

# BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



*“You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”*

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
Appleton, Wisconsin  
January 9, 2022**

**8:00 & 9:40 a.m. Services**

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

*Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is a family of Christians  
Growing in Faith and Reaching out in Love*

## **POP VISION 2024**

*We will be...an engaged and inclusive congregation of disciples,  
transforming the lives in our community through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

**W**elcome to God's House which is the spiritual home of all who come to worship today. Part of Prince of Peace Church's mission statement says that we are "a family of Christians." Because God has made us family, we gather together in this church home to receive the Lord's strength, comfort and peace. Christ, our brother, is here, and his presence will change us. As new people, we leave this spiritual home to go out and live our daily lives in the world as ambassadors for Christ. Go, but remember to come home. See you next Sunday!

**W**e love kids in worship: young ones, old ones, squirmy ones, curious ones, crying ones, happy ones. Jesus loves them, too. In fact, one day when he was trying to explain to a bunch of adults who would enter the Kingdom of God, he plucked a child out of the crowd and said that if they wanted to enter his kingdom, they should be like this wide-eyed child! What an object lesson for us all and what hope, because we are all kids at heart, just trying to follow Jesus.

We know it is sometimes a challenge and, with our nursery closed for our youngest ones' safety during the pandemic, we have some ways to help you out. We have bags of activities on the wooden kiosk near the entrance by the bathrooms that children can grab before entering the sanctuary. We have a place for kids to play in our narthex, the **PRAYERGROUND**, which is stocked with toys and books and comfy chairs, and there are speakers projecting the service, so caregivers can keep track of what's going on in the service and can listen to and/or rejoin worship anytime. ***The space located at the back of the sanctuary, called the PLAYDECK, with a rug and some quiet toys where a child might need to hang out for a few minutes with mom or dad nearby.***

You can find changing tables in the bathrooms near the narthex **PRAYERGROUND** for your convenience. And, finally, we have ushers and greeters who love kids, too, who were once kids themselves, and who want to help you have a great worship experience! We are glad you are here!

**T**he Glass Cross on the Altar is unique. There are only 3 of these handmade crosses in the world. The other two are in congregations with whom we share our ministry. One is on the altar of Kopano Lutheran Church in Mogwase, South Africa and the other is at the Evangelische Stadtpfarrkirche Hermannstadt in Sibiu, Romania. These Lutheran churches are ministry partners with us with whom we have shared visits, resources, and mutual support. Each Sunday as we gather in worship under this common cross, we are reminded of our faith in our Savior, Jesus the Christ, whose Spirit unites peoples of different countries, races, cultures and histories under His benevolent love.

 **A hearing loop system** is installed in our sanctuary. Those with hearing aid devices may activate their T-Coil technology.

#### **WORSHIP LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS**

Preaching & Presiding Minister	Pastor Jennifer DeNetz
Assisting Minister	Lori Adams
Musicians	Colleen Perrine, Erik Larson, Randall Bullock Karen Bultman, Stacie Dobbe, Michelle Wiesman Charlie Sosinski, Wyatt Adamovich
Technical Prep/Projection	Tom Richmond, Nathan Jansen
Ushers	8:00 Dave Rades 9:40 Chad Ekern, Scott Perrine
Greeters	8:00 Margie & Mike Bricco, Cherie and Bob Corey
Communion Servers	8:00 Ron & Sondra Joten 9:40 Linnea & Illamae Dolan

# BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

ELW denotes the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal  
P—Pastor A—Assisting Minister C—Congregation

~ INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY ~

*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

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

GATHERING MUSIC

*Baptize Us with Power and Joy*

Colleen Perrine

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS — *Oh, People of God*

Leader: Oh, peo-ple of God, the Lord be with you. People: And may the  
Lord be with you too. Leader: The Spir-it calls us to re-  
mem-ber. People: Oh Lord we lift our hearts to you.

All: We fail to love you with our whole hearts or love our  
You bid us come out from the sha-dows in-to the  
neigh-bors as we should. And so we're ask-ing for for-  
light by which we see. Our sins for-giv-en and for-  
give-ness. Oh, set us free and make us good.  
got-ten for Je-sus' sake we're clear and free.

When Jesus came to Jordan  
to be baptized by John,  
he did not come for pardon  
but as the Sinless One.  
He came to share repentance  
with all who mourn their sins,  
to speak the vital sentence  
with which good news begins.

He came to share temptation,  
our utmost woe and loss,  
for us and our salvation  
to die upon the cross.  
So when the dove descended  
on him, the Son of Man,  
the hidden years had ended,  
the age of grace began.

Come, Holy Spirit, aid us  
to keep the vows we make;  
this very day invade us,  
and ev'ry bondage break.  
Come, give our lives direction,  
the gift we covet most:  
to share the resurrection  
that leads to Pentecost.

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## GREETING

P May the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty God,

C **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**

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## 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.*

<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 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.*

<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.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? — You have the

words of e - ter - nal life, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

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

*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.*

<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>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

Pastor Jennifer DeNetz

(9:40) *Faith Formation students join us for worship (during the singing of the Hymn of the Day).*

HYMN OF THE DAY

***Remember and Rejoice***

ELW 454

Remember and rejoice,  
renewed by floods of grace.  
We bear the sign of Jesus Christ,  
that time cannot erase.

In life, in death, we trust  
in God's most holy name,  
forever traced by water sign,  
and sealed by Spirit flame.

