

# **ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Sunday, January 7, 2024**

**Baptism of Our Lord**

**9:30am Holy Communion Worship Service**



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**TODAY IN WORSHIP**

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Thomas Neel

**Worship Assistant:** David Abel

**Communion Assistant:** Debbie Ealer

**Organist:** Mark Jonkman

**Audio-Video Production:** Warren Rute

**Usher:** Ed Schaeffer

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

***We Know That Christ Is Raised***

Hymnal #449

**GREETING**

**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.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**A** 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 after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**FIRST READING**

**L** A reading from Genesis, Chapter 1.

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the 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.

<sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

**L** Word of God, word of life.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

L A reading from Acts, Chapter 19.

<sup>1</sup>While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup>He 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.” <sup>3</sup>Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” <sup>4</sup>Paul 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.” <sup>5</sup>On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—<sup>7</sup>altogether there were about twelve of them.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P <sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And 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. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He 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. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And 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. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN’S TIME

## SERMON

*Please stand as you are able.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

***Baptized in Water***

Hymnal #456

**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 Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, 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**

**P** As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation. *A brief silence.*

**A** Inspire wisdom and a spirit of proclamation in your church, God of forgiveness. Uplift leaders to share the truth of your word in community. Encourage us to live into the promises of baptism, working for justice and peace in all the world. God of grace,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

**A** Renew your creation, God of thunder and mighty waters. Restore the rivers in which your children are baptized. May fields flourish and grow. Summon the stewards and caretakers of the land to cherish your good works. God of grace,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

**A** Give strength to your leaders, God who is present in every country and community. Raise up leaders committed to equity and healing. Grant them discernment and compassion as they lead in love. God of grace,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

**A** Protect and cherish the most vulnerable among us, God of strength. Accompany those separated from family or hurting from broken relationships. Shelter our unhoused neighbors and any experiencing poverty. Protect those incarcerated in prisons and detention centers. Care for the sick and suffering especially (\_\_\_\_\_, and) those we now name silently in our hearts. God of grace,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

**A** Encourage this congregation, God who calls and sends disciples. Guide us in accompanying, learning from, and serving our neighbors on the margins, following the example of Jesus. God of grace,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

**A** Trusting the assurance of the Holy Spirit, we remember all who have died and rest in God's care especially (\_\_\_\_\_, and) those we now name silently in our hearts. Give hope to those who grieve even as we rest in your eternal promise of resurrection. God of grace,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

**A** We pray for all who are in long term care, especially Jessica, Audrey, Elaine, Elizabeth, Ella, John, Lisa, Crystal, Michael, Debbie, Lori, David, Laura, David, Paul, Barbara, Doris, Ethel, Jim, Melissa, John, Doug, Jacque, and those we now name aloud or silently in our hearts. God of grace,

**C** receive our prayer.

**A** We pray for Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church of Bethlehem. God of grace,

**C** receive our prayer.

**A** Peaceful God, we plead for an end to the violence in the Ukraine and Israel. Comfort those who have lost or are separated from their loved ones due to these senseless conflicts. God of grace,

**C** receive our prayer.

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**P** Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

*Please be seated.*

## OFFERING

### SPECIAL MUSIC

#### OFFERING SONG *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

*Please stand as you are able.*

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C Amen.

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P 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:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

**P** Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations. Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

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 preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light. By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

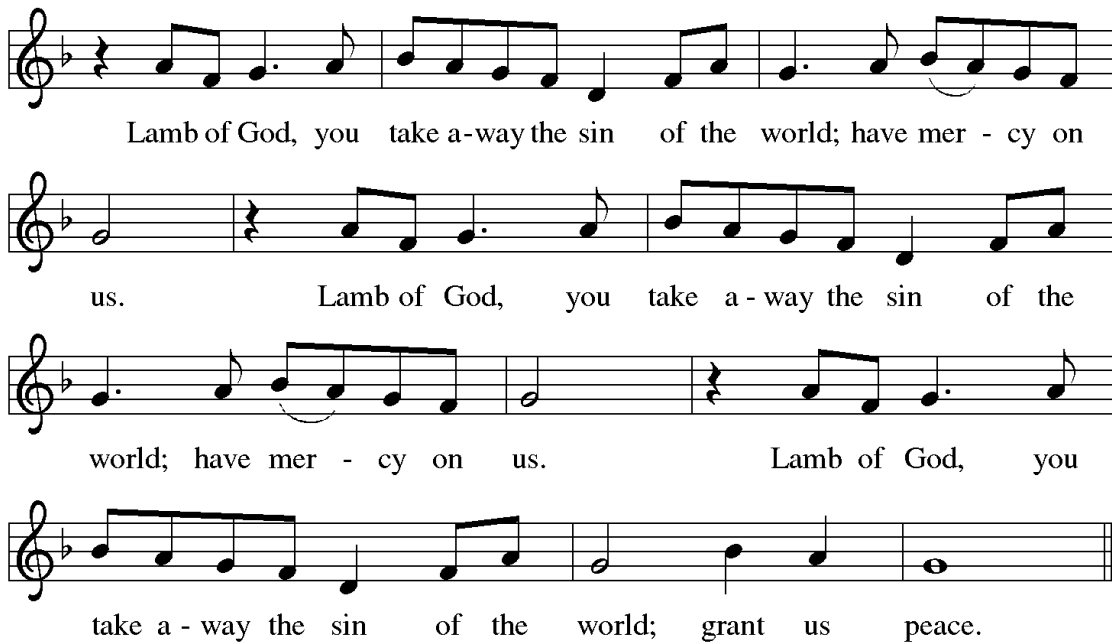
**C** **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P** At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

