



Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church – ELCA

"Encouraging faith and proclaiming God's love by Gathering, Growing and Giving."

Baptism of our Lord

Service of the Word

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NOTE: **Bold text indicates worshipers' response**, and *' means please stand as you are able

PRELUDE

Michelle Young

WELCOME/MINISTRY MESSAGE

GATHERING

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light, and our salvation. **Amen.** Joined to Jesus Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. *(Water poured into font while thanks is given)*

Blue #694 GATHERING HYMN "Baptized in Water" vs. 1 & 3

1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

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blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

* P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ , the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

* P: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

* PRAYER OF THE DAY Almighty God, **you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. As a people also born of water and the Spirit in our own baptism, lead us into lives of faithful service to you, keeping the promises made at our baptism. May we delight in being called children of God, and boldly confess Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GROWING

Psalms 29 (*please read responsively by responding with **bold text***)

¹ Honor the LORD, you heavenly beings;

honor the LORD for his glory and strength.

² Honor the LORD for the glory of his name.

Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

³ The voice of the LORD echoes above the sea. The God of glory thunders.

The LORD thunders over the mighty sea.

⁴ The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic.

⁵ **The voice of the LORD splits the mighty cedars; the LORD shatters the cedars of Lebanon.**

⁶ He makes Lebanon's mountains skip like a calf;

he makes Mount Hermon leap like a young wild ox.

⁷ The voice of the LORD strikes with bolts of lightning.

⁸ **The voice of the LORD makes the barren wilderness quake; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹ The voice of the LORD twists mighty oaks and strips the forests bare.

In his Temple everyone shouts, "Glory!"

¹⁰ The LORD rules over the floodwaters.

The LORD reigns as king forever.

¹¹ The LORD gives his people strength.

The LORD blesses them with peace.

The persecution of the Jews who believed Jesus was the promised Messiah begins, and the believers are scattered. And because of this scattering, they find themselves in places where the Good News of Jesus has not yet been shared. 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. Hear how the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands. A reading from the 8th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, beginning at verse 1.

¹And Saul approved of (the people) killing (Stephen). That day a severe persecution began against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout the countryside of Judea and Samaria. ²Devout men buried Stephen and made loud lamentation over him. ³But Saul was ravaging the church by entering house after house; dragging off both men and women, he committed them to prison.

⁴Now those who were scattered went from place to place, proclaiming the word. ⁵Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah to them. ⁶The crowds with one accord listened eagerly to what was said by Philip, hearing and seeing the signs that he did, ⁷for unclean spirits, crying with loud shrieks, came out of many who were possessed; and many others who were paralyzed or lame were cured. ⁸So there was great joy in that city.

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. ²⁵Now after Peter and John had testified and spoken the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, proclaiming the good news to many villages of the Samaritans. **The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

John came as the one promised, the voice of one crying out in the wilderness ^{Lk 3:4}. His message is a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, and it builds an expectation with the people. John sets the record straight...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.

The Gospel according to Luke, the 3rd chapter. **All: Glory to you O Lord.**

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John 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. ¹⁷His 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."

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and 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."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Mary Eide

Blue #647 HYMN OF THE DAY "When Jesus Came to Jordan" p. 5

GIVING

OFFERTORY PRAYER Blessed are you, O God, **Supreme Ruler of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. We give in thanksgiving for what you have already given us. Now prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.**

* PRAYERS AND PETITIONS (L: God of grace **All: Hear our prayer.**)

* LORD'S PRAYERS **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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen**

* ANNOUNCEMENTS

* BLESSING 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. **Amen.**

* Green #532 SENDING HYMN "How Great Thou Art" vs. 1-2 p. 6

* DISMISSAL Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

* POSTLUDE

Michelle Young

SCHEDULE

TODAY	8:45am	- Sunday School Classes
	10:00am	- Worship
	11:00am	- NO Fellowship because we have NO host
MONDAY	7pm	- AA Meeting
TUESDAY	4-6pm	- Food Pantry
	6pm	- Finance Meeting
	7pm	- 1 st GriefShare online session
WEDNESDAY	3:20pm	- 7 th -8 th gr. Confirmation class
FRIDAY:	10am-Noon	- Food Pantry
SUNDAY:	8:45am	- Sunday School Classes
	10:00am	- Communion Worship
	11:00am	- Season of Lent Planning Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT SUNDAY, Jan. 16th come join us in a Season of Lent Planning Meeting. We have purchased themed material for: Sunday and Midweek worship, Daily Devotionals and more! *NEEDED: Anyone who wants to participate in organizing, involving people in the season, review/implement "You are here" themed content, help promote in church/in homes/in the community and on social media, be involved in worship leadership, moral support, prayer warriors.*

ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 30th in the sanctuary after a 30 minute worship.

WE NEED YOU! Check out sign-up sheets for worship roles for upcoming months or host Fellowship after worship on 2nd or 4th Sunday. You can also call or email if you'd like to sign up.

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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.

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BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS TO PONDER

1. While God's voice cannot be seen, the effect of it is described in *Psalms 29*. What is one way God's words been revealed to you? How has it affected your life, your faith?
2. God has a way of making good things come out of bad (even terrible) situations. In the *Book of Acts* reading, we are reminded that persecution of believers forced them away from the Holy City, even into enemy territory (*Samaritans and Jews have loathed one another for a very long time.*) The Holy Spirit inspires Philip to share the Good News of salvation through the risen Jesus Christ. The people accepted the Good News and were baptized. Do you have an experience when you felt compelled to share the Good News, even though previously you'd have resisted for fear of rejection? If so, what happened? If not, what keeps you from sharing with others what you believe?
3. In our reading from Luke's gospel, we get very few details about Jesus' baptism. We do however learn that after Jesus prays, God the Holy Spirit and God the Father respond in a big way. Have you ever felt a strong response from God after you've prayed? What did it feel like to know so assuredly that God had heard you? Did this make you feel 'beloved'? Known?

How Great Thou Art

Verses 1-2

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1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion, and take me

all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-

thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;
gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;
bear-ing he bled and died to take a-way my sin;
ra-tion and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou

art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to

thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

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