January 15, 2022 • 9am
Baptism of Our Lord • Bread of Life, Setting 5

INTRODUCTION

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

PRELUDE

The Swan Saint Saens

Lynda Primka, cello

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Congregation: Amen.**

P: 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 daughters and sons,
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.

C: Amen.

OUR VISION

To be an inspired body of Christ.

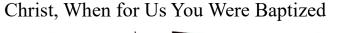
OUR MISSION
Love God. Love Others. Serve.

GATHERING

BAPTISMAL SPRINKLING Pastor will sprinkle you during the hymn.

Pastor: Remember your baptism.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN hymnal, #304, stand



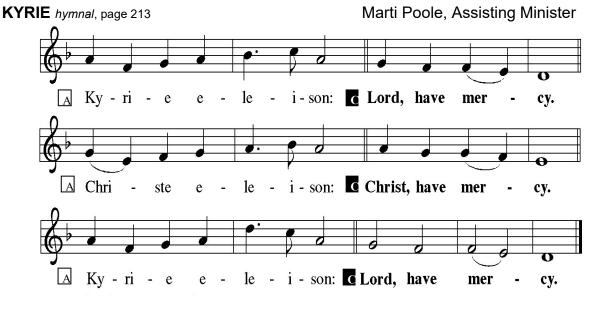


GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion

of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

P: Let us pray,

All: O God our Father, 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NEWS

WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Carol Schaefer, Lector

FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-9 Pew Bible pg. #657

God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.

¹Here 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. ²He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. ⁵Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 29 Pew Bible pg. #494

Lector: ¹Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Congregation: ²Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

- L: ³The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.
- C: ⁴The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
- L: ⁵The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- C: ⁶He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

L: ⁷The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

C: ⁸The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

- L: ⁹The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'
- C: ¹⁰The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.
- L: ¹¹May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43 Pew Bible pg. #1004

Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION hymnal pg, 216, stand



GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17 Pew Bible pg. #875

Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.

¹³Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

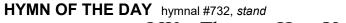
Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ!

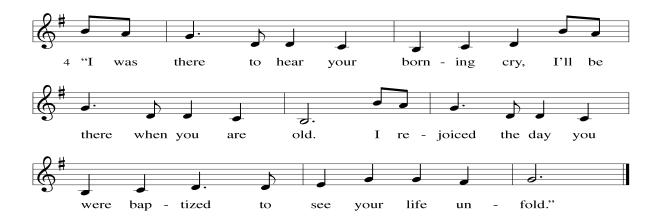
SERMON

Walking Wet

Pastor Bob Stelter







NICENE CREED FOR EPIPHANY

All: 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man.

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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Assistant: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Assistant: Calling God, you speak with power to your church. Open our hearts and minds to the new things you are declaring. Strengthen bishops, pastors, deacons, lay leaders, and teachers of the faith. Equip the baptized for your reconciling and redeeming work. Merciful God,

Congregation: receive our prayer.

A: Renewing God, you provide the waters of the earth and in Jesus' baptism you reveal the waters of life. Cleanse and protect oceans, rivers, and watersheds. Bring relief to parched lands and to communities without access to safe water. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

- A: Righteous God, you never weary of establishing justice. Increase cooperation and constructive dialogue between nations. Guide local, national, and international authorities to govern with equity, vision, and integrity. We pray for those in military service, for peacemakers, and for our enemies. Merciful God,
- C: receive our prayer.
- A: Abiding God, your mercy is steadfast. Give sanctuary to people who flee from oppression, war, poverty, and famine. Sustain health care workers, caregivers, first responders, counselors, and all who help and heal. Comfort those who are grieving or experiencing crisis. Merciful God,
- C: receive our prayer.
- A: Blessing God, in Christ you gather the beloved community. Kindle the gifts of your Spirit in your people. Accompany the newly baptized, those recently ordained, and any beginning a new ministry. Inspire synodical leaders and congregational councils to serve with imagination and wisdom. Merciful God,
- C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Promising God, your faithfulness endures throughout all generations. We give thanks for those who have died in Christ, trusting that we will be united with them and all the saints in Christ's resurrection life. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Pastor: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and

power revealed in Christ crucified.

Congregation: Amen.

MEAL

THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: And also with you.