*Please be seated.*

## 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.

### Hymns during distribution:

<b>You Satisfy the Hungry Heart</b>	Hymnal #484
<b>All Are Welcome</b>	Hymnal #641
<b>As We Gather at Your Table</b>	Hymnal #522

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*Holy Communion will be celebrated at the base of the steps this day or at your seats. All are welcome to receive the bread and the wine. Gluten free wafers are available for those who want them. Please stand as you are able.*

*When all have received Communion:*

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

**C** Amen.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A** 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.

**C** Amen.

### BLESSING

**P** God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ✝ bless you and remain with you always.

**C** Amen.

### SENDING SONG Shout to the Lord

See Page 10.



## DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

C Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

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**BIRTHDAYS...**Maureen Brehm, Ella Combi, Lucas Daiello, Cynthia Frantz, Rhiannon Perry, Rob Reese, Angela Ryan, Nancy Semanick, CJ Ward, and James Wolff.

**Immediate Prayers\*:** Jennifer Alercia, Rodney Burda, Tricia Cappello, Marilyn Cappello, Carol Ehler, Rolf Enblom, Maj-Britt Enblom, Niklas Enblom, Pam Garity, Jim, Joseph, Rebecca Lepkowski, Mike Lepkowski, Matt, Mike, Mona, Irene Neel, Ron Parks, Charlotte Primrose, Rachel, Kamryn Setzer, Diane Shaw, Andi Steckel, and Bob Sutton.

\*As of January 5, 2024

**Homebound/Nursing Home:** Margaret Bennett, Shirley Curto, Lisa Detweiler, Carl Fisher, Theresa Lawhead, Shirley Messenlehner, Ruth Snyder and Doris Wanamaker.

**Long Term Prayers:** Jessica Arnoldi, Audrey Bertsch, Elaine Bobeck, Elizabeth Campbell, Ella Campbell-Becker, John Clay, Lisa Detweiler, Crystal DiLonardo, Michael DiLonardo, Debbie DiLonardo, Lori Gilbert, David Jackson, Laura Lee Laustsen, David Laustsen, Paul Laustsen, Barbara Lindner, Doris Neumeyer, Ethel Shive, Jim Slater, Melissa Steckel, John Velekei, Doug VonNessen, and Kevin Yeatts.

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#### **THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S**

<b>Sunday, January 7</b>	<b>The Baptism of Our Lord</b> 9:30pm *Holy Communion Worship Service 6:30pm Confirmation Class at St. Andrew's
<b>Monday, January 8</b>	7:00 Parent Partnership Support Group 7:00pm Church Council via Zoom
<b>Tuesday, January 9</b>	7:00pm Easton Musical Arts
<b>Wednesday, January 10</b>	10:00am St. Andrew's Women's Meeting
<b>Thursday, January 11</b>	7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday, January 5</b>	7:30pm Crossroads AA
<b>Sunday, January 14</b>	<b>The Second Sunday After Epiphany</b> 9:30pm *Holy Communion Worship Service 5:00pm Confirmation Class at Safe Harbor

\*This service is live broadcast and recorded.

# Shout To The Lord

Words and Music by  
Darlene Zschech

**VERSE**

1 76 A E F#m E

My Je - sus, my Sav - iour, Lord, there is none \_ like \_ You; .

4 D A/C# D A/E F#m G D/F#

\_ All of my days \_ I want to praise \_ the won - ders of Your might - y

8 ESUS E D/E A E F#m E

love. \_ My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength; .

12 D A/C# D A/E F#m G D/F#

\_ Let ev - ry breath, \_ all that I am, \_ nev - er cease to wor - ship

**CHORUS**

16 ESUS E A F#m D D/E E

You. \_ Shout to the Lord, \_ all the earth, \_ let us sing. \_

19 A F#m D ESUS E F#m

Pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise \_ to the King. \_ Moun - tains bow down \_ and the seas .

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22 D E F#m E/G#

— will roar — at the sound — of Your name. —

25 A F#m D D/E E A F#m

I sing for joy — at the work — of Your hands, — for - ev - er I'll love — You, for - ev -

28 D E<sup>sus</sup> E F#m

- er I'll stand, — noth - ing com - pares — to the prom -

30 D D/E E A

- ise I have — in You. —