



# Baptism of Our Lord

January 9, 2022 | 8:00 & 10:30 AM



**Everyone is welcome.** As people of God, St. John's welcomes all regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female." (Galatians 3:28) This is Christ's church, and Christ has bid you come.

**Guests are welcome.** We are pleased you are worshiping with us today. So that we may be in contact with you, we invite you to sign the guest book in the narthex. Our programs are open to all and you are invited to participate. We hope you will worship with us again soon.

**Children are welcome.** We encourage them to attend worship with their parents—even their noise and restlessness are surely a delight to God. Children's bulletins are available from the ushers and a professionally staffed nursery is available from 7:45 AM to 11:45 AM. Follow the signs or ask any member for directions.

**To assist you during worship:** Large print worship bulletins are available from the ushers. If you are unable to come forward for communion, please inform an usher and the pastors will be happy to commune you at your pew.

**Offerings:** St. John's is a tithing church. We dedicate a percentage of our offerings to the mission of the wider church through the NJ Synod of the ELCA and to many other mission partners. We are able to support these ministries because of your offerings and tithes.

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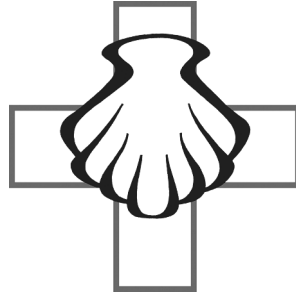
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We're delighted you're worshiping with us. As part of our ongoing outreach, your voice and your image may be videographed and photographed and used by St. John's for ministry purposes. For any questions or concerns, contact the church office.

## Prayer Before Worship

Holy God, when Jesus was baptized in the Jordan the heavens opened, the Spirit descended, and your voice affirmed your love in Jesus for the healing of the human race and all creation. By water and word you lovingly invite us into this same life-giving mission. May your Spirit, moving like a stream of water flowing from its source, work in us this day to realize your vision of a world made new in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*From Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year C, Vol. 1*



## Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**PRELUDE** Chorale Prelude on *Es ist das Heil*

By Johann Gottfried Walther

## WELCOME

*Please stand.*

## INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our creator, redeemer, and sustainer. **Amen.**

In the beginning, darkness covered the deep, and God said: Let there be light.

**The voice of the Lord is over the waters!**

Through the words of the prophet, the Lord said:

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

**The voice of the Lord is over the waters!**

Do not fear, says the Lord; I am with you. I have called you by name; you are mine.

**The voice of the Lord is over the waters!**

When Jesus was baptized by John, suddenly the heavens were opened.

**The voice of the Lord is over the waters!**

And as Jesus was coming out of the water, the Spirit of God rested on him like a dove.

**The voice of the Lord is over the waters!**

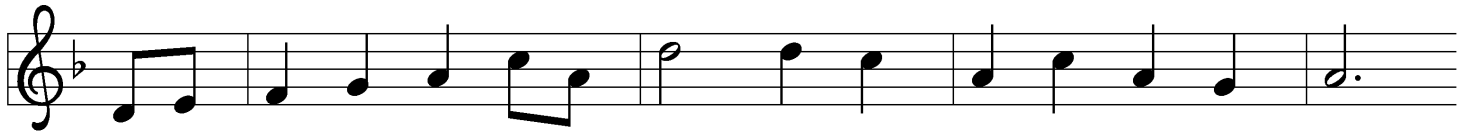
And a voice said: You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.

**The voice of the Lord is over the waters!**

## GATHERING HYMN ELW 305 When Jesus Came to Jordan



1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John,  
2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,  
3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;



he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.  
for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.  
this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - 'ry bond - age break.



