired words, images, and themes intentionally to include all of God's beloved and to enlarge our conception of the God we worship, the Holy One and Holy Three.

We hope that you will experience afresh the radical hospitality of Christ and find yourself worshiping with *Sighs Too Deep for Words*. It will be an adventure!

PRELUDE

+GATHERING HYMN

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

Please stand and face the cross at the rear of the sanctuary.



- 1 Wash, O God, our sons and daugh-ters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
- 2 We who bring them long for nur-ture; by your milk may we be fed.
- 3 Oh, how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-im-ag-ined, all your ways!



Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a-go.
Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of bless-ing, liv-ing bread.
To your name be glo-ry, hon-or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.
God, re-new us, guide our foot-steps; free from sin and all its snares,
We your peo-ple stand be-fore you, wa-ter-washed and Spir-it-born.



Fill, a-noint them; send your Spir-it, ho-ly dove and heart's de-light.
one with Christ in liv-ing, dy-ing, by your Spir-it, chil-dren, heirs.
By your grace, our lives we of-fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans-form!

+GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

+CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Mary's Song

Refrain

Leader: Glo - ry to God, **All:** glo - ry to God, **Leader:** with all our hearts, **All:** with all our hearts.

Leader: Come, wor - ship God, **All:** come, wor - ship God, **Leader:** with all our praise, **All:** with all our praise.

All: Our spir - its join with Mar - y, sing - ing her song of praise to
Stor - ies of God's great mer - cy each gen - er - a - tion shares. New
In Je - sus there is prom - ise, help - ing us on our way. The

to refrain

God, whose name is ho - ly, with arms____ ful - ly raised.
hope for low - ly peo - ple: we know that our God cares.
Spir - it al - ways guides us; we trust what she will say.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WELCOME

WORD

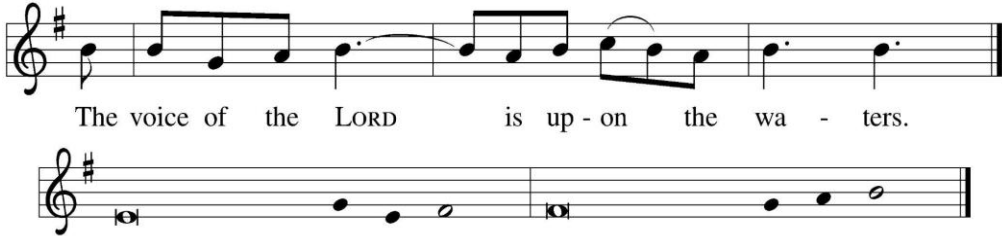
FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-5

Blessed are they who seek wisdom; **who treasure her ways and follow her paths.**

PSALM 29

Refrain (First time: cantor, then all)



¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo-ry and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

³The 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. Refrain**

⁵The 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.**

⁷The 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. Refrain**

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 forevermore.**

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

SECOND READING

Acts 19:1-7

Blessed are they who seek wisdom; **who treasure her ways and follow her paths.**

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Breathe, O breathe, breathe up - on us, that we may live.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

+GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:4-11

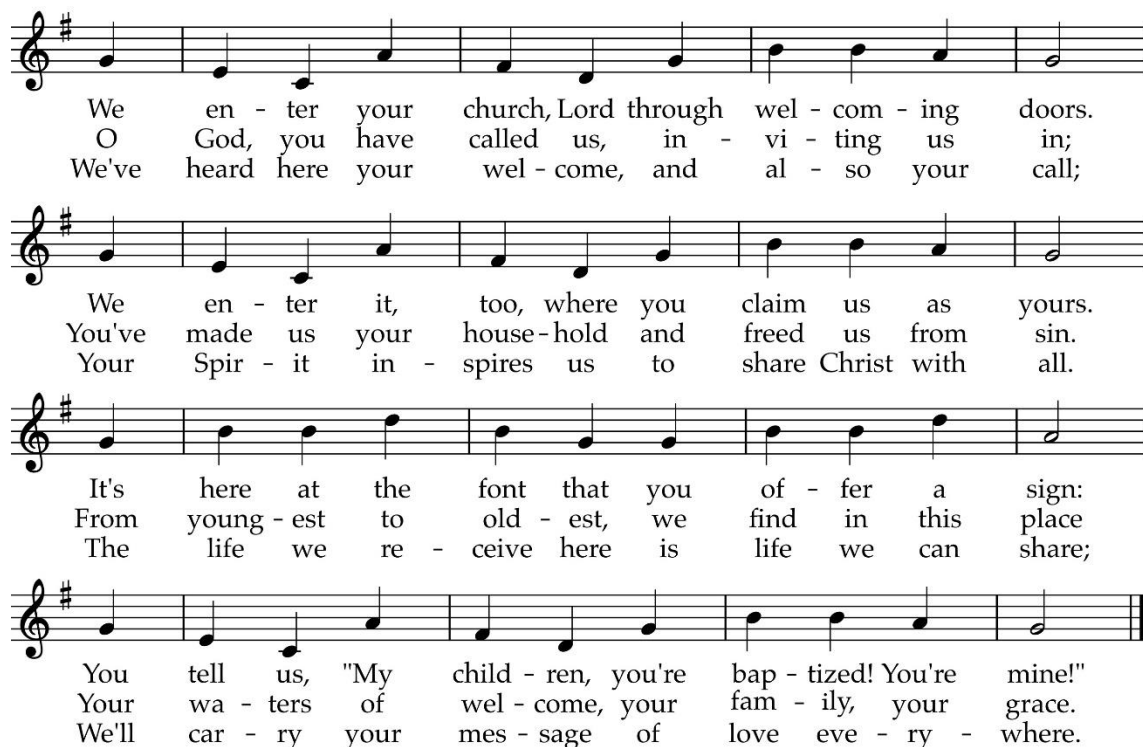
This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, Word of life!

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY

We Enter Your Church, Lord



The musical score is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple, using quarter and half notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The hymn concludes with a double bar line on the fourth staff.

We en - ter your church, Lord through wel - com - ing doors.
O God, you have called us, in - vi - ting us in;
We've heard here your wel - come, and al - so your call;

We en - ter it, too, where you claim us as yours.
You've made us your house - hold and freed us from sin.
Your Spir - it in - spires us to share Christ with all.

It's here at the font that you of - fer a sign:
From young - est to old - est, we find in this place
The life we re - ceive here is life we can share;

You tell us, "My child - ren, you're bap - tized! You're mine!"
Your wa - ters of wel - come, your fam - ily, your grace.
We'll car - ry your mes - sage of love eve - ry - where.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (11:00)

Samuel William Kunze Koch

Child of Karen Kunze and Benjamin Koch

Matthew Koch, Sarah Bliss, and Lona Hendricks, sponsors

Pastor Ted Kunze, grandfather and guest presider

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

PARENTS: We present Samuel William Kunze Koch for baptism.

Karen and Ben, will you, with God's help, strive to share your love, faith, wisdom, and understanding with Samuel and make for him a home where he may learn the way of Christ and join in Christ's work of love, peace, and justice? Will you share with him the church's life—worship, the Lord's Supper, and fellowship? Will you help and encourage him to live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

We will.

Matthew, Sarah, and Lona, will you seek to nurture Samuel in the Christian faith as you are able and help him grow in the Christian faith and life?

We will.

Will you who form the community of love in which Samuel will grow, keep him and his caregivers in your hearts and in your prayers, and support them in the journey of life?

We will.

+PROFESSION OF FAITH

People of God, I ask you to stand and profess your faith in Christ and reject sin.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

+STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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

Please be seated.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. It's all yours — the earth and the sky, the fruit trees, the sun and the moon, the wild animals, and everything that creeps upon the ground.

By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us. We give you glory for oceans and lakes, for rivers and creeks, for Lake Andrew, Lake Florida, Lake Nokomis, and the Mississippi River, for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, and above us. Our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. Hagar discovers your well, Naaman is cleansed of his leprosy, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit into this water and into all who are gathered here this day. Illumine our days. Blanket us with your grace. Enfold us with your peace. Satisfy all our thirst with your eternal fountain, and bring to birth the body of Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

BAPTISM AND SEAL

Samuel William Kunze, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, one God, Mother of us all. **Amen.**

Loving God, we thank you for the life of Samuel and the new life you give to us through Christ. Sustain him with the gift of your Holy Spirit. Bless him that he may come to know what you have made known. Give him grace to grow in faith and life, wisdom and understanding, and joy in your everlasting presence. **Amen.**

Samuel, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life."

Through baptism God has made us members of the community of faith that is centered in Christ Jesus. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you, Samuel, into the community of faith. We receive you as a member of the body of Christ and into the mission we share. Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

The congregation may offer acclamation with applause.



