

Offering *(The children's offering basket will be on the front steps of the church, so that they can in yet another way feel involved in Sunday worship)*



Offertory Hymn *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized* ELW #304 (vss. 1-2 & 4)

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

*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

Benediction

Three-fold Amen

Closing Hymn

This Little Light of Mine

ELW #677

Sending:

P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord

C: Thanks Be to God!

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Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!!

"If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to become a member, contact any member or the church office."

Sunday, January 8th, 2023; 9:30 am

Baptism of Our Lord

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Sharing of the Peace

Invocation

Call to Worship

P: Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?

C: Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

P: We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travelers on the road,

C: We are here to help each other, walk the mile and bear the load.

P: I will hold the Christlight for you, in the night-time of your fear,

C: I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

Opening Hymn

Brightest and Best of the Stars

ELW #303 (vss. 1, 3-4)

Prayer of the Day (All)

**O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

First Lesson

Isaiah 42:1-9

Sylvia Benson

¹Here 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.

Second Lesson

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter 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.”

Alleluia Verse

Alleluia

Insert

Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

Pastor Greg Johnson

*(Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**)*
¹³Then 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.”
*(Response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**)*

Children’s Sermon

Pastor Greg Johnson

Sermon

“Let it be so for Now”

Pastor Greg Johnson

Hymn of the Day

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

ELW #659 (vss. 1-2 & 4)

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**