

# THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

## JANUARY 9, 2022



### **Christ Lutheran Church**

29 S. George Street, York, Pa. 17401

### **Our Mission:**

Reflect God's love in the heart of York

### **Our Vision:**

To be a vibrant congregation in the heart of York praising God,  
connecting people to Christ,  
and serving the people of York and the world

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# The Entrance Rite

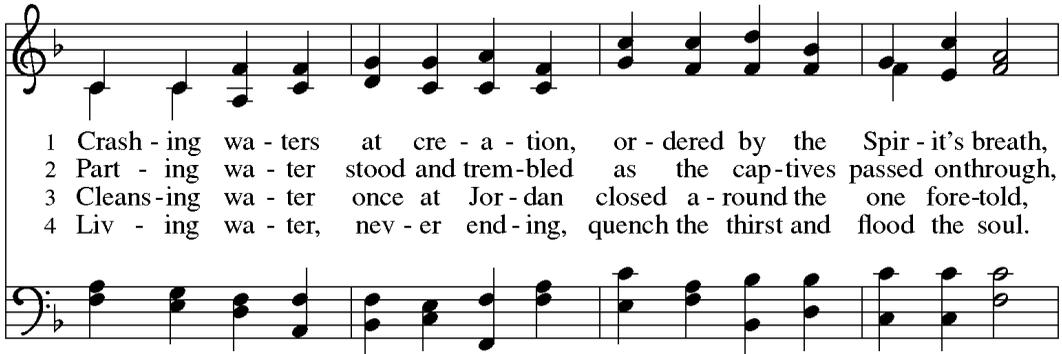
Prelude

*Promenade on "We Three Kings"*

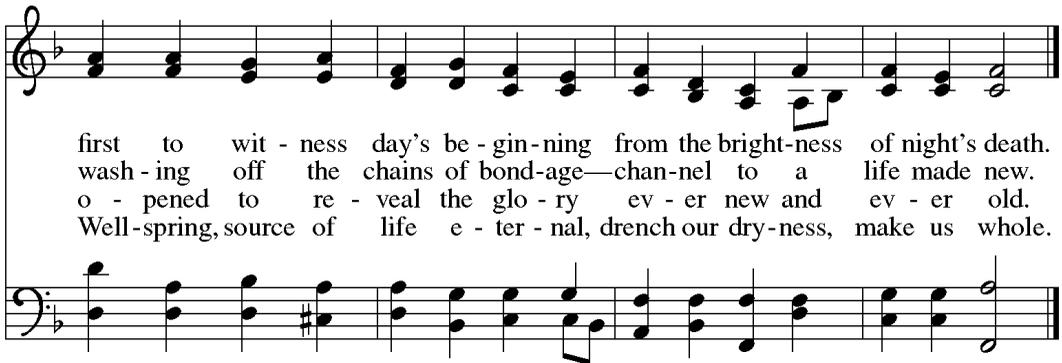
R. Palmer

Hymn

*Crashing Waters at Creation*



1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered by the Spir - it's breath,  
2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the cap - tives passed on through,  
3 Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a - round the one fore - told,  
4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.



first to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.  
wash - ing off the chains of bond - age—chan - nel to a life made new.  
o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.  
Well - spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: STUTTGART, attr. Christian F. Witt, 1660–1716; adapt. Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876

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

**C: Amen.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

**Asperges Hymn**

*Prelude in E major*

J. S. Bach

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray...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.

**C: Amen.**

### **Announcements**

### **First Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. <sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. <sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; <sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—<sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm: 29** (*Cantor only*)

- <sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- <sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- <sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- <sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- <sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- <sup>6</sup>the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- <sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD  
bursts forth in lightning flashes.
- <sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- <sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.  
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"
- <sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.
- <sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

**Second Lesson: Acts 8:14-17**

<sup>14</sup>Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup>The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup>(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup>Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**The Holy Gospel: Luke 3:15-22**

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke, the third chapter.

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

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." <sup>18</sup>So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, <sup>20</sup>added to them all by shutting up John in prison. <sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. 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.**

**Sermon**

**Bishop Emeritus Robert Driesen**

## Hymn of the Day

## *When Jesus Came to Jordan*



1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John,  
2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,  
3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;



he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.  
for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.  
this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - 'ry bond - age break.



He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,  
So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,  
Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:



to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.  
the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.  
to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: KING'S LYNN, English folk tune

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## 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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**

A: 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.

*After each portion of the prayers:*

A: God of Grace

**C: Hear our prayer.**

*The Prayers conclude:*

A: 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.**

## **The Eucharistic Meal**

### **Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

### **Offertory**

*Slow Air*

R. Vaughan Williams

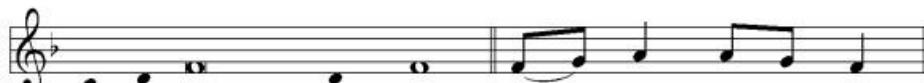
### **Offertory Prayer**

A: Let us pray...Blessed are you,

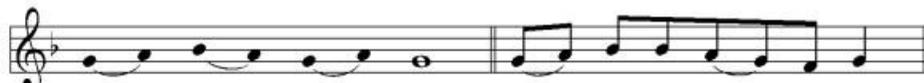
**C: O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world,**

**Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving



Ⓟ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.



Ⓟ Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.



Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

## Preface and Sanctus

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, . . . We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*(Sung by Congregation)*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n 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.

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

**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.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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.**

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.**

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.**

## Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: 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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## Fraction and Agnus Dei

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.



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.

Music during Distribution

*Priere*

C. Saint-Saens

## The Dismissal

### Post-Communion Blessing

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

**C: Amen.**

### Post-Communion Prayer

A: 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.**

## Benediction

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.

