

Cherish Jesus' Baptism:
And Yours Too

The Baptism of Our Lord

January 14, 2024



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Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship! In our service we receive God's grace through his Word and sacraments. As he works to strengthen our faith in Jesus, we respond to his goodness with our prayers, praise, and offerings. We are glad to be here and glad that you have joined us today!

- Restrooms are located in the main hallway, narthex, and back classrooms.
- If you wish to step out of the service to calm your child, please feel welcome to use the Fellowship Hall or the Toddler Sunday School Room (located in the back-corner classroom of the building, connected to the Fellowship Hall). Both of these rooms have televisions showing the worship service. Also, please do not hesitate to ask an usher or any member if you need help locating anything. We want to make you feel welcome.

Serving the Lord and Serving Us:

Pastor: Rev. Paul Jenkins

Today's Focus: Baptism works a God-pleasing faith and life. Our worship follows *Service of the Word*.

We Come into the Presence of God

MUSICAL INTRODUCTION

This is an opportunity to quiet your mind and heart and prepare for the joy of worshipping your God.

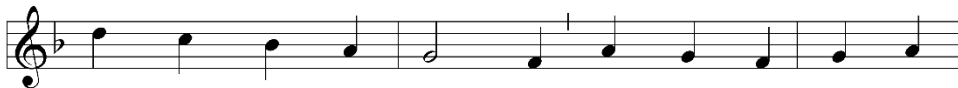
OPENING HYMN: 294 “Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”



1 Bap - tized in - to your name most ho - ly, O
2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, there you took me To
3 My faith - ful God, you fail me nev - er; Your
4 All that I am and love most dear - ly— Re -



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a
be hence - forth your child and heir. My faith - ful
prom - ise sure - ly will en - dure. Oh, cast me
ceive it all, O Lord, from me. Let me con -



place, though weak and low - ly, A - mong your saints, your
Sav - ior, there you let me The fruit of all your
not a - way for - ev - er If words and deeds be -
fess my faith sin - cere - ly And help me your own



cho - sen host, Bur - ied with Christ and dead to
sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it, com - fort
come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I come de -
child to be! Let noth - ing that I am or



sin. Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.
me When threat - 'ning clouds a - round I see.
fled; For - give, lift up, re - store your child.
own Serve an - y will but yours a - lone.

Text: Johann J. Rambach, 1693–1735, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZÜNGEN HÄTTE (KÖNIG) (98 98 88) Johann B. König, 1691–1758.

Stand

INVOCATION

Minister: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -



ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -



ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: 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. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs 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.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 49:1-6

God the Father anoints his Messiah with power to work salvation for all people.

Listen to me, you coastlands.
Pay attention, you faraway peoples!
The LORD called me from the womb.
When I was inside my mother, he mentioned my name.
² He made my mouth like a sharpened sword.
He hid me in the shadow of his hand.
He made me a polished arrow.
He concealed me in his quiver.
³ He said to me, "You are my servant Israel,
in whom I will display my glory."
⁴ But I said to myself, "I have labored in vain.
I spent my strength and came up empty, with nothing.
Yet a just verdict for me rests with the LORD,
and my reward is with my God."
⁵ But now the LORD,
who formed me from the womb to be his servant,
to turn Jacob back to him,
so that Israel might be gathered to him,
so that I will be honored in the eyes of the LORD,
because my God has been my strength—
⁶ the LORD said:

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It is too small a thing that you should just be my servant
to raise up only the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the ones I have preserved in Israel,
so I will appoint you to be a light for the nations,
so that my salvation will be known to the end of the earth.

PSALM OF THE DAY: 45

Read Responsively

M: My heart is stirred by a noble theme

C: as I recite my verses for the King.

M: You are the most excellent of men,

C: and your lips have been anointed with grace.

M: Gird your sword upon your side, O Mighty One;

C: clothe yourself with splendor and majesty.

M: In your majesty ride forth victoriously;

C: let your right hand display awesome deeds.

M: Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;

C: a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.

M: You love righteousness and hate wickedness;

C: therefore God has anointed you with the oil of joy.

