

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



THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2005
5:30 P.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.

Adrian of Canterbury, commemorated today, lived over the turn of the eighth century. African by birth, he was instrumental in developing the church in England.

January 8, 2005

5:30 pm 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.

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision

(Traditional Irish Hymn; arr. by Melody Bober)

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (spoken)

Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Let us draw near to God in humility and confidence, confessing our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and things left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The boundless riches of Christ are the gift of God's grace to all people. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING

** HYMN 698 WOV (blue hymnal)

We were Baptized in Christ Jesus

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

Setting by Marty Haugen

1. SERVICE OF LIGHT

Procession

Leader:



Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

All:



the light no darkness can o - ver - come;

Leader:

Stay with us now, for it is evening,

All:

and the day is al - most over.

Leader:

Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

All:

and shine within your peo-ple here. —

Evening Hymn

All: a tempo

1. Joy-ous light of heav-'nly glo - ry, lov - ing
2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the
3. You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry

glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's
blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and
danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle

sto - ry, shine on ev 'ry land and race. Now as
wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that
jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might - y

eve - ning falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to
fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry
God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our



you, God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and
 soul, Love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us
 way, Lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us



light our hearts a - new. _____
 free and make us whole. _____
 on to end - less day. _____

Evening Thanksgiving



May God be with you all, and al - so with you;



Let us sing our thanks to — God,



It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PRAYER (sung)

Blessed are you, Creator of the universe, from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.

Amen.

**** PRAYER OF THE DAY (spoken)**

Let us pray.

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.**

WORD

PSALMODY (sung)

Psalm 141

All:

Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -
fore you, the lift - ing up of my
hands as an of - fer - ing to you.

Cantor and Congregation (Chancel choir sings echo):

O God, I call to you, come to me
now; O hear my voice when I
cry to you. Let my prayer rise

up like in cense be - fore you, the
lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to



you. Keep watch with - in me, God;



deep in my heart may the light of your love be



burn - ing bright. Let my prayer rise



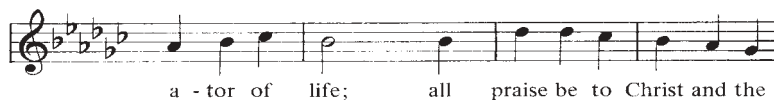
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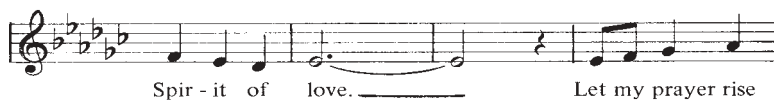
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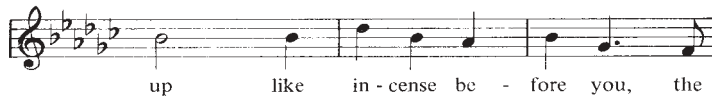
you. All praise to the God of all- Cre-



a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the



Spir - it of love. Let my prayer rise



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.

HYMN 127 (purple songbook)

Song over the Waters

(Congregation please sing refrain)

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.

HYMN 154 (purple songbook)

We Will Glorify

**** HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 3:13-17

The Holy Gospel according to 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.

SERMON

Pastor Prochaska

**** HYMN 647 WOV (blue hymnal)**

When Jesus Came to Jordan



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.

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**** THE PRAYERS (spoken)**

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.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**** PEACE (sharing together the Peace of the Lord.)**

MEAL

OFFERTORY

(Please place your offering in the offering basket located on the shelf in the Narthex. Thank you.)

** THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(Please gather around the Communion Rail with your bulletin and blue hymnal.)

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 him thanks and praise.

Pastor Prays...

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

Let us pray.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION - Receiving the Lord's Tangible Presence

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

** COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's Grace. **Amen**.

** FINAL BLESSING (sung)

The image shows two lines of musical notation for the Final Blessing. The first line is for the Leader and the second line is for the Presider. Both are in 4/4 time and G major.

Leader: Let us bless our God: *All:* praise and thanks to you.

Presider: May God, Cre - a - tor bless us and keep us, may

Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the
 Spir - it of Love be our guide and path, for
 all of our days, _____
 A - - - - - men.

** HYMN 721 WOV (blue hymnal)

Go My Children with My Blessing

** **BLESSING**

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

Amen.

POSTLUDE

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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 Remppe	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