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**Baptism of Our Lord**

**January 12, 2025, 9:00 am**

***Introduction to the day…***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Today’s festival rejoices in God’s blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God’s children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we “pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire.” On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God’s Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.

**GATHERING**

**GATHERING HYMN Shall We Gather at the River ELW 423**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,

our creator,

our protector,

our wellspring of life.

**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.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**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.**

**CHILDREN’S MUSIC This Little Light of Mine ELW 677**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 43:1-7**

A vase of flowers on a table

Description automatically generated 1 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.  
 2 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.  
 3 For I am the Lord your God,  
  the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
 I give Egypt as your ransom,  
  Cush and Seba in exchange for you.  
 4 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.  
 5 Do not fear, for I am with you;  
  I will bring your offspring from the east,  
  and from the west I will gather you;  
 6 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—  
 7 everyone who is called by my name,  
  whom I created for my glory,  
  whom I formed and made.”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 29**

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,  
  ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
 2 **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God’s name;**  
  **worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**  
 3 The 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.**  
 5 The 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.**  
 7 The 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.**  
 9 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!”  
 10 **The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;**  
  **the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.**  
 11 O Lord, give strength to your people;  
  give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

**SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17**

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

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ACS pg. 33**

**GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

15 As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 16 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 strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 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.”  
  21 Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, 22 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 of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY Down Galilee’s Slow Roadways ACS 916**

**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 power of the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,**

**A wooden cross on a book

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**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.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

…God of grace,

**hear our prayer**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

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

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**OFFERING***In addition to our normal offering, a* ***Special Benevolence in January*** *(collected in a special*

*envelope) will be the* ***ELCA Disaster/Hurricane relief. (Details on the last page of this bulletin)***

**OFFERING SONG**  **Baptized and Set Free ELW 453**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,

and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

A candle flame in the dark

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our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,

now and always.

**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 our thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**Holy, Holy, Holy ACS pg. 36**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

O God most mighty,

O God most merciful,

O God our rock and our salvation,

hear us as we praise,

call us to your table,

grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void,

you formed order and beauty.

When Abraham and Sarah were barren,

you sent them a child;

When the Israelites were enslaved,

you led them to freedom.

Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath,

and the psalmists cried out for healing,

and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.

He was born among the poor,

he lived under oppression,

he wept over the city.

With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, 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 for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **Amen.**

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **Amen.**

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **Amen.**

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.

O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.

O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.

O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly,

O God our strength and our song,

you show us a vision of a tree of life

with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.

Grant us such life,

the life of the Father to the Son,

the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,

life in you, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION** *- Certified gluten-free crackers are in the bowl on the communion plate.*

The joy of the Lord is our strength.

Come, eat this meal of gladness.

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Nourishing God,

at this table you have refreshed us

with holy gifts of food and drink.

Strengthen us for service,

and send us out to embody your good news

of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.

In the name of Christ we pray,

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

The Spirit of the triune God

☩ bless you with joy,

anoint you with compassion,

and send you in love.

**Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN Go, My Children, With My Blessing ELW 543**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live in hope.

**Thanks be to God.**

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| **Coming up at GSLC** | | |
| Sunday, January 12 | 9:00 am | Worship Service   * Baptism of our Lord/First Sunday after Epiphany * Luke 3:15-17, 21-22; The baptism of Jesus with the descent of the Holy Spirit |
| Tuesday, January 14 | 6:30 pm | Council Meeting |
|  | 7:00 pm | AA Meeting |
| Wednesday, January 15 | 7:00 pm | Midweek Worship  Confirmation Class |
| Sunday, January 19 | 9:00 am | Worship Service – Sunday School   * Second Sunday after Epiphany * John 2:1-11; The wedding at Cana |

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| ***Upcoming Worship Assistants*** | | | | | | |
|  | **Usher** | **Lector** | **Communion** | **Offering Counters** | | **Deep Clean** |
| January 12 | Volunteer | Leslie Mader | Dave & Sue Schraeder | Robin Beeman | David Schneider | January:  John & Jane Wagner  Laurel Peterson |
| January 19 | Chris & Robin Beeman | Tammy Neumann | Bruce & Nancy Tibbett | Heidi Binder | Kami Weis |
| January 26 | Heidi Binder | Shelly Schneider | Bob & Laurel Peterson | Pam Mundt | Margo Barrier |
| February 2 | Tammy Neumann | Andrea  Hovick | Dave & Shelly Schneider | Dan  Mundt | Bob  Peterson |

**The Annual Meeting will be held after worship on Sunday, January 26th. Budget hearings will be January 12th and 19th. Please plan to attend!**

**There will be fellowship time after worship one Sunday a month. Please sign up on the table in the narthex.**

**Altar care will be taking down the tree today after the service, help is needed.**

Names on the prayer list will now default to 6 weeks. If you would like a name to remain on the list longer, please let Pastor Katie know.

**Notification from Outreach Ministry**

Outreach Ministry Pass Around envelope offering for January will go to ELCA  Hurricane Disaster Relief. In late September, Hurricane Helene hit the coast of Florida as a Category 4 hurricane and moved inland as a deadly storm, leaving devastation throughout the southeastern United States. Two weeks later Hurricane Milton hit Florida as a powerful Category 3 hurricane, bringing storm surge, heavy rains, winds and tornadoes. Though it has been months, many people in the area are still dealing with the aftermath. Lutheran Disaster Response provides support on the long road to recovery with disaster case management, construction management, attention to unmet needs, and emotional and spiritual care.

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SOS is experiencing record high numbers. The shelves are the lowest they've been in a long time.

The food list: Mac’n Cheese, Boxed Rice Meals, Canned Pasta Meals, Tuna, Canned Chicken. **Supplies of nearly everything are low but especially needed are canned chili, canned stew, canned soups, and pasta sauce.**

**Pastor Katie’s Office Hours**: Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm. Tuesday mornings at Uptown Coffee. Afternoons available by appointment. You are welcome to stop in any time for conversation or concerns.

Next Sunday, Pastor Katie will be doing a pulpit exchange with Pastor Doug Clement from Wesley United Methodist Church. All are encouraged to attend and hear from one of our ecumenical ministry partners in Marshfield.