

The Baptism of our Lord



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Sunday Worship: 9:30am

Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:45am

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Welcome to Shepherd of the Lakes

We're here to shepherd Christ's flock and seek the lost sheep by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with all. Come, let us worship!

For Your Convenience...

A room for any parents with children in need of a quiet place is located just outside of the back of the sanctuary. Restrooms are located in the hallway toward the front of the sanctuary. Please ask if you have any further questions or concerns.

Prayer before worship

Heavenly Father, as I worship you today, curb my wandering thoughts. Speak to my heart. Encourage me with your Word, that my faith is strengthened, my confidence and hope renewed, and I am recommitted to serve you faithfully. In Jesus' name, amen.



SERVICE of the Word

Pg. 38 in Christian Worship



GATHERING RITE ON HOLY BAPTISM

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

CONFESSION

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. As we today see the baptism of our Lord, let us also reflect on our own baptisms as we confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

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Baptismal Waters Cover Me

I Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me As
I ap - proach on bend - ed knee; My
Fa - ther's mer - cy here I plead, For
griev - ous sins of thought and deed.

M: I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

C: **Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.** (John 3:5,6)

M: Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us.
(Psalm 51:5)

C: But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. (1 Corinthians 6:11)

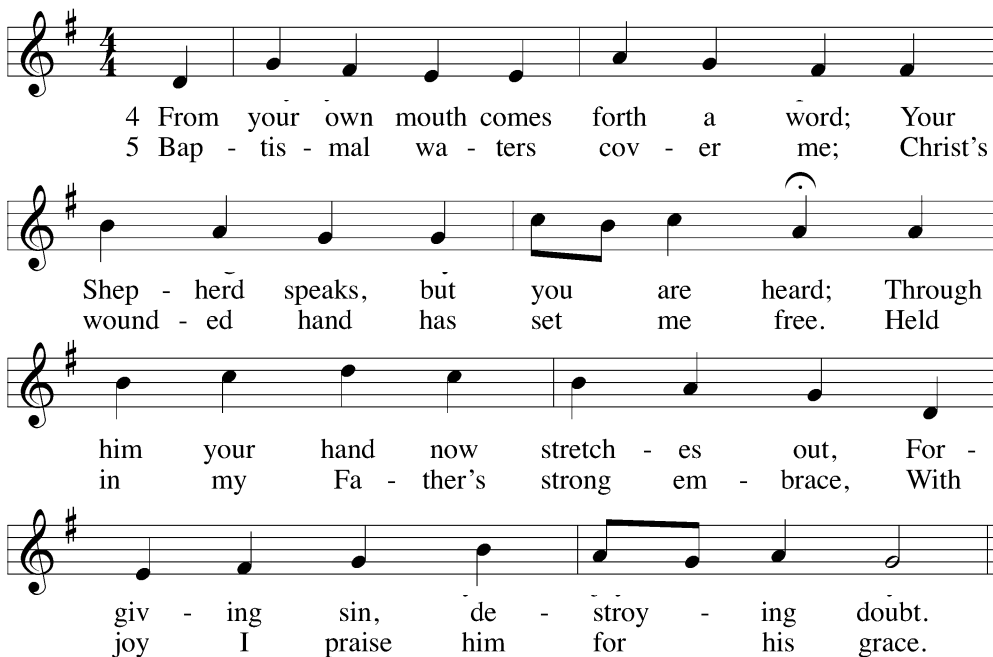
M: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

2 I look to Christ up - on the tree, His
3 Lord, may your wound - ed hand im - part Your
bod - y bro - ken there for me; I
heal - ing to my bro - ken heart; Your
lay be - fore him all my sin, My
love a - lone can form in me A
dark - est that se - crets from with - in.
heart that serves you joy - ful - ly.

M: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless (Ephesians 5:25-27). Having been clothed with Christ's righteousness in your baptism, I, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. May your baptism, marking you as God's own dear child, give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.



4 From your own mouth comes forth a word; Your
5 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me; Christ's

Shep - herd speaks, but you are heard; Through
wound - ed hand has set me free. Held

him your hand now stretch - es out, For -
in my Fa - ther's strong em - brace, With

giv - ing sin, de - stroy - ing doubt.
joy I praise him for his grace.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: 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: A - men.

PLEASE BE SEATED

GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY

FIRST LESSON: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

¹The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king."

²But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me."

The LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate."

⁴Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?"

⁵Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed stands here before the LORD."

⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either." ⁹Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The LORD has not chosen these." ¹¹So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?"

"There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep."

Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."

¹²So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one."

¹³So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

PSALM OF THE DAY: CW Psalm 2 (printed on p. 65 in the front of your hymnal)


SECOND LESSON: Titus 3:4-7

⁴But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

THE VERSE OF THE DAY:



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

PLEASE STAND

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 3:15-17,21,22

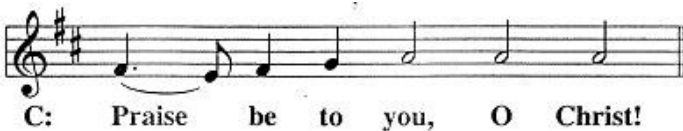
¹⁵The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork

is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

²¹When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened

²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 88.....*To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord*

SERMON

PLEASE STAND

CONFESSION OF FAITH—BAPTISM

M: *What is Baptism?*

ALL: **Baptism is not just plain water, but it is water used by God's command and connected with God's Word. Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit!"**

M: *What does Baptism do for us?*

ALL: Baptism works forgiveness of sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare. Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."