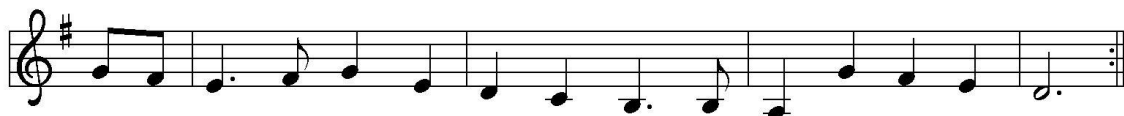
- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



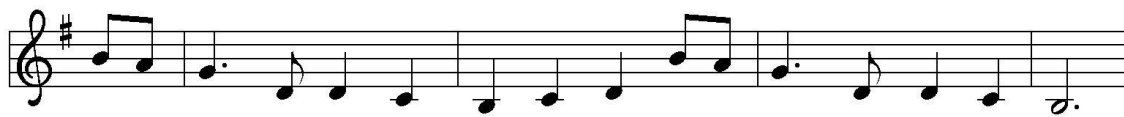
I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

+INTERCESSIONS

Sundays and Seasons

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

(silence)

Inspire wisdom and a spirit of proclamation in your church, God of forgiveness. Uplift leaders to share the truth of your word in community. Encourage us to live into the promises of baptism, working for justice and peace in all the world. God of grace,

Receive our prayer.

Renew your creation, God of thunder and mighty waters. Restore the rivers in which your children are baptized. May fields flourish and grow. Summon the stewards and caretakers of the land to cherish your good works. God of grace,

Receive our prayer.

Give strength to your leaders, God who is present in every country and community. Raise up leaders committed to equity and healing. Grant them discernment and compassion as they lead in love. God of grace,

Receive our prayer.

On the eve day of this Martin Luther King, Jr holiday, remind us that we are all called to the work of justice. Challenge us to hear anew his prophetic call to build the beloved community, to work for a peace that is not the absence of tension but the presence of justice, to resist prejudice and break down the culture and structures of white supremacy, and to become a church that is bold in its witness and actions. God of grace,

Receive our prayer.

Protect and cherish the most vulnerable among us, God of strength. Accompany those separated from family or hurting from broken relationships. Shelter our unhoused neighbors and any experiencing poverty. Protect those incarcerated in prisons and detention centers. Care for the sick and suffering, especially Jeff Olsen Biebighauser's mom Jo; Mary Heltsley's nephew Michael Frey; Caren Hiatt's sister-in-law, Shannon; Annie Hines's son, Nick Hines; Joyce Hanson; Arnie Johanson; Katie Schroeder's mom Diane; Dorothy Kelly; Cori Gershon; and those we name now, either silently or aloud (*the congregation may name loved ones in need of God's care*). God of grace,

Receive our prayer.

Encourage this congregation, God who calls and sends disciples. Guide us in accompanying, learning from, and serving our neighbors on the margins, following the example of Jesus. God of grace,

Receive our prayer.

You are invited to offer spoken petitions. At the conclusion of your petition, please close with "God of grace," to which the congregation will respond, "Hear our prayer."

Receive our prayers and hopes, God of mercy and justice, as we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

MEAL

+PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always! (John 20:19, 21)

And also with you!

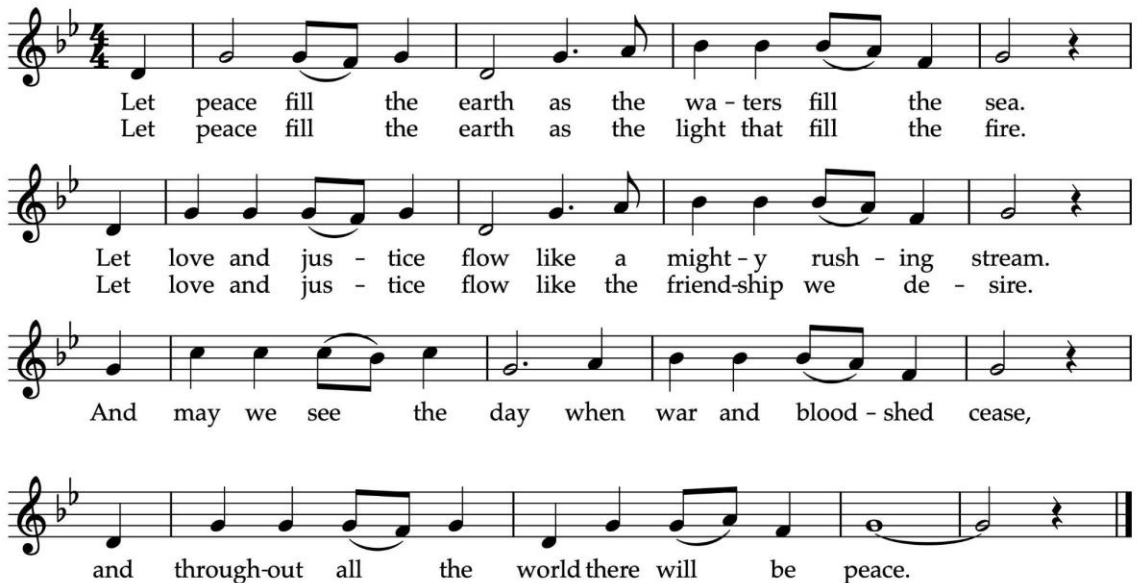
The people may greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