M: I will perpetuate your memory through all generations;

C: therefore the nations will praise you for ever and ever.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 6:1-11

Baptism connects us to Jesus' holy life and death and renews our own holy living.

What shall we say then? Shall we keep on sinning so that grace may increase? ² Absolutely not! We died to sin. How can we go on living in it any longer? ³ Or do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him by this baptism into his death, so that just as he was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too would also walk in a new life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in the likeness of his death, we will certainly also be united with him in the likeness of his resurrection.

⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him, to make our sinful body powerless, so that we would not continue to serve sin. ⁷ For the person who has died has been declared free from sin. ⁸ And since we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that since Christ has been raised from the dead, he will never die again. Death no longer has control over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died, he died to sin once and for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ In the same way also consider yourselves dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia! "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Alleluia! (*Mark 1:11b*)

Stand

GOSPEL AND SERMON TEXT

Mark 1:4-11

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him. They were baptized by him in the Jordan River as they confessed their sins. ⁶ John was clothed in camel's hair, and he wore a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He preached, "One more powerful than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals! ⁸ I baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰Just as Jesus came up out of the water, he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love. I am well pleased with you.”

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

CHILDREN’S SERMON: “Jesus Has You and You Have Him”

HYMN OF THE DAY: 89 “To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”



1 To Jor - dan’s riv - er came our Lord, The
 2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The
 3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And
 4 Then from God’s throne with thun - d’rous sound Came
 5 The Fa - ther’s word, the Spir - it’s flight A -



Christ, whom heav’n - ly hosts a - dored, The
 Son of God in flesh dis - guised— To
 John bap - tized the Lamb of God, The
 God’s own voice with words pro - found: “This
 noit - ed Christ in glo - rious sight As



God from God, the Light from Light, The
 stand be - neath the Fa - ther’s will And
 Ho - ly Spir - it, heav’n - ly dove, De -
 is my Son,” was his de - cree, “The
 God’s own choice, from A - dam’s fall To

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Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.
all his prom - is - es ful - fill.
scend - ed on him from a - bove.
one I love, who pleas - es me."
save the world and free us all.

6 Now rise, faint hearts: be resolute!
This man in Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan's stream,
Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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SERMON

TEXT: Mark 1:4-11

THEME: "Cherish Jesus' Baptism, and Yours Too"

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be Seated

OFFERING

Please take a moment to sign the friendship register found in your pew.

The members of Trinity make joyful offerings to support this church's ministry. A portion of our offerings is also used for the training of future pastors and teachers, and the worldwide mission work carried out by our fellowship, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Our guests are under no obligation to give, but any gifts freely given are welcome and will be put to work in service to God's kingdom.

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord Jesus, at your baptism you revealed yourself as the obedient Son of Man, fulfilling all righteousness. Your heavenly Father revealed you as his beloved Son, in whom he is well pleased. The Holy Spirit revealed you as the Christ, anointed and armed to destroy the work of the devil.

C: **We thank you, beloved Son of God, that you took on yourself the nature of a servant, became like us, and were obedient to the will of your heavenly Father.**

M: Lord Jesus, eternal Word of God, you have connected your mighty Word and gracious promises to the water of Holy Baptism. In Baptism you cleansed us from sin, redeemed us from death, and clothed us in your perfect righteousness. We praise you for the promise and treasure of Baptism.

C: **Encourage us to remember it in our hearts daily as we die to sin and rise to new life with you.**

Special prayers

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer

M: May we all together rejoice in your Son, Jesus Christ, whom we worship with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

M: Almighty God, thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

Be Seated

CLOSING HYMN: 297 "Baptized in Water"



1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,
2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,
3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,



Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:
Dead in the tomb with Christ our King:
Marked with the sign of Christ our King:



Heirs of sal - va - tion, Trust - ing his prom - ise,
One with his ris - ing, Freed and for - giv - en,
Born of one Fa - ther, We are his chil - dren;



Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
Thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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Wine and Word Bible Study – January 18

The Wine and Word Bible Study meets at the home of Bruce and Dawn Knox. Their home is located just 5 minutes from the church in Old Bridge Estates. We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 7-8:30 pm. We are studying the book of Revelation with Larry Kovaciny as our guide. Those who wish can bring a bottle of wine and a small bite appetizer. Come and join us whether you drink wine or not! Contact Dawn at 703-615-9320 or dawn.f.knox@gmail.com to RSVP.

