

“to serve God and share the good news of Jesus Christ”
Baptism of Our Lord – Traditional Worship 9:00 a.m.
January 9, 2022

Prelude

Cathy Namock, organist

“Sheep May Safely Graze” (J. S. Bach)

Introduction

Today’s festival rejoices in God’s blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God’s children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we “pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire.” On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God’s Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.

GATHERING

Invocation

P: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

P: Rejoice in this good news: In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn

“This Is the Spirit’s Entry Now” (all verses)

ELW #448

This is the Spirit’s entry now: the water and the word,
the cross of Jesus on your brow, the seal both felt and heard.

This miracle of life reborn comes from the Lord of breath;
the sinless one from life was torn; our life come through his death

Let water be the sacred sign that we must die each day
to rise again by his design as foll’wers of his way.

Renewing Spirit, hear our praise for your baptismal pow’r
that washes us through all our days. Come, cleanse again this hour.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray:

C: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Message

WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring the people home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

Second Reading

Acts 8:14-17

Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

Special Music

Terri Reid, desktop bells/with CD accompaniment

"This Is My Father's World"

From Easy Hymns for 8 Note Bells, Publisher: Sweet Pypes Inc. 2004

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Pastor Tricia Lowe

"Baptismal Promises"

Hymn of the Day

"Baptized in Water" (all verses)

ELW #456

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our king:
one with his rising, freed and for given,
thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our king:
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

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

L: The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made. *A brief silence.*

L: By the Holy Spirit, you gather your church and send it out in mission to share the good news of Jesus. Inspire your faithful people to be fervent in prayer and service, that all people know they are precious in God's sight. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: You reveal your love and power through water and the Spirit. Guard rivers, seas, and all bodies of water from destruction and pollution. Secure access to clean water for all and protect the land from drought and flood. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Establish among the nations the blessings of peace. Raise up leaders who will protect vulnerable people in their care. Strengthen advocates who risk reputation or retaliation for the sake of mercy and justice. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: You protect us through the fires and troubled waters of this life. Assure us that we will not be cut off from you by illness or despair, anxiety or pain, confusion or weakness. Comfort all who are in need especially those affected by the global pandemic. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: We are joined in baptism to Christ and to one another. Bless those who are newly baptized and those who are preparing for baptism. Help us to be faithful in fellowship, worship, evangelism, service, and justice-seeking. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Please take this time to offer any other intercessions, either aloud or in your heart.

L: You created each of your saints for your glory. We give thanks for those you have called by name into your eternal embrace, especially we lift up Cris Spahr who joined the church triumphant on New Year's Day. Comfort us in grief and release us from fear. Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

Passing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

P: We give thanks for the offerings that we have received in the mail, online and in person this past week. These gifts make it possible for us to continue to be the church in the world. If you are worshiping with us today online and would like to make a donation, please go to our website homepage and click the online giving link.

Offering Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light.

C: Amen.

MEAL

The 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: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

P: 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.

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Gathered together as 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: Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

Communion Blessing

Communion Hymn

ELW #800

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" (vs 1)

Spirit of God descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,
and make me love you as I ought to love.

Prayer after Communion

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

P: God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name,
✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

ELW #304

"Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized" (vs. 1 & 2)

Christ, when for us you were baptized, God's Spirit on you
came, as peaceful as a dove, and yet as
urgent as a flame, as urgent as a flame.

God called you, "My beloved Son" you are God's servant
true, sent to proclaim the reign of heav'n, God's
holy will to do, God's holy will to do.

Dismissal

P: Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Someone is in the church office Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. except Wednesdays, which are 9:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m. Please check in at the office when you arrive so we know who is in the building. Please call 772-4135 about the building availability, if you want to use a room for Bible study, meeting, etc.

Nominating Committee - Emmanuel's Annual Congregational meeting happens every year on the last Sunday in January, just weeks away! The **Nominating committee** is up and working and are asking for nominations from the congregation for the assorted elected positions that will be open for the 2022 year. Please pray about how you might consider using your gifts and talents to help the mission of Emmanuel as we love our neighbors and tell the world about Christ! **Nominating forms and submission box are on the table in the Narthex and need to be turned in today!**

MISSION OUTREACH for the month of **January** is People Who Care, a nonprofit volunteer caregiving organization that provides non-medical assistance to adults who are no longer able to drive due to age-related and physical limitations, in order for them to continue living in their own homes, independent living apartments and in their own community.



As a congregation, we pray for God's guidance on our journey of service to our membership, our community and our world. Pray for Pastor Tricia, the Church Council, and the Ministry Leadership. The church office reviews this list monthly. Please call if your prayer concern is removed earlier than you wish.