We pledge ourselves anew  
to flee the lures of hell,  
to cling to Christ's community,  
in justice, peace to dwell.

God, bless us by your grace;  
remind us of your care.

Renewing Spirit, fill us now,  
inspire our work, our prayer.

Remember and rejoice,  
renewed by floods of grace.  
We bear the sign of Jesus Christ,  
that time cannot erase.

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(9:40) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Brigetta Wingender

## APOSTLES CREED

- P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- C **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 THE CHURCH

- P 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.  
Petitions end: God of grace,  
Response: ...**hear our prayer.**
- P 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**

### MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## OFFERING

### *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

ELW 800

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.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,  
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,  
no angel visitant, no op'ning skies;  
but take the dimness of my soul away.

Have you not bid me love you, God and King;  
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!

Teach me to love you as your angels love,  
one holy passion filling all my frame:  
the baptism of the heav'n-descended dove,  
my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

Text: George Croly, 1780-1860

## OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God,

C **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. Amen**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

## LORD'S PRAYER

P Jesus' disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us how to pray." He said to them, "When you pray, say":

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**

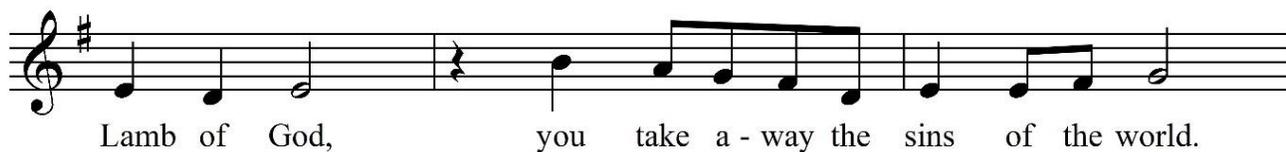
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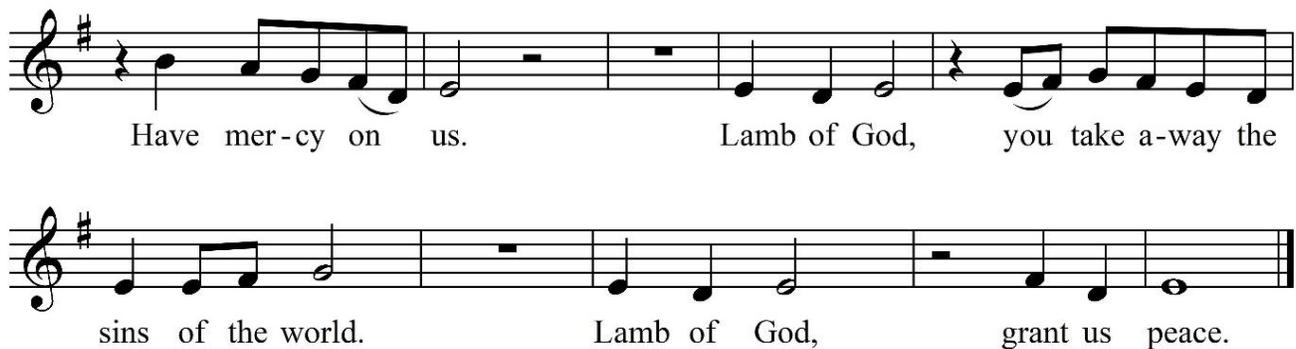
P Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.



*In the bread and wine, we believe Christ is truly present. Much more than a sign, story, or symbol of God's love, it is an event where God reaches down to us through common earthly elements and invites us into the mystery and miracle of a relationship with him, the Word made flesh for us. All, who have been baptized, are invited to this experience of God's love, where He is our host and we are his guests, who will take the message of his love into the world.*

## LAMB OF GOD





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COMMUNION SONG

*Down to the River to Pray*

*Refrain:*

(First time only – solo / remaining times: ALL)

As I went down in the river to pray, studying about that good old way  
and who shall wear the starry crown? Good Lord, show me the way!

(Women & Trebles)

Oh sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.  
Oh, sisters, let's go down, down in the river to pray. *Refrain*

(Men & Low Voices)

Oh brothers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.  
Oh, brothers, let's go down, down in the river to pray. *Refrain*

(ALL)

Oh mothers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.  
Oh, mothers, let's go down, down in the river to pray. *Refrain*

(ALL)

Oh fathers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.  
Oh, fathers, let's go down, down in the river to pray. *Refrain*

(ALL)

Oh sinners, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.  
Oh, sinners, let's go down, down in the river to pray. *Refrain*

attr. George H. Allan

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

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

C **Amen**

P 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**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

FINAL 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 SONG

*Standing on the Promises*

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,  
Through eternal ages let His praises ring;  
Glory in the highest I will shout and sing,  
Standing on the promises of God.

*Chorus*

Standing, standing,  
Standing on the promises of God, my Savior;  
Standing, standing,  
I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail.  
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,  
Standing on the promises of God. *Chorus*

Standing on the promises of Christ, the Lord,  
Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord,  
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's Sword,  
Standing on the promises of God. *Chorus*

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,  
List'ning ev'ry moment to the Spirit's call,  
Resting in my Savior as my All in All,  
Standing on the promises of God. *Chorus*

Russell Kelso Carter

DISMISSAL

A Prince of Peace is a family of Christians...

C **...growing in faith and reaching out in love.**

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

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

*I Saw the Light*

Hank Williams, Sr.

