

# Worship Service ~ January 8, 2023, 9:00

## Baptism of Our Lord

VISION: Be the body of Christ:

welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith.

MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

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PRELUDE on "Hanson Place" ELW #423 by Sam Batt Owens

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE                      *Baptisms Of 2022*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

OPENING HYMN    ELW #283 *O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL*

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant! O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come and behold him, born the king of angels:

*Refrain:* O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

The highest, most holy, light of light eternal, born of a virgin, a mortal he comes; Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! *refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God in the highest: *refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n! Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: *refrain*

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*~Silence for reflection~*

L: Holy One, source of our renewal,

**C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

L: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

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HYMN OF PRAISE ELW page 149

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray, O God our Father,

**C: at the baptism of Jesus, you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

PRAYER LAB MINUTE

R: A reading from Isaiah.

**Isaiah 42:1-4; 8-9**

<sup>1</sup>Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup>He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

<sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

<sup>8</sup>I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.

<sup>9</sup>See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**GLORIA**

R: A Gospel reading from the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of Matthew.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**Matthew 3:13-17**

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all

righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

MESSAGE      Pastor John Klawiter

HYMN OF THE DAY      ELW #423 *SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER*  
stz 1, 2

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.

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

MUSICAL OFFERING      “*You Are Holy*” by Per Harling; Faith Choir,  
Linda Burk, director



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boxes by the exit doors. Thank you for giving to  
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray, liberating God,

**C: you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

BLESSING

L: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*You are invited to come forward at the direction of the ushers and exit the Sanctuary or return to your seat for the final dismissal.*

LAMB OF GOD                      ELW page 154

HYMN ELW #292 *LOVE HAS COME*    stz 1, 2, 3

Love has come—a light in the darkness! Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies. See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; hear how their song of joy arises: Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high.

Love is born! Come, share in the wonder. Love is God now asleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his mother; what is the name her heart is saying? Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers, Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.

Love has come and never will leave us! Love is life everlasting and free. Love is Jesus within and among us. Love is the peace our hearts are seeking. Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas, Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

## DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Service the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE on *Un Flambeau, Jeanette Isabella* (ELW #292) by Christopher Uehlein

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