



Sunday, January 14, 2024

Baptism of Our Lord

Theme of the Day:

From the River to the Mountain: Baptism Saves

Congregation sings or speaks the bolded text

692 All Who Believe and Are Baptized

CW 692

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Please stand.

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession

P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

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.

Glory to God in the Highest

CW 176

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth. 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. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth.
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.
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his

peo - ple on earth. 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. A - men.
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth.

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The Word

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children, and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading

Isaiah 49:1–6

Through the pen of the prophet Isaiah, the Messiah himself speaks, telling us of the work he would do when he was anointed at his baptism.

¹Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the LORD called me; from my mother’s womb he has spoken my name. ²He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver. ³He said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor.” ⁴But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing at all. Yet what is due me is in the LORD’s hand, and my reward is with my God.” ⁵And now the LORD says— he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength— ⁶he says: “It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.”

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

2D Great Are the Works of the LORD

Psalms 2D

Refrain

Great are the works of the LORD. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia! Great are the works of the LORD.

Why do the nations / conspire

and the peoples / plot in vain?

The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together a- / gainst the LORD
and against his A- / noined. *Refrain*

The One enthroned in / heaven laughs;
the Lord / scoffs at them.

He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, / saying,
“I have installed my King on Zion, my holy / mountain.” *Refrain*

I will proclaim the / LORD’s decree:

He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have become your / Father.”

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

Second Reading

Romans 6:1–11

St. Paul connects our baptism to Christ, and he discusses the results of that connection in our lives.

¹What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ²By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— ⁷because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 1:11

Alleluia. You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia.

Gospel

Mark 1:4–11

Jesus public ministry begins with the anointing he received in his baptism.

⁴And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁶John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

Children's Lesson

377 To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

CW 377

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Sermon Text: Romans 6:1-11

Sermon Theme: Changed. Cleared. Connected.

Please stand.

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Please be seated.

Prayer of the Church

P: Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

C: Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.

P: Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.

C: Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.

P: Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

C: Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.

P: Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

C: Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.

P: Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

C: Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.

P: Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.

C: Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

P: Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.

C: In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Offering

Friendship Registration

Guests: Please fill out name, address, and phone number.

Members: Please fill out name and any new information.

Please, return the booklet to its original location. Thank you!

680 Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

CW 680

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Please stand.

P: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

C: Amen.

657 Baptismal Waters Cover Me

CW 657

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Announcements

WELCOME! Thank you for joining our Trinity family in worship today. We invite you to keep growing with us through God's Word and Sacraments. If you have a question, please speak to a pastor or a Trinity member. If you are a guest, please pick up a guest packet and give your name and address in the friendship registration located in each pew. Ask the ushers if you need a pocket-sized aid for the hearing impaired. Six large-print hymnals are available for use. A Nursery with our service on TV is located off the lobby for parents who need to calm young children.

BUGS, WORMS, AND LITTLE THINGS: Join us for Mornings with Mommy on Monday, January 15 (at 9:30 or 11:00) or Tuesday, January 16 at 9:30. Bring your little ones to play with all sorts of little critters—butterflies, caterpillars, worms, spiders, ladybugs, and flies. Make a rainbow butterfly, go on a “sticky walk”, swat flies, and sort bugs. Register online at tlcjenera.org or call 262-391-7994.

PASTOR-TEACHER CONFERENCE: On January 15th and 16th we will be serving the meals for the attendees of the Pastor-Teacher Conference here at Trinity. We will be serving approximately 50 people for 2 continental breakfasts, 2 lunches, and a supper. We are in need of people to help, any time on Monday or Tuesday morning. If you can help or donate food please sign up on the list on the table by the stairs. Please contact Nicki von Stein with any questions. Thank You.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the south entrance area. If you have any questions, please contact Clark Inniger at 419.306.0127 or email cdinniger@roadrunner.com

FAMILY GAME NIGHT is scheduled for Sunday, January 21 at the school from 3:30-7:00 PM. You can come at anytime to play games. Bring along your favorite board/card games. Supper will be served at 5:00. Chicken sandwiches and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. The gym will also be available for kids to play. Please sign up on the sheet in back of church if you plan to come.

CROWN OF THORNS: Women's Ministry invites ladies to join us on Thursday, February 8 at 6:30 in the church basement to decorate your own Crown of Thorns Wreath made by Connie Ziegler. Sign up sheets and examples are in the church entryway and basement. Please sign up by January 28, so enough wreaths can be made in advance. Bring along a friend!

TRINITY VISION STATEMENT: At our Annual Meeting on January 31, the Voters' of Trinity Lutheran Church will be looking to adopt a Vision Statement that will serve as a foundational document for long-term planning. The Vision document is available at the back of the church by the deacon's table. It will be discussed at Bible Study on January 14th. Please take a look at it. If you have any questions, please talk, call or email Pastor Nowak.