He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,  
So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,  
Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:



to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.  
the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.  
to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

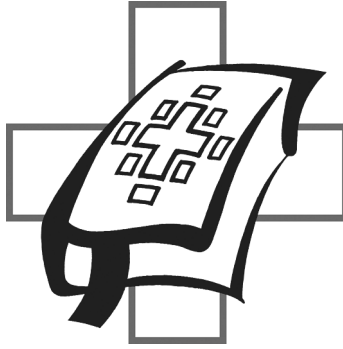
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Music: KING'S LYNN, English folk tune  
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## APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. 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.**



## Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

*Please be seated.*

**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.”

*The reader concludes:* The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 29:1–2, 3–4, 9–10 (10:30 ONLY)**



The Lord will bless his peo-ple with peace. The



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Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly powers, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory of God's name;  
bow down before the LORD, majestic in holiness. **R**

The voice of the LORD upon the waters, the LORD on the immensity of the waters;  
The voice of the LORD full of power; the voice of the LORD full of splendor. **R**

The God of glory thunders; in the temple they all cry, "Glory!"  
The LORD sat enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits as king, sits as king forever. **R**

**SECOND READING** Acts 8:14–17

<sup>14</sup>Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup>The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup>(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup>Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

*The reader concludes:* The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* Thanks be to God.

*Please stand.*

**GOSPEL PROCESSION** ELW 304 Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

*Verses 1 & 4*



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you  
4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as  
signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.  
per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984, alt.

Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561

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**GOSPEL** Luke 3:15–17, 21–22

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **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.”

*The gospel is proclaimed, concluding:* The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

The Rev. Blake A. Scalet

*Please stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** ELW 308 O Morningstar, How Fair and Bright  
*Verses 1, 4, 5 & 6*



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with  
4 Al - mighty - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,



God’s own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!  
when not yet be - gun was this old earth’s foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob’s line, King Da - vid’s son, our Lord and Sav - ior,  
Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here





you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,  
and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -



ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich  
lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life

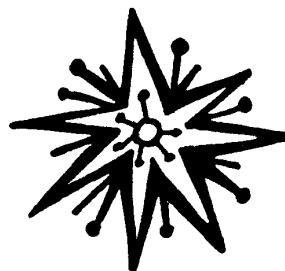


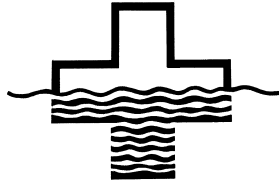
in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

5 Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!  
Our joy be all with music crowned,  
our voices gaily blending!  
For Christ goes with us all the way—  
today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!  
His love is never ending!  
Sing out! Ring out!  
Jubilation!  
Exultation!  
Tell the story!  
Praise to Christ, who reigns in glory!

6 What joy to know, when life is past,  
the Lord we love is first and last,  
the end and the beginning!  
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,  
transport us to that happy place  
beyond all tears and sinning!  
Amen! Amen!  
Come, Lord Jesus!  
Crown of gladness!  
We are yearning  
for the day of your returning.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai  
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## **CORPORATE AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come before God to make public affirmation of our baptism.

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

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.**

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 the life everlasting. Amen.**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth? **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*Water is poured into the font.*

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

**HYMN ACS 957 Take Me to the Water**

1 Take me to the wa - ter, take me to the wa - ter,  
2 I . . . love . . Je - sus, I . . . love . . Je - sus,  
3 He's . . my . . Sav - ior, he's . . my . . Sav - ior,  
4 Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah. Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah.

take me to the wa - ter to be bap - tized.  
I . . . love . . Je - sus, oh, yes, I do.  
he's . . my . . Sav - ior, oh, yes, he is.  
Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah to be bap - tized.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: TAKE ME TO THE WATER, African American spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer, 1935–2009

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**PRAYER OF COMMITMENT**

Let us pray. **Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, but always to your glory and the welfare of your people, through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of mercy, hear our prayer. *Response at the conclusion of the prayer: Amen.*

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MISSION

### GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*We present monetary, food, and other offerings for God's mission and this congregation's ministry. Both visitors and members alike may use the pew envelope to make a contribution. If you would like to make a one-time or recurring electronic contribution, or want information about mailing checks, you may visit [www.stjohnssummit.org/giving](http://www.stjohnssummit.org/giving) or scan this code.*



**8:00 OFFERING MUSIC** *Lobt Gott, ihr Christen*

By Johann Gottfried Walther

**10:30 OFFERING MUSIC** “Wind Upon the Waters”

By Marty Haugen

Jody Mullen, soprano

Wind upon the waters, voice upon the deep; rouse your sons and daughters, wake us from our sleep.  
Breathing life into all flesh, breathing love into all hearts, living wind upon the waters of my soul.

