

Baptism of Our Lord
January 7, 2024
8:30am & 11:00am Worship



Central Lutheran Church
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Welcome to Worship!

Central Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Oregon Synod, is a Reconciling in Christ community: We affirm that Christ has made us one body with many members, all sharing in God's wondrous grace and unconditional love.

We celebrate both the human variation and inclusive unity of God's family. Following Jesus' example, we embrace all of God's people regardless of ethnicity, physical and mental abilities, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or economic circumstance. With welcoming hearts, we invite you to join us in worship, fellowship, and ministry.

Our mission is to be the hands and feet of Jesus by loving God and one another, nurturing faithful living, serving those in need, and sharing the Gospel.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

The Carillon

PRELUDE

Il est né (He Is Born)

Dale Wood

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of 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.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as your beloved children, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

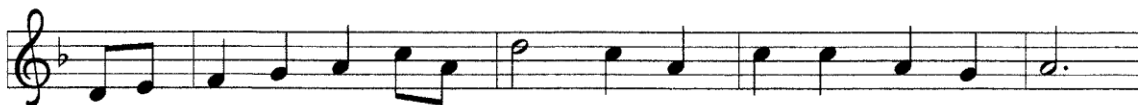
HYMN #305 When Jesus Came to Jordan *(please stand)*



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:

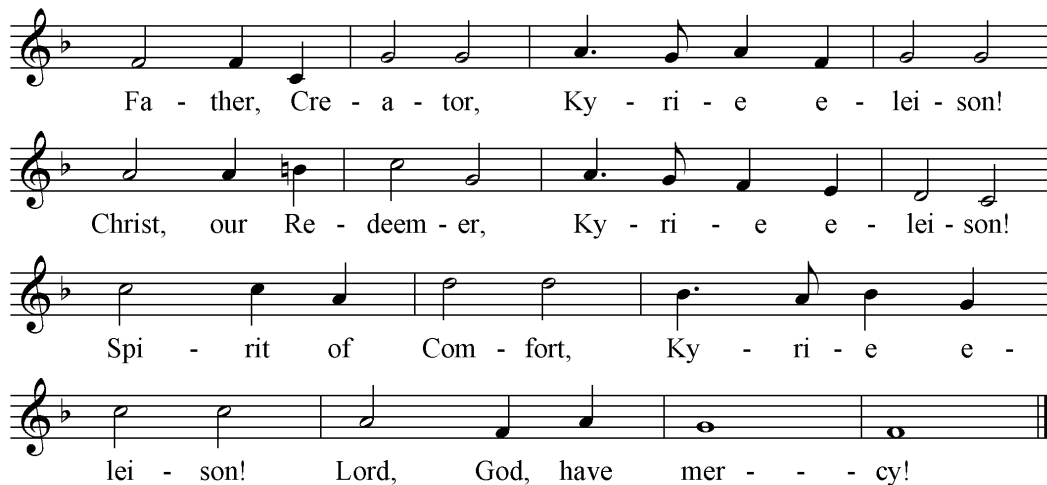


to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.
the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.
to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

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.**

KYRIE



Fa - ther, Cre - a - tor, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son!
Christ, our Re - deem - er, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son!
Spi - rit of Com - fort, Ky - ri - e e -
lei - son! Lord, God, have mer - - - cy!

Text: R. Michael Cullinan, b. 1937

Tune: Shades Mountain 11.11.11.5.