M: *How can baptizing with water do such great things.*

ALL: It is certainly not the water that does such things, but God's Word which is in and with the water, and faith which trusts this Word used with the water. For without God's Word the water is just plain water and not baptism. But with this Word it is baptism, that is, a gracious water of life and a washing of rebirth by the Holy Spirit.

St. Paul says in Titus, chapter 3, "God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.

M: *What does baptizing with water mean?*

ALL: Baptism means that the old Adam in us should be drowned by daily contrition and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever. St. Paul says in Romans, chapter 6, "We were buried with Christ 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."

OFFERING

*Your offering can be placed in the offering plate in the back of our sanctuary. They can also be mailed to our church office at **114 E. Blue Earth Avenue, Fairmont, MN 56031** or made on our website under the "Donate" tab at the top of the homepage or taken to Profinium Bank in Fairmont.*

To our visitors: *Our offering is not a debt we owe God, but a way that we return to God a portion of what he generously gave to us. Our motivation, then, is not obligation, but love for God. The members of Shepherd of the Lakes have joined together to spread God's message both in this community and around the world. As our guest, please do not feel obligated to contribute. We're happy that you're with us to hear about God's love for you.*

THANK OFFERING HYMN: CW 485vv1,2.....*We Give Thee but Thine Own*

**We give thee but thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.**

**May we thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as thou blessest us, To thee our firstfruits give.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord Jesus, at your baptism you revealed yourself as the obedient Son of Man, fulfilling all righteousness. Your heavenly Father revealed you as his beloved Son, in whom he is well pleased. The Holy Spirit revealed you as the Christ, anointed and armed to destroy the work of the devil.

C: We thank you, beloved Son of God, that you took on yourself the nature of a servant, became like us, and were obedient to the will of your heavenly Father.

M: Lord Jesus, eternal Word of God, you have connected your mighty Word and gracious promises to the water of Holy Baptism. In Baptism you cleansed us from sin, redeemed us from death, and clothed us in your perfect righteousness. We praise you for the promise and treasure of Baptism.

C: Encourage us to remember our baptisms daily as we die to sin and rise to new life with you.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who also taught us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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HYMN: CW 294.....*Baptized into Your Name Most Holy*

PLEASE STAND

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



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CLOSING HYMN: CWS 737.....*God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It*
(*cf. your worship folder insert*)

Notes and News for January 9, 2022

Prayer Requests—As we love each other as the body of Christ, we want to "rejoice with those who rejoice [and] mourn with those who mourn" (Romans 12:15). If you have any prayer requests, please pass them on to Pastor that we may take them to the Lord with you!

Elders and Council Meetings—Elders and Council meet next week Tuesday, the second Tuesday of the month, at 6:30pm and 7:00pm

Choir & Chimes Practice— Choir and Chimes practice will be returning next week on January 18th at their normal times.

Congregational Update and Voters Meeting— Our original quarterly update and voters meeting were scheduled for today. These have been rescheduled a week later with our congregational update happening on January 16th and our voters meeting on January 23rd.

SCRIP— Don't forget about our SCRIP program, where you can purchase gift cards to use at your favorite stores while simultaneously raising money for our church! A portion of every SCRIP order you use goes to Shepherd of the Lakes! Didn't get it in this month? No worries! It is an ongoing and regular program here at Shepherd of the Lakes! Ask Lisa Swift if you have any questions!

Brogan Flitter Bridal Shower— Brogan Flitter's family's church at St. Paul's in St. James will be hosting a bridal shower brunch for Brogan (Jaxx Jacobsen's fiancé) on Saturday, January 15th, 2022, at 10:00am. Ladies are all invited and asked to bring a recipe in place of a card. There will be more information and contact information to RSVP on the board by the doors you can look at as you leave.

Remember in your Prayers this Week

- + Birthdays: Beth Munsterman (1/9)! Lois Urban (1/12)! Marlene Baker (1/13)! Jim Johnson (1/14)!
- + Anniversaries:
- + Prayer requests: Continued thanks and requests for Roman Johnson's recovery; Melissa Peterson (daughter of Marlene & Terry Baker) who will undergo gall bladder surgery on Wednesday

Coming Up this Week

Sunday 1/9.....Worship 9:30am
Bible Class 10:45am
Sunday School 10:45am

Monday 1/10.....Weeknight Bible Class 6:30pm

Tuesday 1/11.....Elders 6:30pm
Council 7:00pm

Wednesday 1/12.....Confirmation 4:30pm

Sunday 1/16.....Worship 9:30am
Bible Class 10:45am
Sunday School 10:45am