Showers from the heavens, water from the earth; gift so wholly given, source of ev'ry birth.  
Joy of ev'ry living thing, making all creation sing, shower down upon the dry earth of my soul.

Rock and hill and garden, wood and desert sand; prairie, field and meadow, shaped by Love's own hand.  
Love that fills the world around, springing up from barren ground, grow your love within the garden of my soul.

Blazing light of wonder, flame that pierces night; burst the dark asunder, fill our souls with light.  
Lord of glory, fill the skies, make an end to hatred's cries, be the blazing Sun of justice in our lives.

Wind upon the waters, rains upon the sand; grace your sons and daughters, newborn by your hand.  
Come O Spirit, and renew all the life that comes from you, send your winds upon the waters of my soul.

*Please stand.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.**

## Meal

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**



*Please be seated.*

## RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

*If you wish to receive communion, please approach the pastor one at a time.  
The pastor will place a wafer in your open hands. Please indicate if you need a gluten free wafer.  
The assisting minister serves the wine / grape juice in pre-filled individual cups.  
You may pick up your personal cup, being careful to only touch that cup.  
Step aside and drink the wine, placing the used cup in the return tray.*

*All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table.*

*If you do not wish to commune, you may come forward for a blessing.*

## LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN ELW 451 We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus (10:30 ONLY)



1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap - tized in his death;  
2 In the wa - ter and the wit - ness, in the break - ing of the bread,  
3 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to Christ the Son,



that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.  
in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,  
glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;



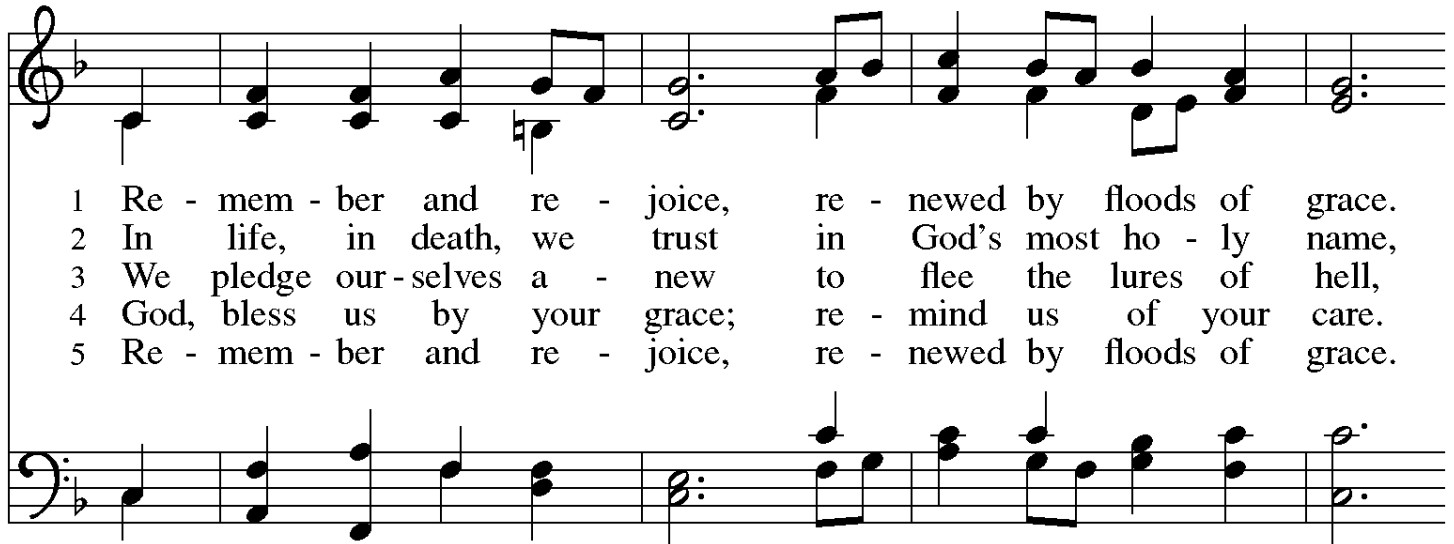
And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread - ful death like his,  
God has made a new be - gin - ning from the ash - es of our past;  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, glo - ry now re - sounds a - gain