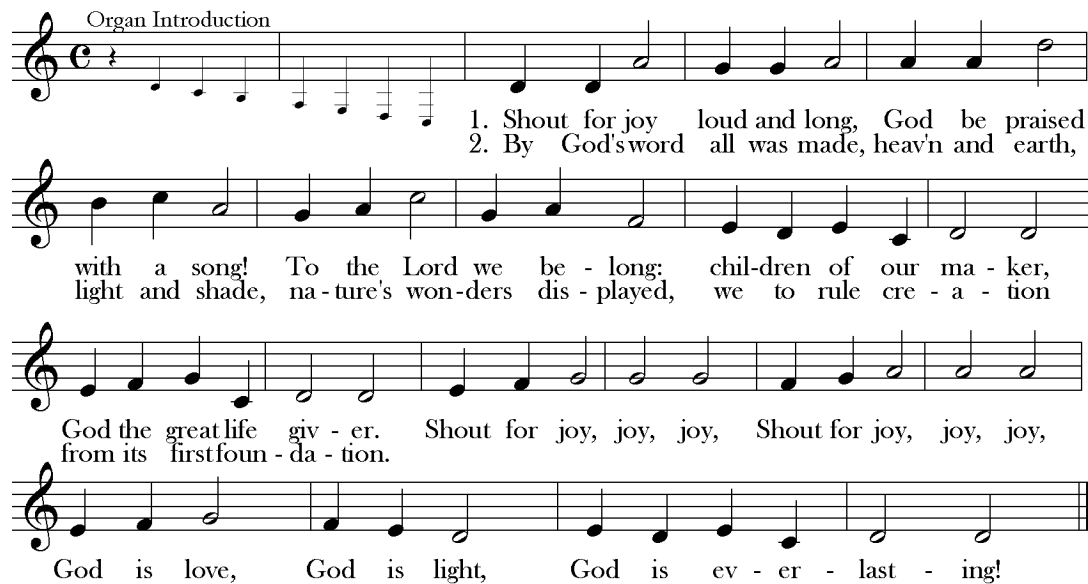
K. Lee Scott, b 1950

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Organ Introduction

1. Shout for joy loud and long, God be praised
2. By God's word all was made, heav'n and earth,
with a song! To the Lord we be - long; chil-dren of our ma - ker,
light and shade, na - ture's won - ders dis - played, we to rule cre - a - tion
God the great life giv - er. Shout for joy, joy, joy, Shout for joy, joy, joy,
from its firstfoun - da - tion.
God is love, God is light, God is ev - er - last - ing!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **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 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)*

FIRST READING Genesis 1:1-5

Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the formless void, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for us. God created and continues to create new life.

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



PSALM 29

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

²**Ascribe to the Lord the glory ¹due God’s name;
worship the Lord in the beau- ¹ty of holiness.**

³The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of ¹glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the ¹mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the Lord is a pow- ¹erful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a ¹voice of splendor.**

⁵The voice of the Lord breaks the ¹cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the ce- ¹dars of Lebanon;

⁶**the Lord makes Lebanon skip ¹like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a ¹young wild ox.**

⁷The voice ^l of the Lord bursts forth in ^l lightning flashes.

⁸**The voice of the Lord ^l shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilder- ^l ness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the ^l forests bare.
And in the temple of the Lord all are ^l crying, “Glory!”

¹⁰**The Lord sits enthroned a- ^l bove the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for- ^l evermore.**

¹¹O Lord, give strength ^l to your people;
give them, O Lord, the bless- ^l ings of peace.

**Glory be to the Father, and |to the Son, and to the | Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be fore- | ver. Amen.**

ANTHEM (8:30) *See the Grand Procession* Hal Hopson Cantors

ANTHEM (11:00) *Bright and Glorious is the Sky* Cantor

SECOND READING Acts 19:1-7

In Ephesus, Paul encounters people who had received John’s baptism of repentance but had never heard of the Holy Spirit or of baptism in the name of Jesus. After Paul baptizes them, the Holy Spirit comes upon them and empowers them with gifts of the Spirit.

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” ³Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” ⁴Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*please stand*)



Cantors: A voice from heaven said, “This is my Son,¹ the Beloved,* with whom I¹ am well pleased.” *Assembly repeats Antiphon.*

GOSPEL Mark 1:4-11

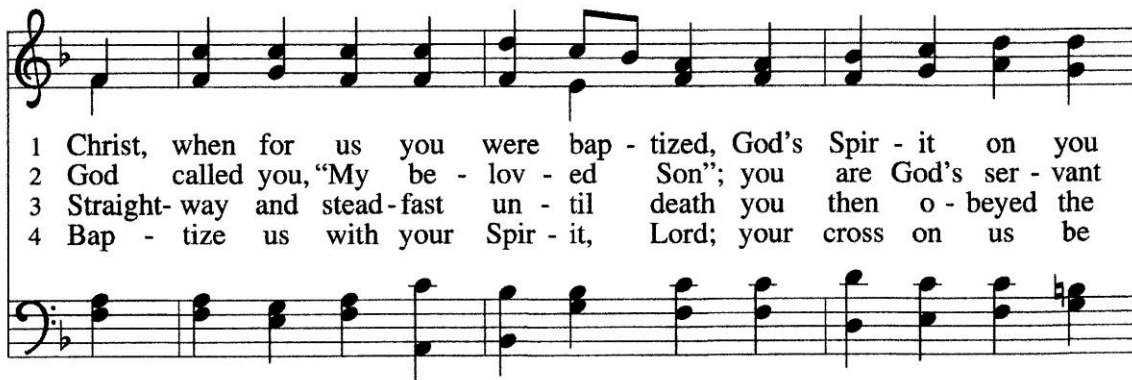
The Gospel according to Mark, the first chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” ⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