Small Choir

Trinity's small choir sings about once a month during Worship. Anyone is welcome to join! We'll sing hymns from our hymnal, Christian Worship. If you are interested in joining, please let John or Erika Ohlendorf know.

Ushers and Usher Assistants Needed

A sign-up sheet is sent via email through Sign-up Genius. You are welcome to fill in as many Sundays as you are available. If you would like to become part of the regular rotation of ushers, or even just fill in once in a while when needed, please speak to Worship Elder Matt Popelier. If you are not getting the emails for Sign-Up Genius, please email admin@trinityofwoodbridge.org

Our Little Free Library

Our Little Free Library always welcomes donations of books and food! If the library outside is full, you can place donations in the white plastic bin in the Fellowship Hall right beside the door to the hallway.

Valentine's Breakfast

Trinity will be hosting a Valentine's breakfast with free food, beverages, games and prizes on Saturday, February 10 from 9:00 to 10:30. Volunteers for menu coordination, cooking, decorating, and clean-up are needed. Because this involves food service, for insurance and liability purposes it will be a fellowship event and not promoted to the general public. However, members of Trinity are encouraged to invite their friends and neighbors. Please speak to pastor if you have any questions, or to let him know how you'd like to help with the breakfast.

Lord's Supper Available to All Members

If you are a confirmed member of Trinity, Pastor would be happy to commune you at home, or anywhere else you would like to meet. Just contact him at (309) 433-5807 or revpauljenkins@yahoo.com with a date, time, and place, and he will make it work



God's Son is Baptized

How does it make you feel when a teacher praises the project you spent so much time on? How does it make you feel when a coach tells you how proud they are of your hard work? How does it make you feel when a parent tells you how pleased they are by your good behavior? It feels amazing, right? Unfortunately, because of sin, God couldn't say those things to the people of this world. Adam and Eve disobeyed God and sinned against him. We have to admit that we have also disobeyed God and sinned against him.

God is holy. That means that he can't praise disobedience. He isn't proud of sinners. He'll never be pleased when people turn their backs and walk away from him.

When God's Son, Jesus, came to this world, he was just like us in so many ways. He had eyes and fingers and feet, just like us. He got hungry and tired and sad, just like us.

But Jesus was different from us in one very important way. He never disobeyed God. He never sinned against any of God's commands. Jesus was perfect and holy in every way.

That's why, when Jesus was baptized, God could praise Jesus and shout from heaven how proud he was of him: "This is my Son, whom I love. I am well pleased with him."

Well, that might be amazing for Jesus, but how does it help sinners like us? Here's some really good news. When you were baptized, you were connected personally to Jesus. His perfection became your perfection. His holiness became your holiness.

Imagine Jesus wearing a pure, white robe, without a single stain or spot on it. Then imagine him taking that robe and wrapping it snugly around you. That's what happened when you were baptized

Now, when God the Father looks at you, he doesn't see any spots or stains or sins. He sees the perfect life of Jesus. That means that God can (and does) look at you now and say, "This is my son/daughter, whom I love. I am well pleased with him/her."

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- You were baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. How do you see all three persons of the Trinity) at work in today's Bible reading?
- Describe the trade that Jesus made with us. What did he take from us? What did he give to us?

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Parents:

Some ideas of how you can help your children remember their Baptism include:

- Celebrate your Child's Baptismal Birthday each year with a small party.
- Look at pictures of their special day
- Say a prayer of thanksgiving with your children to thank God for their Baptism and ask God to help them to always please Him with what they say and do.

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to glorify God

by growing in His Word and by going with His Word

to Woodbridge and to the world.



Trinity Lutheran Church is part of a group of nearly 1,300 churches called the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod or WELS. The WELS is a world-wide church with congregations serving in all fifty of the United States, as well as in Mexico and Canada. The WELS also serves over 26 foreign countries through world mission work. We are united in faith and teaching with the other churches of the WELS as well as the members of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference, consisting of 21 confessional Lutheran church bodies throughout the world.