Please keep the following in your prayers during this week:

Members

Bonnie Kain

Carl Schulze

Carol Hotten

Casey Rooney

Chuck Lynch

Compton Reeves

Deanna McDaniel

Helen Morton

Isabel Benell

Kathy Austin

Kevin Miller

Lee Warne

Len Meyers

Melissa Embry

Mike Green

Pam MacCleary

Ramona Walker

Stan Walters

Sue Smith

Tammi Green

Vince Landau

Wendy Woolley

Our Family Members in Military and Deployed

Meg Northrup

Family Members and Friends

Asher Stuart – great grandson of Nancy Renner

Bill Deffenbaugh – stepfather of Kimberly Goats

Bob Renner – husband of Nancy Renner

Bobbe Serena Wayman – Friend of Emmanuel

Buel McCoy – father of Wendy Woolley

Carolyn Eibbs – neighbor of Tom & Sue Smith

Charles Dean – great nephew of Gail Kenny

Chris Muppett – friend of Georgianna Farness

Connie – friend of Helen Morton

Connie Miller & son Trevor – friends of Carl Schulze

Connie & Jerry Oium – friends of Jackie Poling

Cris & Susie – brother & sister of Clara Farmer

Darin – son-in-law of Inge Scholl

Dawn Byars – stepsister of Kimberly Goats

Doug Bayle – nephew of Phyllis Pohlman

Edie Hales – mother of Cheryl Miller

Edward Kelly – friend of Mark & Mary Austin

Ern Woolley – father of Scott Woolley

Grayson – grandson of Mary Wakimoto

Jack Gregory – friend of Ellen Rosfeld

John Wade – husband of Carol Wade

Kay, Dave & their families – friends of Bert & Kathy Austin

Franklin Camero – uncle of Wendy Woolley

Linda Vallner – sister of Ron Kovara

Lyle Gilson - son of Carol Hotten

Marie – Clara Farmer's son's mother-in-law

Mark Erickson – friend of Mark & Mary Austin

Marilyn Boston – cousin of Sue & Tom Smith

Marsha Adams – daughter of Isabel Benell

Merle MacCleary – father of Pam MacCleary

Miranda & Brad Rebholz – granddaughter and grandson of Jim & Carole Rebholz

Phil Miller – friend of Emmanuel

Rev. Paul Meier – former pastor of Larry & Sonya Mahler

Rich, Carol, daughter of Rachel & Granddaughter of Audrey, friend of Larry & Sonya Mahler

Roger Hersey – father of Leigh Quinn

Rose Streeter – friend of Hal & Mai Vogelaar

Rosemary – neighbor of Mary Wakimoto

Rudy & Lena Juarez – friends of Julie Chisholm

Ryan Blair – great grandson of Carol Hotten

Sam Crifasi – friend of Larry Mahler

Sarah Mulligan – daughter of Carol Wade

Stacy – daughter-in-law of Kathy Austin

Star Campbell – friend of Bob Saul

Wayne Stithem – friend of Emmanuel

Our prayers and sympathies to Tom Spahr and family on the passing of Cris Spahr on Saturday, January 1.

Sunday Fellowship Returns between services: VOLUNTEERS are needed to prepare and serve coffee and finger foods. No food handlers certificate needed. Signup sheet in Narthex or call Sally Newcomb 928-772-0634.

Introducing Dinners for Eight - Would you like to get to know your fellow church members a little better? Have a good conversation; maybe over a meal? Good news: it's going to happen! If you have questions or would like more information, call Carole Rebholz, 928-227-3923 or Nancy Smith, 928-775-9742.

Bible Study – Looking for other Bible Study alternatives? There's a sign-up sheet in the narthex. The Fellowship Team found that Bible studies were a top priority for folks. When you sign up, Jim Rebholz will help to match you with a group. If you have questions, please call him at 928-227-3923.

Our next Interfaith Meal is on January 14, at 11:00 am. We are serving 130 - 150 takeout meals. If you are able to help, please let the office know.

Food Bank collection continues for the Prescott Valley Food Bank at 8781 Spouse for pickup on the first Sunday of the month. Items most needed are cereal, canned soup (especially hearty soups), canned chili and canned vegetables (other than green beans and corn). Cash donations are always appreciated.

Wednesday 10:00 am Lectionary Bible Study is back meeting in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome. Hal Vogelaar and Larry Gordon are the facilitators.

Tuesday 10 am Women's Bible Study will resume on January 11.

Thrivent Member Action Cards – Each member is allocated two \$250.00 cards per year. If you haven't used yours, please consider applying for a card to support the Interfaith Meal or any other of our Ministries.

Offering Envelopes for 2022 are now available on the table in the narthex. If they need to be mailed, each booklet will cost \$3.00. If you could pick up your envelopes and possibly one or so of a friend or neighbor who is a member and take to them it would be greatly appreciated.

Mailboxes – mailboxes are filling up again. Please check. Remember your name is below the box.

A Blood Drive is scheduled at Emmanuel for **March 4 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm**. Sign up will be available shortly. If questions, please call Gail Gentes 928-910-5375.

Due to the sharp increase of Covid-19 cases in our area, the church council—at the recommendation of the Church in a Changing World Task Force—has stepped our pandemic reopening back to Stage 4, which includes masking and other safety precautions in the church building for all activities.

Shares of Faith, financial gifts, are a wonderful means of honoring, celebrating and memorializing your loved ones. They are given for life events as well as deaths. Your Shares of Faith will be acknowledged in our weekly service folder.

Devotionals for the next quarter are available on the table in the narthex.