

Vasa Lutheran Church

Jesus' Baptism: Matthew's Version

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist: Nick Kees

Sunday, January 8, 2023

ANNOUNCING THE DAY Psalm 2:7-8

L: I will tell of the decree of the LORD:

C: He said to me, "You are my son; today I have begotten you.

L: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,

C: and the ends of the earth your possession.

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.

Amen.

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.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

PRaise AND THANKSGIVING

ELW 689

GREETING

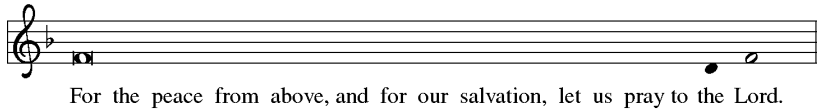
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: and also with you.

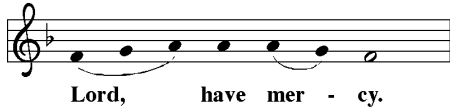
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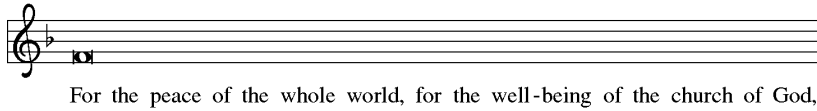
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



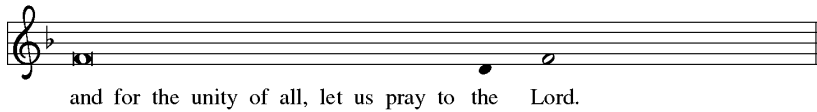
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



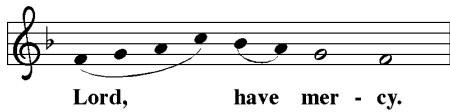
Lord, have mer - cy.



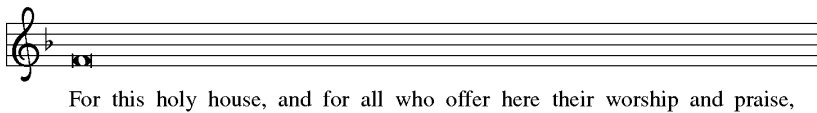
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



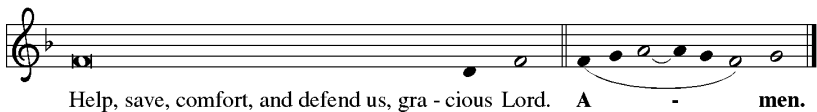
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Righteous God, **you sent your son Jesus to be baptized by John in the Jordan, so that all might hear the proclamation of your love. Make us voices of proclamation, so that all might know of your love through our words and our actions. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 3:1 - 17

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 2 "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." 3 This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" 4 Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5 Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, 6 and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

7 But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bear fruit worthy of repentance. 9 Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. 10 Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

11 "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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

L: Word of God, word of life,

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

ON JORDAN'S BANKS THE BAPTIST CRIES

ELW 249

SERMON

HYMN:

CHRIST WHEN FOR US YOU WERE BAPTIZED

ELW 304

CONFESSION OF FAITH using the words of the Nicene Creed

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION: Each petition will end with the words: Lord in your mercy, Please respond with: **hear our prayer.**

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.

GENEROSITY MOMENT:

SENDING HYMN: YOU HAVE COME DOWN TO THE LAKESHORE ELW 817

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice
and breaks the oppressor's rod
✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,
today and always.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.
C: **Thanks be to God.**



**Scott Sorenson, Max Tilderquist, Irene Carpenter, Jessie Otto,
Paul Mikaelsen, and Eileen Anderson.**

PARISH PULSE:

January 1 & 4

Participating in Worship: 51

+ 9 live-streams

Total Offerings (1/1/23):

\$965.00 +

\$560.00

(wk of 12/25-12/31)



The next American Red Cross Blood Drive will be at Vasa on January 19th (1-7pm) and 20th (9am-2pm). There are more than 30 slots still available. Call 1-800-Red Cross (1-800-733-2767) or visit www.RedCrossBlood.org and enter vasa Lutheran, to schedule.

Remember to bring food shelf donations when you come to Community Dinner on Wednesday!

Worship Assistants Today:

Usher: Bruce Tilderquist

Reader: Ben Norman

Hospitality: Kent Volz

Worship Assistants Next Week (1/15)

Usher: Marv Fredrickson

Reader: B-J Norman

Communion Asst: volunteer needed

Hospitality: Marilyn Hanson

MUSIC FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023

Praise and Thanksgiving

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On Jordan's Bank

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. composite

Music: European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

Christ When for Us You Were Baptized

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

Music: Nikolaus Herman, 1480-1561

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

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Called by God, commit to:
Worshipping together,
Growing in Faith,
Serving Others, and
Welcoming and loving all!