

CREATED, SAVED AND GIFTED BY GOD
WE ARE CALLED TO SEEK,
SERVE AND SHARE JESUS CHRIST



THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
JANUARY 9, 2005
11:00 A.M.

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THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is baptized by John. The Spirit descends on him and a voice from heaven says, "You are my beloved." Here is the pattern for our entrance into Christ's community and mission: we come to the waters of the font, our Jordan; we are washed by the Word and anointed by the Spirit; we are named God's beloved children. With Christ we are chosen to proclaim God's mercy in a suffering world. With Christ we are made public witnesses to God's justice. With Christ we are called to do good and relieve the suffering of the oppressed.

January 9, 2005

11:00 a.m. Worship

Claimed for Ministry

Who is this one for whom the heavens opened? His beginning was not auspicious, at least not as we might rate it today: A teenage mother, an out-of-wedlock pregnancy, stable-born in poverty, of a class vulnerable to the whims of power.

His childhood, though we hear little of it, was probably the same. Unremarkable to outside observers, he learned to walk and talk, to obey and honor, to worship and pray. But this apparently unremarkable boy bore promise in his soul, not just to him, but to all of us.

Once a young man, it was time for that promise to begin to reveal itself, to begin to unfold *in* the world, *for* the world. There had been mysteries before for those who were close to this young man: angels bringing messages and wondrous, unexpected visitors bringing gifts. There had been the flight to Egypt, and safety.

John, the wild baptizer, presided over the water and wilderness. His was a ministry to the common people, and he scorned the religious leaders who came to him. *His* beginning was auspicious, the son of priestly lines, and now one making public pleas for repentance. Like his parents before him, his was a public life.

When Jesus appeared before him at the Jordan River, the public John deferred to him whose life thus far had been mostly veiled in normalcy. When Jesus rose up from the waters, his privacy was ended. "This is my Son, the Beloved." The heavens opened, and the voice declared that God's very presence stood in the river water, dripping with promise and love for all of us. Jesus was publicly claimed for his ministry, as we all are when we emerge from baptismal waters. Now we know. Now we praise. Now we hope. God is here.

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We encourage worshippers to read the introductions to the Readings of the Day in preparation for listening to the Word of God. Thank you.

** Stand if you are able.

NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION

by Marty Haugen

GATHERING MUSING

Be Thou My Vision
Forever
Be the Centre

(Traditional Irish Hymn; arr. by Melody Bober)

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (spoken)

We gather as the people of God to offer our repentance and praise, to pray for the unity of the church and the renewal of our common life. Trusting in God's mercy and compassion, let us ask for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father:

Lord, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of pride and intolerance.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus, you pardon the sinner and welcome the repentant.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

May almighty God grant us pardon and peace, strengthen us in faith,
and make us witnesses to Christ's love.

Amen.

GATHERING


** HYMN

Refrain *Enter the Journey*

En - ter the jour - ney. Come to the song. By God
you are cho - sen, by name you are called to fol - low the vi -
sion, car - ry the cross. En - ter the jour - ney of
faith as the fam - 'ly of God.


Verses

All Cantor




1. En - ter the jour - ney, the way may be long.
 2. En - ter the jour - ney, though lost and un - sure.
 3. En - ter the jour - ney, though dark is the way.
 4. En - ter the jour - ney, the old and the young.

All Cantor




1. En - ter the jour - ney, yet we are made strong.
 2. En - ter the jour - ney, God's peace will be yours.
 3. En - ter the jour - ney, do not be a - afraid,
 4. En - ter the jour - ney, the king - dom is won.



1. God's spir - it will guide us, God's gifts will un -
 2. And all who are thirst - ing be filled with God's
 3. for God's great com - pas - sion will give you new
 4. By faith now u - nit - ed, as ser - vants we

All to Refrain



1. fold. En - ter the jour - ney of hope!
 2. grace. En - ter the jour - ney of faith!
 3. sight. En - ter the jour - ney of light!
 4. come. En - ter the jour - ney of love!

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*Last time, repeat final phrase.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (sung)

Let us pray. (spoken)

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful in their calling to be your children and inheritors with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING OF PRAYERS / Collecting of Gold / Green Cards

Pastor Prochaska

WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Prochaska

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

The first reading is from Isaiah, chapter 42.

The Lord's transformation of something old (something expected) into something new is a major theme of Isaiah 40—55. Today's reading begins with the familiar language of the Lord bringing justice (or "the true way") through a chosen one. What is new is how the Lord brings that about: the servant is not a triumphant warrior, but is one who works quietly and patiently.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
²He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
³a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
⁵Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
⁹See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them. (NRSV)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God. (spoken)

HYMN 127 (purple songbook)

(Congregation sings refrain)

Song over the Waters

SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-43

The second reading is from Acts, chapter 10.

Peter's sermon to the Roman centurion Cornelius tells how the message of God's inclusive salvation came to expression in the ministry of Jesus following John's baptism.

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and his household: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." (NRSV)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God. (spoken)

** GOSPEL VERSE 29 (purple songbook)

Come and See

** GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3rd chapter.

Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." (NRSV)

The Gospel of the Lord

Thanks be to God. (spoken)

SERMON

"I am baptized"

Pastor Prochaska

** HYMN 145 (purple songbook)

Waterlife

** BAPTISM

(see insert)

** SONG (sung as we prepare for prayer)

Only You, O God

(Congregation sings refrain)

Refrain

On-ly you, O God, and you a-lone, the
bro-ken heart con - sole; On-ly you, O God, and
you a-lone, the wound - ed world make whole.