AMAZON WISH-LIST: Are you an Amazon Shopaholic? TLS has a wish-list established on Amazon to help with the cost of some of our basic items, such as copy paper. Your generous donation will help keep our costs down. Please go to <https://a.co/0tGLM8s> to check out our list.

LIMA FOOD BANK: Women's Ministry is volunteering at the West Ohio Food Bank in Lima on Wednesday, January 31 from 1:00-3:00 PM. We will be packing "senior boxes" or "emergency boxes" for the Food Bank to distribute to those in need. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church if you are able to join us. We will meet in the church parking lot at 12:20 if you want to drive together. The address is 1380 Kibby St. Lima, OH 45802. Questions? Contact Jenny Boehm 262-391-7994.

MONTHLY FLOWERS Please sign up for monthly flowers for church for 2024. The list is on the bulletin board by the east door in the basement. You can sign up for a whole month, or by the week. Please consider helping to beautify our church next year!

WINTER WEATHER ADVISORIES: In the event of bad weather, please check for the county's road condition levels. A **Level 1** alert- there will be no changes to the church schedule. A **Level 2** advisory- 1st service will be cancelled; Bible classes and Sunday school will be held as normal, beginning at 9:20. **Level 3**- all services will be cancelled- stay home where it's safe! Any cancelation will be broadcast on WFIN and placed on the website and/or Facebook.

OPEN GYM: The school's gym will be available for those wanting to play basketball indoors on Sunday afternoons in January. The gym will be open on Sundays from 2:00 - 4:00 PM. All children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Please change into dry, non-marking athletic shoes before entering the gym to help keep our gym floor in good condition.

WARM WINTER WALKING: This winter the school gym is open for walking during the week from 7:00-8:00 PM. Please bring a pair of shoes that you haven't worn outside to wear while walking. You may walk at your own pace and walk as long or short as you want. Bring a friend!

Dear Members,

Thank you for your support of the Alpha Pregnancy Help Center's unique ministry. Because of your incredible generosity, Alpha was able to give hundreds of children a wrapped Christmas present, in some cases the first one they've ever received. Throughout the year, we will be offering prayers, encouragement, diapers, wipes, toys, Bibles, books, clothes, free pregnancy tests, and referrals with people who have come to Central Ohio from around the globe. If you would like to find out more about Alpha volunteer opportunities, please contact Cindy@justasking.org. God's blessings on all you do!

LENTEN MEALS Lent begins on February 14th with Ash Wednesday at 7:00pm and will be on Wednesdays at 7:00pm through March 20th. The 6th & 7th Graders will be hosting the Lenten Meal on February 14th, but hosts are needed for all other meals. Please sign up at the table by the South church doors if you are willing or contact Pastor Nowak or the office.

DAILY LECTIONARY

1.7: Ez 1:1-14, 22-28, *Hab* 1:1-3:19, Rom 1:1-17

1.8: Ez 2:1-3:11, Ro 1:18-32

1.9: Ez 3:12-27, *Ez* 4:1-11:25, Rom 2:1-16;

1.10: Ez 18:1-4, 19-32, *Ez* 19:1-24:27, Rom 2:17-29

1.11: Ez 33:1-20, Rom 3:1-18

1.12: Ez 34:1-24, Rom 3:19-31

1.13: Ez 36:13-28, Rom 4:1-25

1.14: Ez 36:33-37:14, Rom 5:1-21

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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of January 7th)

Total Worship Attendance: 227, Early: 109, Late: 118; Adult Bible Class: 30, Sunday School: 35, Teens: 5; Preschool Playtime: 19; Online worship service views for December 31st: 40

MONEY COUNTERS for this morning through January 13th are the members of Ron Bower's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, January 14th, will be the members of Brad Inniger's Undershepherd group.

GREETERS today are: Joe & Jean Spaeth – early
Richard & Ruth Johnson – late

Next Sunday: Josh & Ashley Breitigam – early
Bob & Julie Inniger – late

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (January 7th through January 14th)

TODAY Worship 8:00 & 10:30; Children's Lesson; Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, Teen Bible Class 9:20; Christmas de-decorating 1:00; Outreach 3:00

Mon Mornings with Mommy 9:30 & 11:00; Pastor/Teacher Delegate Conference

Tue Mornings with Mommy 9:30; Pastor/Teacher Delegate Conference

Wed Choir 7:00

Thu Elders 7:00

SUN **Worship 8:00 & 10:30;** Communion; Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, Teen Bible Class 9:20; Family Game Night 3:30.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mon NO SCHOOL

Tue NO SCHOOL

Wed Chapel 8:20- MLS Recruitment Visit

Thu Dental Outreach Program

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT: *Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to glorify our Triune God as we train, strengthen and nurture ourselves and others through His Word and Sacraments, so that we are enabled by His love to live lives of faith and to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.*