

Baptism of Our Lord

January 8, 2023

9:30am Worship

The Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

*** Confession & Forgiveness p. 94-96**

*P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.***

*P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.***

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*P: Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.***

*P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.***

*** Gathering Hymn #413**

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”

*** Greeting p. 147** *P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.***

*** Kyrie p. 147** *P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.***

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

*P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.***

*P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.***

*P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.***

*** This is the Feast p. 149**

*** The Prayer of the Day (all pray) O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaim 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**

First Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-9

1 Behold 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. **2** He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; **3** a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. **4** He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.

5 Thus 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 on it and spirit to those who walk in it: **6** "I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, **7** to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. **8** I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. **9** Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 29

L:29 Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

C:² Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

L:³ The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

C:⁴ The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

L:⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

C:⁶ He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

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

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

L:⁹ The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

C:¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

ALL:¹¹ May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Second Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷ you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

* **Gospel Acclamation** p. 151

* **Gospel Announcement**

* Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 3rd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

* **The Gospel Lesson: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Hymn #451

"We Are Baptized In Christ Jesus"

The Sermon

"He Who Is Mightier Than I Is Coming"

Pastor William Shields

(sermon text Luke 3:15-17, 21-22)

* **Apostle's Creed** p. 105

The Hymn of the Day #732

"Borning Cry"

Offering

* **Offering Response #186**

Prayers

* **Words of Institution**

* **The Lord's Prayer** p. 154 **C: 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

In the Lord's Supper, we believe that Jesus is truly present in this meal to share His forgiveness and grace. All who share our faith are welcome. Communing children should hold their hand out to receive the bread. Cross arms in front to receive a blessing. Come down the center aisle to receive the bread from Pastor, an assistant on either side will serve the wine or white grape juice. Return to your seats using the side aisles.

During Communion, please join in singing ELW hymns # 423,434,439,456.

* **Blessing**

* **Benediction**

* **Sending Hymn #838**

"Beautiful Savior"

* **Dismissal** P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Announcements:

Weekly Events:

Tues Jan. 9 – 10:00am – Prayer Shawl
3:30pm – Council Meeting
Wed Jan 10 – 6:30am – Men's Bible Study
11:00am – Pastor's Bible Study
1:00pm – Prayer Group
7:00pm – Choir Practice
6:00pm – Confirmation
Thurs Jan 11 – 1:00 pm – Quilters
2:00pm – Pastor at Greenfield
6:00pm – Pastor's Bible Study
Sat Jan. 14 -- 7:00am – Gideon's Prayer meeting
Sunday, Jan 15 – 9:30 am Worship
10:45 am Coffee Fellowship
Sunday School

Continued prayers for: Linda Bacon (knee surgery) John Shofner (knee surgery) Linda Kloc (health issues), Shawn (co-worker of Dave Little – health issues)
Cancer patients: Loren Cook, Karen May (Multiple Myeloma), Dennis Little (Dave's brother)

CHRISTMAS UN-DECORATING
On Sunday, January 8th, after worship, all decorations will be taken down. Please help if you can.

Annual Congregational Meeting
January 29, 2023
Immediately following the church service.
Reports can be picked up for review on Sunday, Jan. 22nd.

Please Help
Christmas decorations will be taken down immediately following the worship service today.

2nd Annual Euchre / Game Night **6:00pm - Friday, January 20** **Scrugg's Pond** **1926 S. Euclid St., Princeton**

A simple meal will be provided, but you are welcome to bring food to share & your own beverage. Coffee/water will be available. Please sign up in the back of the church so we know how many to plan for.
Questions: see Sue Scruggs

Food Pantry Challenge **1st Lutheran vs People Church** **Sundays, Jan. 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th.**

We will be collecting items for the pantry throughout the month of January. Let's see which church can collect the most pounds by the end of the month.

A trophy will be awarded to the winning church at the end of the challenge.

Items needed:

Cereal, instant mashed potatoes, canned fruit, hamburger helper or chicken helper meals, stuffing, anything low sodium or low sugar & gluten free items.