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the refrain. The first staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 2/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, followed by a half note G4. The second staff continues with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, a quarter note C5, a half note G4, then changes to a 2/4 time signature with quarter notes G4, A4, Bb4, C5, and a half note G4. The third staff continues with quarter notes G4, A4, Bb4, C5, a half note G4, then changes to a 4/4 time signature with quarter notes G4, A4, Bb4, C5, and a half note G4. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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** PRAYERS (spoken)

Prayers are included for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish and special concerns. The minister gives thanks for the faithful departed, especially for those who recently have died.

Let us pray that the dawn from on high will shine upon the church, the world, and all those in need.

We pray: **Hear us, God of light.**

Hear all our prayers, gracious God, and receive them in the name of the Word made flesh, your Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

** PEACE (spoken)

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

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared.

OFFERTORY

Baptized
Don Bennett, soloist

(Jay Beech)

** OFFERTORY PRAYER (spoken)

Let us pray.

God of glory,

with great joy we worship you and lay before you these gifts, which you have first given us. Let our lives serve you only, and lead us always to our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, the bright and morning star. Amen.

** GREAT THANKSGIVING (spoken)

The Lord be with you.

And also 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 God thanks and praise.

Pastor continues to pray...

** LORD'S PRAYER (spoken) (Personal option - holding hands)

Made bold by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught:

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 (spoken)

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Amen.

** LAMB OF GOD (sung as communion assistants come forward)

83 (purple songbook)

HOLY COMMUNION -- Receiving the Lord's tangible presence

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: **Amen.**

We invite everyone to come to the Communion Rail and kneel if you are able. Children who have not been instructed are encouraged to join their family for a blessing. The Pastor or Communion Assistant will place the communion wafer in the communicant's "cupped hands". Choice of chalice with wine or individual glasses with wine or apple juice are available. Communicants desiring apple juice will need to "gesture" to the innermost circle of glasses in the communion tray where glasses of apple juice are available. The Communion Assistant will hand you the proper small communion cup. After receiving Holy Communion and private prayer at the Altar we encourage communicants to return to their pew for additional prayer, meditation or participation in singing the communion hymns. God bless you.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

137 (purple songbook)

96 (purple songbook)

*The Summons
Make Me a Servant*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (spoken)

Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Be the light for our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

- * Brief Announcements
- * Birthdays & Anniversaries
- * Joys & Concerns
- * Special Matters

** **BLESSING** (spoken)

God's blessing be with you, Christ's + peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. **Amen.**

** **HYMN** 721 WOV (blue hymnal)

Go My Children with my Blessing

DISMISSAL (spoken)

Go in peace. Be light for the world.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Forever

Chris Tomlin

Be The Centre

Michael Frye

Chorus 1

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever forever

Verse 1

Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise
Sing praise sing praise

Verse 2

With a mighty hand
And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise
Sing praise sing praise

Verse 3

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise
Sing praise sing praise

Chorus 1

Be the fire in my heart
Be the wind in these sails
Be the reason that I live
Jesus Jesus

Verse 1

Jesus be the centre
Be my source be my light
Jesus

Verse 2

Jesus be the centre
Be my hope be my song
Jesus

Verse 3

Jesus be my vision
Be my path be my guide
Jesus

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This week's commemorations

Sunday, January 9

Adrian of Canterbury, teacher, died around 710

African by birth, Adrian (or Hadrian) worked with Theodore, Archbishop of Canterbury, in developing the church in England. He was director of a school at which church leaders were trained.

Thursday, January 13

George Fox, renewer of society, died 1691

Fox was a searcher for spiritual enlightenment, a quest which took him away from family, friends, and the traditional church. His preaching, and that of his followers, led to the formation of the Society of Friends, or Quakers. He also founded the movement to abolish slavery in England.

Friday, January 14

Eivind Josef Berggrav, Bishop of Oslo, died 1959

Berggrav was the bishop of Oslo, Norway, as the Second World War began, and represented the Norwegian people in an attempt to negotiate with the Nazi occupiers. He refused to compromise with them, however, and was removed from office by them.

Saturday, January 15

Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, martyr, died 1968

An American prophet of justice among races and nations, King was an eloquent preacher, a leader of the nonviolent resistance to race-segregated society, and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. Born on this date, he was assassinated on April 4, 1968.

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O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

Praise & Thanksgiving to God For
The people and friends of Good Shepherd
Cathy & Dan Smith, missionaries in Tanzania
Bishop Mark S. Hanson, Presiding Bishop, ELCA, Chicago
Bishop Callon W. Halloway Jr., Bishop Southern Ohio Synod, ELCA, Columbus
Companion Synods: East of Lake Victoria Diocese, Tanzania, East Africa
and Evangelical Church of Mecklenburg, Germany

GOD'S PRESENCE & STRENGTH FOR

Milan Filcik	Corneely family
Carol Rempe	Lygia Harrison
Hazel Reel	John Matherly
Dick Caton	Connie Jones
Carol Haroldson	Donna Harte
Ruth Lackey	Hedy May
Ferne Neeb	David
Hannah Pressnell & Youth Encounter Ministry	Fred
Jason Rodes, who is serving in Iraq	Sarah & Michael
Tami Miozzi	Mary Thieman
Darren	Pat, having surgery Wednesday
Johney Moses & family	Tom
Prayers of thanksgiving for Good Shepherd people who pray and care for each other	Elivia
Bunsold Family, especially 4-month Avery	Bob
Billie Kinkade	Shannon
Danielle Kosanovich, going on a Mission trip to Panama this month.	David
	Tony
	Connie

January 9, 2005 – The Baptism of Our Lord
Prayers Received January 2, 2005 – The Epiphany of Our Lord

**Please take this home and use it daily to remember in prayer
those who are near and dear to the Good Shepherd Community of Faith**

Please email Sheila or Jeff Stutrud with your prayer requests at prayers@goodshepherdkettering.com