

11:00 AM

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**BAPTISM OF OUR LORD, YEAR C
12 JANUARY, 2025: 11:00 AM**

PRELUDE

Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.
Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways.

Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In ☩ Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

SongSelect Here I Am to Worship

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

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. 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

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Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ALLELUIA – MASS OF RENEWAL

GOSPEL READING: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY

SongSelect Living Waters

APOSTLES' CREED: ELW p. 105

Let us profess our faith in the words of the 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

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

We give you thanks for the gift of baptism, and we pray that you nurture all the baptized in their faith and equip people everywhere to proclaim the good news. Bless the ministry

of the church in Guatemala. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We pray for all who have been adversely affected by the recent winter storms. Guide us to extend support and resources to those in our community who lack warm clothing and shelter. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We pray for our Immerse Bible book clubs, that they may grow in their faith and be challenged as they immerse themselves in the story of salvation. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We pray for all those in need: the lonely, the sick, the grieving, and all who suffer want. May they be comforted by your presence, and may we all be attentive to their needs. Hear the prayers we offer up aloud or in the silence of our hearts. (*Pause briefly for intercessions to be offered.*) God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We remember with thanksgiving all the saints who have gone before us in faith. Strengthen us in our baptismal callings to serve you faithfully until our journey's end. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Let us greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

OFFERTORY SONG

SongSelect Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)

OFFERTORY 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER: ELW p. 112

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

A child has been born for us, a Son given to us. Come, receive the gift of Jesus.

LAMB OF GOD – MASS OF RENEWAL

COMMUNION SONG

ELW #483 Here Is Bread

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

Amen.

BLESSING OF IMMERSE BIBLE GROUPS

BENEDICTION

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

Amen.

SENDING SONG

Praise Charts The River Is Here

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember your baptism.

Thanks be to God.