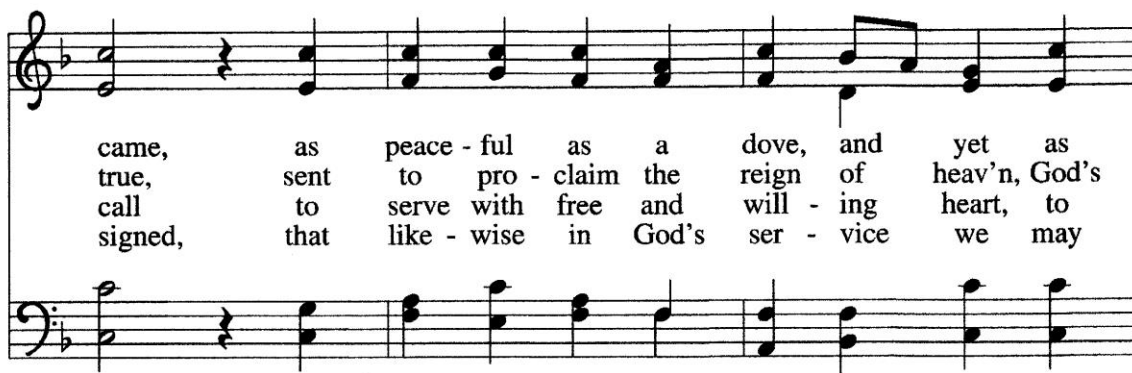
SERMON

Pastor Ben Nickodemus


HYMN OF THE DAY #304 Christ, When for Us (*please stand*)



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.

NICENE CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our Christian faith.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen. *(please be seated)*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

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

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

OFFERING

You may place your offering in the plates as you come forward for communion.

OFFERTORY CAROL (*please stand*)

1. We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

REFRAIN O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again;
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.

REFRAIN

3. Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a deity nigh;
prayer and praising, gladly raising, worshiping God most high.

REFRAIN

4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

REFRAIN

5. Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;
heav'n sings alleluia; alleluia the earth replies.

REFRAIN

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Gracious God, receive the gifts we bring, ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, Creator God, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might: — heaven and
earth are full of your glo ry. — Ho-san - na — in the high-est. — Ho - san - na
— in the high - est, Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
— Ho-san - na — in the high-est. — Ho - san - na — in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took break, and gave it to his disciples, saying: “Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.”

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

‡ **Christ has died.** ‡ **Christ is risen.** ‡ **Christ will come again.**

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.** *(please be seated)*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion. You will receive the bread in the form of a wafer and then you may dip the wafer into the cup of red wine or white grape juice. (Gluten free wafers are also available; simply let your server know.) If you are unable to come forward, you may remain seated in your pew and communion will be brought to you.

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 DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all, and to your glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION (*please stand*)

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN #302 As With Gladness (Jan. 6 was Epiphany)



1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;
5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright need they no cre - a - ted light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;
so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
and when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;



so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee.
so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.
all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n - ly king.
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our king.



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Swiss Noel

Daquin

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Cantors (8:30): John Shields & Daniel Au

Cantor (11:00): Daniel Au

Mark your calendar: Our semi-annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 28th between services in the Parish Hall (9:45-10:45am). Ministry Teams and Committees reports are due to the church office by Friday, January 19th. Please email to Kristi (info@welcometocentral.org).

Together Tuesdays resume on January 9th with a simple supper served beginning at 5:15pm, followed by Music Together, Children's Choir, and Adult Education starting at 6:00pm.

Chorale and Handbell Rehearsals resume this week on Wednesday (7:00pm) and Thursday (5:15pm) respectively.

A word of welcome and invitation to our guests: If you would like to find out more about the teachings of the Lutheran Christian faith and/or how you might engage more fully in our life together at Central, we invite you to contact Pastor Laurie or Pastor Ben. You can either fill out the registration card found in the pew rack with your contact info or email us: pastorlaurie@welcometocentral.org or pastorben@welcometocentral.org.

Thank you for your faithful and generous support of our shared mission and ministry.