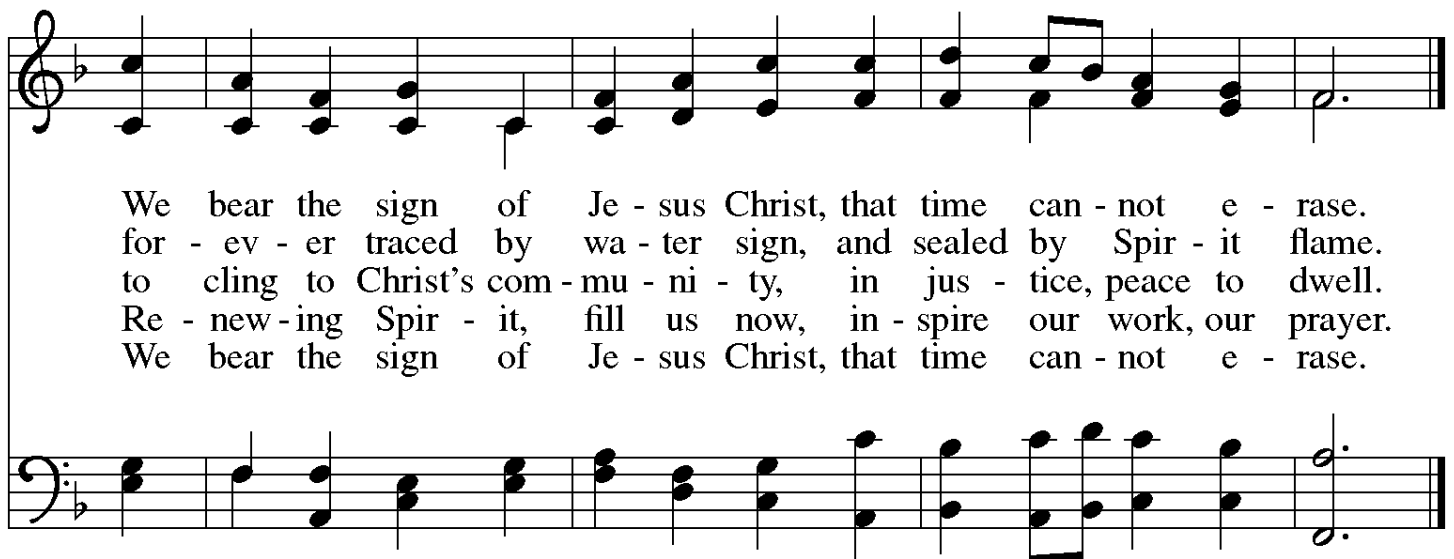
we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.  
in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.  
in a song that has no end - ing. . . . . A - men.

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937  
Music: OUIMETTE, John C. Ylvisaker  
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## COMMUNION HYMN ELW 454 Remember and Rejoice (10:30 ONLY)



1 Re - mem - ber and re - joice, re - newed by floods of grace.  
2 In life, in death, we trust in God's most ho - ly name,  
3 We pledge our - selves a - new to flee the lures of hell,  
4 God, bless us by your grace; re - mind us of your care.  
5 Re - mem - ber and re - joice, re - newed by floods of grace.