## Recessional Hymn

### *Christ, When For Us You Were Baptized*



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you  
2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant  
3 Straight-way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the  
4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as  
true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's  
call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to  
signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.  
ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.  
give your life for all, to give your life for all.  
per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

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Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561

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## Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

*Voluntary on "Wareham"*

R. Lind

## Prayer List

We strive to keep the prayer list current, especially in these uncertain times. Please notify us whether there are additions to this list or whether a name should be taken off.

### **Members**

Beth Boyd, Sondra Boyd, Don Cook, Shirley Cook, Jim Culp, Naomi Duncan, Sonja Flinchbaugh, Barbara Geesey, Barbara Gruver, Bill Hullman, Ron Heilman, Daniel Helwig, Jeanette Hershey, Pat Kronk, Linda Lightner, John Long, Jr., Patricia Lowe, Jean and Ron Mease, Richard Meckley, Adrian Patches, Craig Patches, Joyce Paules, Sonia Paules, Doris Ritter, Lanny Rohrbaugh, Phil Shepp, Sally Smith, Susan and Clark Thomas, Doris Weaver, Robert Weikert.

### **Others**

Joey Baum, George Basley and family, Mary Alma Connell, Ann Corbin, Ryan Dellinger, Michele Elswick, Gus Frank, Winnie Flynn, Lee Geesey, Lois Graham, Pat Hall, Daniel Hertig, Sue Hess, John Jackson, Kristin Klinedinst, Robin Schriver Klinger, Robert Methley, Jill Methley, Diane Myers, Ellen Meyers, Dottie Morris, Jack Neuman, Andy Obermueller, Frances Playfoot, the Rago family, Sonny Schriver, Robert Settee, Alma Spangler, Michael Stabley, Sharon Stabley Smith, Julie Stier's family, Denny and Jan Stroshane, James Switzer, Diane Voron, Dave and family, Jerri Zimmerman.

### **Those in the military**

Ssgt John R. Phillips and family

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## **Serving in Worship**

	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Assisting Minister	Ed Garber	Beverly Bowers
Reader	Sandy Cooley	Phyllis March
Lower Narthex	Marlene Coval	John Ports
Back Door	Vicki Craun	Kelly Weaver
Ushers	Ed Schaberle, Dave Barkdoll, Scott Sterner, Julie Sterner, Scott Donner, Eric Gerz, Clair Raffensberger	
Altar Guild	Beverly Bowers, Judy Garber, Kathy Heilman, Lynn Keller, Marty Olson, Mary Shepp	

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of George and Harriet Wilt and Kay Wilt by the family.

## **Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting of the congregation will take place in the nave on Sunday, January 23, 2022, following the 11:00 am worship service.



## **Help Needed!! We Need You!!**

Do you like the way the Chancel looks on Sunday mornings? Does it look organized? Would you like to be part of making it look that way? Then please join the Altar Guild. We are in need of new members—women and men—who will be trained to join us. Our group is getting smaller as we age, move away, or have health issues. Please consider joining us in serving our Lord and Christ Lutheran Church. Get in touch with Marlene Coval if you are interested in joining this group. We have a good time, Really!



## **Guys Night Out**

Please join us on **Tuesday, January 11** 6:00 pm at  
Brew Vino at Grandview, 2779 Carlisle Rd. York PA  
Please RSVP to Chaplain Hank Steinhilber at  
717-881-2578 or call the church  
office at 717-854-5589 to be added to the list!

The show must go on....

Because of the rising numbers of Covid cases and several other reasons, we have decided that putting up our opera performances this month will not be possible. However, we will still be having a performance! On Sunday January 16 at 3pm, we will have a vocal recital in the nave featuring soprano Leah Crowne and tenor Graham Sanders with Scott Crowne at the piano. The performance will feature works by German composers such as Wagner, Strauss, Schubert, and Bach. Donations will be taken for the Recital Series here at the church of which this will hopefully be the first of many to come. Come and hear live music in York!

### **Our Daily Bread Needs**

January 9 Hamburger and noodles return

January 16 Baked goods due



### **Community Meal**

The next community meal will be held on January 16

### **Christ Lutheran Church**

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### **Welcome!**

So we can know you better, please ask an usher for an attendance card, complete it, and place it in an offering plate. If you have no church home, we invite you to membership at Christ Lutheran Church. We hope you return to worship and participate in our life in Christ!

### **The Liturgy**

Our worship is the historic liturgy of the Christian Church - a celebration of Word and Sacrament, the means through which God gives forgiveness, life and salvation. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated in accordance with the understanding of the Lutheran Confessions that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Blessed Sacrament. Approach the chancel rail by the center aisle as a place becomes vacant. Dip the bread in the first cup or drink from the common chalice.

### **Children are always welcome at worship!**

We value the participation of our children in worship! As members of the church, children participate in the worship service. They listen to God's Word, gather at the Lord's table, serve as readers, acolytes, choir members, and more. Feel free to take children in and out as necessary.

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Calvin Vanada

Founded in 1733 with the baptism of Maria Catharina Beyer, Christ Church was the first Lutheran congregation west of the Susquehanna River. Christ Church remains an active and vibrant congregation carrying on the mission of Christ and approaches the future with confidence and hope. Christ Church strives to minister in faithfulness to Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions. Its ministry centers in the weekly liturgy of Word and Sacrament and pursues particular Lutheran emphases in art and music, fellowship, education, and pastoral care. Three buildings have been used for worship. A log building was erected in 1744; a stone building replaced it in 1760. Two bells from the 1760 stone building still call people to worship in the present building, built in 1812. Three Lutheran congregations in York are descendants of Christ Church.