OFFERING

+OFFERTORY HYMN

Let Peace Fill the Earth

Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.



Let peace fill the earth as the wa - ters fill the sea.
Let peace fill the earth as the light that fill the fire.

Let love and jus - tice flow like a might - y rush - ing stream.
Let love and jus - tice flow like the friend-ship we de - sire.

And may we see the day when war and blood - shed cease,
and through-out all the world there will be peace.

+OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, we give you praise! You freed the widow from her debt by transforming a small jar of oil into countless overflowing vessels. (2 Kings 4:1-7)

You liberate us from sin and death by the abundance at this table. Multiply these gifts and fill us with your spirit, so that we may embody Christ and enflesh your radical freedom.

Amen.

+GREAT THANKSGIVING

God is here!

The Spirit is with us!

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to our God!

Let us give thanks to the Holy One and Holy Three!

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

And now we give you thanks for all we have received through the life, death, and resurrection of our savior Jesus Christ. In Christ you became incarnate in a human body. By your flesh we are freed from sin, death, and all that holds us captive. You have been revealed to us as one who breathes, and you breathe into us new life.

Therefore with all heaven and earth, we shout with joy:

+SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God of power, God of might.

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est! Bles - sed is the one who

comes in the name of our God. Ho - san - na in the

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+LORD'S PRAYER

We pray together:

**Our Creator, Our Mother, Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

+GRACE UPON GRACE

Refrain

Grace ____ up - on grace, mer - cy ____ up - on mer - cy,

peace _____ up - on peace, giv - en for you.

The Word made flesh dwells among us, full of grace and truth. *Refrain.*

Behold our Savior who frees us from the sin of the world. *Refrain.*

Please be seated.

COMMUNION INVITATION

All are welcome at the table. This is Christ's table where no one is a stranger.

(11:00) For those worshiping at home, hear these words spoken for you: The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

All are welcome at the table.

Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request to the server.

An usher will direct you down the center aisle, where you can pick up a communion cup. You are invited to stand or kneel in front of the table, beginning from the middle and moving toward the outside. After you have received the bread and the wine, please return to your seat by way of the side aisle, where an usher will receive your communion cup.

If you wish to receive communion from your pew, please let an usher know.

HEALING STATION

Today you are also invited to receive a blessing for healing during the communion distribution time.

Come if you wish to seek prayer for yourself, on behalf of someone else, or for a place in the world.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit

Refrain

Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing

in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the

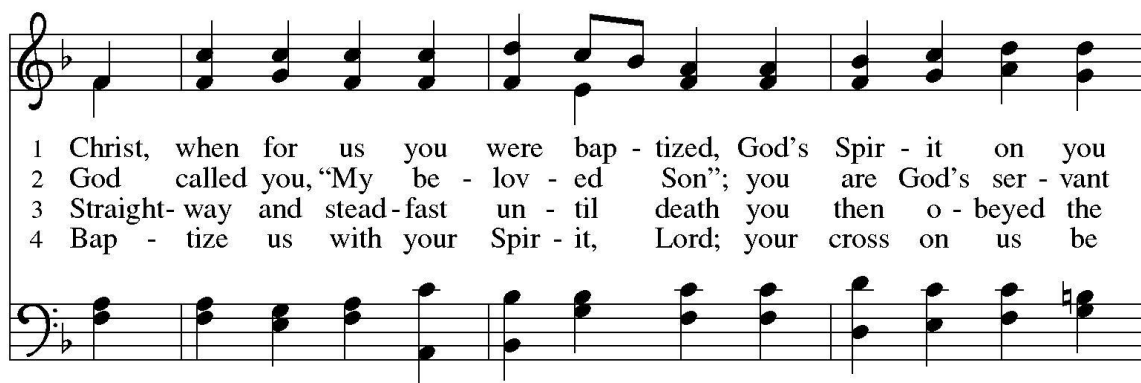
spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,
2 . . . All a - round me looked so fine,
3 . . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,