We bear the sign of Je - sus Christ, that time can - not e - rase.  
for - ev - er traced by wa - ter sign, and sealed by Spir - it flame.  
to cling to Christ's com - mu - ni - ty, in jus - tice, peace to dwell.  
Re - new - ing Spir - it, fill us now, in - spire our work, our prayer.  
We bear the sign of Je - sus Christ, that time can - not e - rase.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731-1776

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*Please stand.*

### **BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. **We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. Amen.**



## Sending

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN ELW 442 All Who Believe and Are Baptized



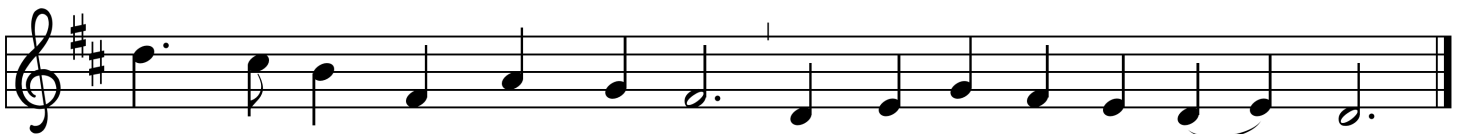
1 All who be - lieve and are bap - tized shall see the Lord's sal -  
2 With one ac - cord, O God, we pray, grant us your Ho - ly



va - tion; bap-tized in - to the death of Christ, they are a  
Spir - it; help us in our in - fir - mi - ty through Je - sus'



new cre - a - tion; through Christ's re-demp-tion they will stand a -  
blood and mer - it; grant us to grow in grace each day by



mong the glo - rious heav'n-ly band of ev-'ry tribe and na - tion.  
ho - ly bap - tism, that we may e - ter - nal life in - her - it.

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. George T. Rygh, 1860–1943, alt.  
Music: ES IST DAS HEIL, *Etlich christlich Lieder*, Wittenberg, 1524

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE Setting of *Es ist das Heil*

By Wayne Dietterick

**January 9, 2022**

**Today's altar flowers** are given to the glory of God.

**2022 Offering Envelopes:** If you use offering envelopes for your contributions, 2022 envelopes are available for pickup in the church office.

**Help us take down the Christmas decorations TODAY** after the 10:30 service.

**Forums POSTPONED:** The Anti-Racism Committee forums scheduled for January 16 & 23 have been **POSTPONED**.

**Budget Forum, February 6 at 9:00 AM.**

**One Service, February 13 at 9:30 AM** with the Annual Congregation Meeting immediately following the service.

**Lutheran Disaster Response Tornado Relief:** Gifts to LDR designated for "U.S. tornadoes" will be used entirely (100%) to assist those affected by tornadoes until the response is complete. Together, we can support those who are on the long road to recovery. You may give to St. John's with the memo: "LDR Tornadoes" or you may give online at [elca.org/disaster](http://elca.org/disaster).

**Appalachia Service Project July 2–9, 2022 Update:** Youth AND adults can still sign up for this awesome service opportunity. The need in Appalachia is so great, ASP is permitting some all-adults teams for the summer program usually geared to youth. This is a unique year and a great opportunity for adults to try ASP. Contact Laura Snyder ASAP: [njsnyders5@verizon.net](mailto:njsnyders5@verizon.net).

**Lutheran Summer Music Winter Session** will run January 9–February 11, 2022 and will be held completely via Zoom. The LSM Winter Session aims to remove the barriers of distance, tuition cost, and time commitment so that we can welcome even more young musicians into our community! For more information about the program, visit [LSMacademy.org](http://LSMacademy.org).

**Dinner Church** on hiatus until March 13.

**Confirmation Class and Youth Group** will not meet in January.





Jesus coming  
from Galilee  
appeared before  
John at the  
Jordan  
to be baptised  
by him