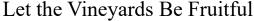
The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERING ANTHEM

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus John Carter

OFFERTORY stand





OFFERING PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray. Merciful God,

Congregation: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our posessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

PREFACE FOR BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Congregation: Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

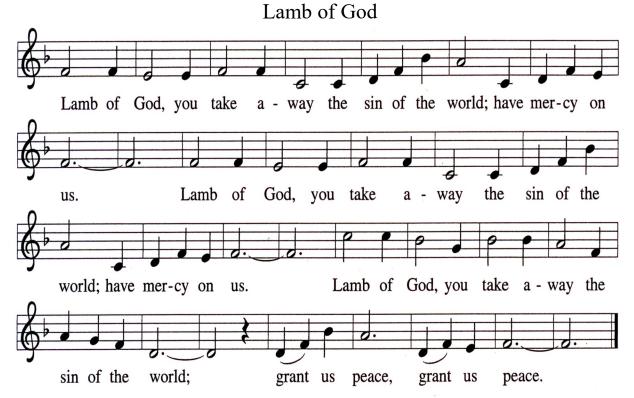
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond **Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE MEAL FROM PASTOR BOB STELTER



DISTRIBUTION HYMN hymnal, #305 to the tune of #805

When Jesus Came to Jordan



COMMUNION BLESSING stand

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,

strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Congregation: Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray,

Congregation: Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR SENDING OF DEACONS

Pam Brown, Ann Stewart January 15-January 28

Deacons come forward to receive communion kits.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Congregation: Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick and homebound. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

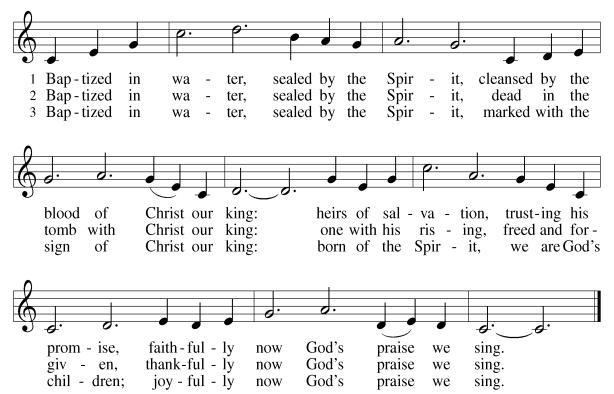
Pastor: Christ has come. Bring his light to the world. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Hely Spirit, bless you pay and forever.

and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

SENDING HYMN hymnal, #302

Baptized in Water



DISMISSAL

Assistant: Together, we go

Congregation: to love God, love others, serve!

A: Go in peace!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso from Water Music arr. G.F. Handel

Flowers on the altar given to the glory of God.

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WELCOME! As followers of Jesus, we rejoice in God's plan for a just, loving and peaceful world. We commit ourselves to making it a reality for all people everywhere. Just as all are welcome at the Lord's table during holy communion, all are welcome to this family of faith. People of all races, ages, social status, sexual orientations and gender identity are united here in our mission to love God, love others and serve. Please sign a Worship Card and place it in the offering plate.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

Want to know more about Lutheranism and our ministries? Contact Pastor Bob, pastorbob@faithloves.org.

Sunday Worship 9 & 11:11am

Live or online at Facebook.com/FaithLutheranKnoxville

Recorded Sermons & Services at Faithloves.org

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS, 10:15am for the study of Genesis, led by John Woods in The Cup.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15am.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY, 1:30pm led by John Woods.

HANDBELL PLAYERS REHEARSAL Wednesdays, 5:30pm. Come join us! Lynn offers piano lessons, too. Contact her at rosiemomflowers@yahoo.com or call 503-819-0118.

NEW NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS GROUP this Friday night, January 13, 7pm in The Cup.

COLUMBARIUM NICHES are available to our members for \$1,800 & to non-members at \$2,500. Application forms are found in our Columbarium Booklet in the narthex.

2023 FLOWER CHART has been posted. Sign up on the bulletin board by the library.

BISHOP'S COMMEMORATIVE MLK WORSHIP SERVICE Sunday, January 15, 4pm. Online at https://www.elcases.org.

SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY Open: Monday, & January 23, 3-6pm

Items needed:

Jelly (plastic jars) • **Large Soup** • **Syrup** (plastic bottles) • Boxed Meals (like Hamburger Helper)

Boxed Mashed Potatoes

Contact our Pantry Coordinator to volunteer at: shephopepantry@gmail.com

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

WELCA ANNA ESTHER CIRCLE Wednesday, January 18, **10am** All ladies of the church are invited to join us. Contact Pat Lyman, 865-675-2189 for information.

THE ART OF WORSHIP Wednesday, January 18, 6-7:30pm for Youth & Adults.

HANDY FAITHFULS THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 9:30AM.

USHER TRAINING next Sunday, January 22, 10:15am & 12:15pm.

MEN'S & WOMEN'S SALVATION ARMY VISIT Tuesday, January 24, meet at church at 5pm. Donations of men's boxer briefs, sizes m-xl, women's underwear, sizes 6-11, snacks & goodies are requested. We will let you know when we need socks.

MOPS Tuesday, January 24, 6pm. Moms & kids meet in the nursery.

THE LITTLE LIBRARY, donated by Lin McKinley, is located at the east entrance of the church. Feel free to take a book or two —keep them or return for more!

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY	
9am Traditional	
Altar Guild	Ann Stewart
Assisting Minister	Marti Poole
Lector	Carol Schaefer
Communion Ministers	Lisa Stelter, Mary Bales, Doug Bales, Darla Berdal
Greeters	Debbie Ragucci & Anthony Ragucci
Ushers	Randy Stewart, Gary Mount
Offering Stewards	Laura Sproat, Gary Dakolios

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Joy at the Birth: Titus Alexander to Kristen & Tyler Hitter. Great grandparents: Maret & Leo Hebert.

Love: marriage of Stacey Squires & Jamie Seiple.

WITNESS: The life ministry & legacy of Rev. Martin Luther King.

COMFORT IN THE MIDST OF DEATH: Judy Morris.

SALVATION ARMY FRIENDS: Daniel, Bruce, Larry, James, Nicholas, Steve, Edward, Tyler, Floyd, Mike, Roy, Mack, Leo, Geoffery, Tyrone, Vanessa, Joan, Christen, Amanda, Noah, Shyshi, Brook, Ashland, Stephanie, Jenny, Kayla, Rhonda.

CONCERN & ASSISTANCE: The people of Ukraine.

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PEACE: Protection for all armed forces, especially: Jacob Cole. Andrew Chovancek, Adam Di Giovanni, Tyler Hitter, H.M., Anthony Hu, Julianne LeFevre-Kerr, Chase Linell, Alex Primka, Christine Russ, Alex Serrano, Sam Thompson, Mitchell Yount, Greg Zager.

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WEEK OF JANUARY 15-22, 2022

Sunday, January 15 Baptism of Our Lord

9:00am Traditional Worship Sanctuary 10:00am Fellowship The Cup

10:15am **Getting to Know You with Pastor Bob**

Adult Sunday School Children's Sunday School Praise Team Rehearsal Contemporary Worship 11:11am 3-6pm Sons of Norway The Cup

4:00pm **Bishop Eaton's Commemorative** MLK Worship online

5:00pm AL-ANON meeting zoom

Tuesday, January 17

Bible Study Small Group The Cup 1:30pm 6:00pm AL-ANON meeting zoom 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous The Cup

Wednesday, January 18

10:00am Anna Esther Circle The Cup AL-ANON meeting Community Room 11:00am

4:00pm Staff Meeting 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

6-7:30pm The Art of Worship The Cup 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 19 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Handy Faithful 9:30am

7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous The Cup

Friday, January 20

9:30am Cole Center Caregiver Group

7-8:15pm New Narcotics Anonymous Group

<u>Saturday, January 21</u>

11:00am AL-ANON meeting Community Room

Sunday, January 22 Stewardship Emphasis

9:00am Traditional Worship Sanctuary 10:00am Fellowship The Cup

10:15am Usher Training Church Office

Adult Sunday School Children's Sunday School

Confirmation

Praise Team Rehearsal Contemporary Worship

11:11am 12:15am Usher Training Church Office

5:00pm AL-ANON meeting zoom