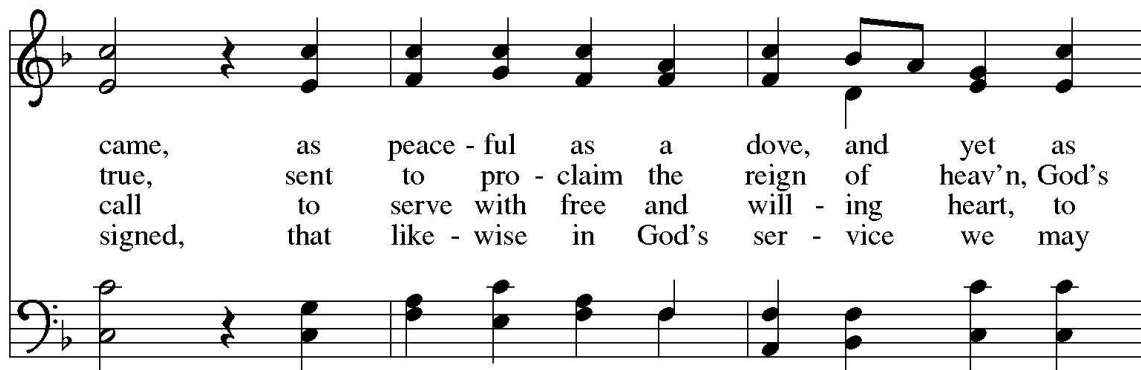
Refrain

out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
asked . . . my Lord if all was mine.
chills the bod - y but not the soul.

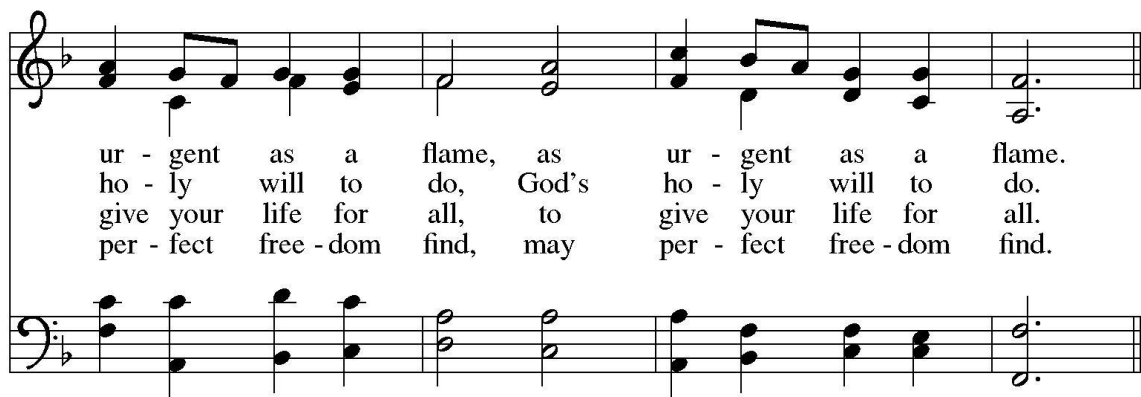
DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you
2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant
3 Straight- way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the
4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as
true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's
call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to
signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.
ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.
give your life for all, to give your life for all.
per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

+BLESSING

May the deep breath of God revive you with joy, infuse you with peace, and fill you with hope.
Amen.

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.
Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.
Amen.

SENDING

+SENDING HYMN

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright



O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's own
Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with - in our
Oh, let the harps break forth in sound! Our joys be all with
truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy! Of Ja - cob's line,
hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing! In your one bod -
mu - sic crowned, our voic - es gai - ly blend - ing! For Christ goes with
King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior, you have won our hearts to serve you
y let us be as liv - ing branch - es of a tree, your life our lives sup -
us all the way - to - day, to - mor - row, ev - 'ry day! His love is nev - er
on - ly! Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious,
ply - ing. Now, though dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us
end - ing! Sing out! Ring out! Ju - bi - la - tion! Ex - ul - ta - tion!
rich in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
and dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.
Tell the sto - ry! Praise to Christ, who reigns in glo - ry!

