

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

Holstein, IA

January 12, 2025

9:00 A.M.

Baptism of Our Lord

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 remember the promise:

"I have called you by name and you are mine."

GATHER

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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 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 may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

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. Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Baptized and Set Free

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Prayer of the Day

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.

Presentation of Lambs

WORD

Isaiah 43:1-7

¹ 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. ² 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. ³ 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. ⁴ 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.

⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶ 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— ⁷ everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

(Congregational responses in bold)

¹⁻² Bravo, God, bravo! Gods and all angels shout, "Encore!"

**In awe before the glory, in awe before God's visible power.
Stand at attention! Dress your best to honor him!**

³ God thunders across the waters, Brilliant, his voice and his face,
streaming brightness-God, across the flood waters.

⁴ **God's thunder tympanic, God's thunder symphonic.**

⁵ God's thunder smashes cedars, God topples the northern cedars.

⁶ **The mountain ranges skip like spring colts,
The high ridges jump like wild kid goats.**

⁷⁻⁸ God's thunder spits fire. God thunders, the wilderness quakes; He makes the desert of Kadesh shake.

⁹ **God's thunder sets the oak trees dancing**
A wild dance, whirling; the pelting rain strips their branches.
We fall to our knees-we call out, "Glory!"

¹⁰ Above the floodwaters is God's throne from which his power flows, from which he rules the world.

¹¹ **God makes his people strong.**
God gives his people peace.

From the Message, Bible Gateway

Acts 8:14-17

¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ The 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). ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Gospel Alleluia

ALLELUIA

Larry Olson

Al-le-lu-ia Al-le-lu-ia, I am the light of the world.

Al-le-lu-ia Al-le-lu-ia, I am the light of the world.

Those who fol-low me will not walk in dark-ness.

Those who fol-low me will have the light of life.

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Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

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

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Hymn of the Day

Waterlife

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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.**

Sharing the Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

Children's Offering / Offering

Offering Prayer

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

SENDING

Blessing

The Spirit of the triune God
✠ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.

Amen.

Closing Song

Go, Make Disciples

(see page 6)

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in hope.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Go, Make Disciples



“Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tiz - ing them, teach - ing them.



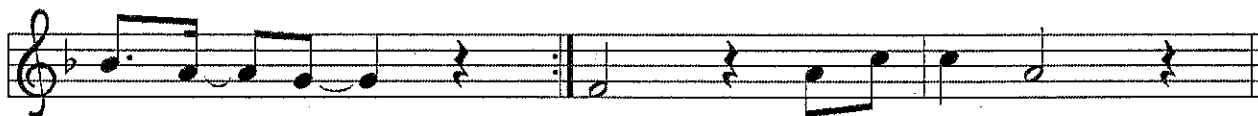
Go, make dis - ci - ples, for I am with you till the end of time.



Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world.



Go, be a cit - y on a hill, so all can see that you're



serv - ing me. Go, make dis - ci - ples.”

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Worship Participants

Ministers: All the members
DYME: Jim & Kris Kistenmacher
Organist: Sharen Borchers
Pianist: Kris Kistenmacher
Lector: Darci Boling
Deacons: Eric Hanson and Craig Fox
Greeter: Barb Stratton
Acolytes: Max Breyfogle and Wyatt Modrell
Sound & Video: Kelby & Joy Wulf
Coffee Hosts: Amy Peuse
Justin & Val Georg

St. Paul Church Calendar

SUNDAY, January 12 ~ Baptism of Our Lord

9:00 AM Worship with Lamb Presentation to 3 year olds
10:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Coffee & Fellowship
10:00 AM Removal of Christmas greens

MONDAY, January 13

7:00 PM Community Chest meeting

WEDNESDAY, January 15

5:00 PM LOGOS ~ "Breakfast Club"

SUNDAY, January 19 ~ Second Sunday After Epiphany

9:00 AM Worship / Holy Communion / New Member Reception
10:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Coffee & Fellowship / New Member Celebration
11:30 AM Private Dining Room/kitchen use