+BENEDICTION

The God of all, who raised ☩ Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

Amen.

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace! Love your neighbors!

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

*You are invited to the Community Room
(located at the rear of the worship area) for a time of conversation and refreshments.*

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LITURGY SETTING TODAY: *SIGHS TOO DEEP FOR WORDS*

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Doug Mork	Preacher	Doug Mork
Ingrid Rasmussen	Presiding Minister	Ingrid Rasmussen, Ted Kunze
Jen Baker-Trinity	Guest Organist	Jen Baker-Trinity
Crucifer		
Cathy Alpizar	Cantor	Cathy Alpizar
Rick Liedholm	Assisting Minister	Tom Skold
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	Coffee Servers	Ann White, Arlene Helvig
Julie Cahoy, Chuck Jordan	Counters	John Sulzbach
	Closer	Roberta Shaw

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P A R I S H I N F O R M A T I O N

YOGA CLASSES AT HOLY TRINITY

Join us weekly, Wednesdays at Noon or Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. beginning Wednesday, January 10, and Thursday, January 11. Sign up in the Community Room to be a host of one of these classes and offer a warm welcome to those who come.

COMMUNITY MEAL AND STORY COLLECTION JANUARY 21, 12:15 P.M.

Please join us in the library for soup and bread following the 11:00 worship on January 21 to celebrate the close of the first phase and to prepare for the second phase. During Lent, we will begin the second phase: Story Sharing. In small groups facilitated by Dr. Levad, participants will share their experiences, fostering a communal memory of how this congregation and the surrounding community responded to the calls of our city during the uprisings.

GAME NIGHT SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 5:30-8:00 P.M.

Holy Trinity members and friends of all ages are invited to an evening of some fun competition playing favorite games and new games. Come and play from 5:30-8:00 p.m. The Nurturing Committee alongside the Youth Committee will provide pizza, drinks, and dessert. Bring your favorite game. Sign up in the Community Room by January 15.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20—MEDITATIONS ON THE NATIVITY

An art exhibit coupled with music of Olivier Messiaen will be displayed in the Community Room for three weeks. A presentation lecture will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 20, by artist Olivia Wiering and organist Stella O'Neill. Free and open to the public. For more information, visit oliviarseillustrations.com.

ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 11:00 A.M.

On Sunday, January 28, 2024, we will have one service only at 10:00 a.m., followed by lunch and the Annual Meeting at 11:00 a.m. All are invited to the gym as we celebrate the 120th year of God's ministry through Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. We will review committee goals, elect new council members, approve changes to the by-laws, and approve the 2024 budget. The annual meeting is also an opportunity for us to check on our progress made toward congregational goals.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 28 FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL MTG.

At the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, the Church Council voted to call a special Congregational meeting on Sunday, January 28, 2024, for the purpose of issuing a call as a Part-time Associate Pastor to Rev. Doug Mork. Please plan to attend this brief meeting which will take place in the gym immediately after the Annual Meeting. Because Pastor Doug is already a called pastor in this congregation, we do not need to create a call committee or conduct a multi-step process. We can fulfill this action with a relatively short meeting.

P A R I S H S C H E D U L E

Monday, January 15		Office Closed for MLK Day
Tuesday, January 16	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, January 17	12:00 PM 5:00-6:00 PM 5:45-6:45 PM 6:00-8:00 PM 6:00-7:30 PM 6:00 PM	Yoga Choir Family Meal Children's Choir Rehearsal Supervised Play Time Gloria Ringers Rehearsal Spiritual Direction and Companionship
Thursday, January 18	7:30 PM	Yoga
Sunday, January 21	8:45 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 12:15 PM 2:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Adult Forum Youth Education Worship Service of Holy Communion Community Meal/Story Collection Swahili Service

ADULT FORUM

10:00 a.m. each Sunday in the Library

TODAY "Climate Energy Saving Opportunities"

Diane McKeown of the Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTS) will present on the significant grants available to individuals and organizations for green energy improvements.

January 21 "Preview the Annual Meeting"

Pastors Ingrid, David, Doug, and Council representatives

Join us at 10:00 a.m. in the Library or on Zoom as we prepare for this year's annual meeting. There is a lot of business to cover during the annual meeting, which will be held following the combined 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, January 28. Come and preview the meeting agenda with Pastor Ingrid, Pastor David, Pastor Doug, and Council representatives during the adult forum hour. Bring your questions!