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**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**January 9, 2022**

## Baptism of Our Lord

**Prayer Before Worship:** God of grace and glory, you call us to be your people, faithful and courageous. As your beloved Son embraced his mission in the waters of baptism, inspire us with the fire of your Spirit to join in his transforming work. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*(In preparation for our worship together, you are invited to take a moment of silence to offer your own prayers of worship and praise.)*

**KEY:** ELW and any page number = Worship hymnal (cranberry),  
OSB = Other Song Book (red), W&P = Worship & Praise (purple).

\* Indicates please stand if able. Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

**A Warm Welcome** to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

**Visitors**, *if you are worshipping with us in person or online today, we are glad to have you with us.*

### Prelude Music

### Welcome and Announcements

## ✠WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS✠

### \*Thanksgiving for Baptism

*(All may make the sign of the ✠ cross, the sign marked at baptism, as we begin)*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*(Water is poured into the font as the congregation gives thanks)*

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

**Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.**

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

**We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace and love.**

To you be given honor and praise through † Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

**\*Glory to God:**

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Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

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

## **‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡**

### **First Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>But now thus says the LORD,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.

<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.

<sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

<sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.

<sup>5</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;

<sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth —

<sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 29

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup>**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD  
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup>**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.  
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

## Epistle Reading: Acts 8:14-17

<sup>14</sup>Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup>The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup>(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup>Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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**\*Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

*Response after the announcement of the gospel:*  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

*Response after the gospel reading:*  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Kids Sermon:**

**Angie Hinze**

**Sermon:**

**Pastor Chris**

*(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)*

**‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡**

**\*Hymn of the Day:**

**"Baptized in Water"**

**ELW #456**

- 1. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:  
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,  
faithfully now God's praise we sing.**
- 2. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
dead in the tomb with Christ our king:  
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,  
thankfully now God's praise we sing.**

**3. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
marked with the sign of Christ our king:  
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;  
joyfully now God's praise we sing.**

**\*Profession of Faith: 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 the Church:**

*Each petition ends with:*

God of repentance....**hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude with:*

...through our savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**\*Exchange of Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## “Communion Carol”

Choir

### \*Offertory Prayer

Thank you for continuing to support the work of Christ through Calvary Lutheran. The act of offering is an act of worship, wherever and whenever it is done. Having offered ourselves and our gifts to God, let us pray.

**Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, Amen.**

### ‡HOLY COMMUNION‡

*Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### Words of Institution

#### The 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.**

#### Invitation to Communion

Come to God’s table.  
There is a place for you and enough for all.

#### Distribution of Communion:

Christ is truly present in the Lord’s Supper with gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

**All are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion.**

*(Communion will be served continuously at two stations in the front of the church.*

*WHITE GRAPE JUICE and GLUTEN FREE WAFERS are available. Just ask the server.*

*Children who are not yet communicants are invited to come forward for a blessing.)*



**\*Post-Communion Blessing**

**\*Post-Communion Prayer**

We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡**

**\*Benediction**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ‡ give you peace.  
**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn:      “Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”**

**ELW #445**

1. Wash, O God, our sons and daughters,  
    where your cleansing waters flow.  
    Number them among your people;  
    bless as Christ blessed long ago.  
Weave them garments bright and sparkling;  
    Compass them with love and light.  
    Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit,  
    holy dove and heart's delight.
  
2. We who bring them long for nurture;  
    by your milk may we be fed.  
    Let us join your feast,  
partaking cup of blessing, living bread.  
    God, renew us, guide our footsteps;  
    free from sin and all its snares,  
    one with Christ in living, dying,  
    by your Spirit, children, heirs.

3. Oh, how deep your holy wisdom!  
Unimagined, all your ways!  
To your name be glory, honor!  
With our lives we worship, praise!  
We your people stand before you,  
Water-washed and Spirit-born.  
By your grace, our lives we offer.  
Recreate us; God transform!

**\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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**✠In Our Thoughts and Prayers✠**

**Prayers for healing:** **Jan Wylie**, **Juanita Gibbs**, **Mary Jo Huelle**, **Jean Collins** (hip replacement surgery), **Kathy Pickett** (cancer—Virginia Pickett’s niece), **Jan Van Newkirk** (back surgery), **Kathy Johnson** (back issues), **Maeve Singer** (medical issues—Nick & Lindsey Singer’s 6 month old daughter), **Alice Braaten** (rehab), **Kathy Rahrs** (recovering from back surgery—Val Rahrs’ mother), **Mark** (Jean Collins & Kathy Johnson’s cousin’s husband), **Liam** (diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy—Jude Walker’s great grandson), **LaDonna Schmidt** (chemotherapy), **Greta Mehling** (Health Issues), **Bruce** (Cancer treatments—friend of Jean Collins & Cathy Johnson), **Reuben & Gloria Gorr** (health issues), **Jordan Hein** (cancer treatment—former member of Calvary), **Julie** (cancer treatment—Travis Miller family), **Joan** (cancer—niece of Marj Nikont), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn’s sister-in-law).

**Prayers of comfort and peace:** For the family and friends of **Sharon Kaufman** (Steve Kaufman’s sister-in-law)

**Prayers for:** those dealing with the grief & destruction caused by the Colorado Wildfires and the December Tornadoes, **Austin & Teighlor** (facing hard decision in regard to son Liam—Jude Walker’s granddaughter & husband).

### Prayer Requests



If you have a prayer request you would like added to the prayers of the people on Sunday morning, you may notify Christy in the church office during the week or during worship use the Attendance and Prayer Request card and pass them towards the center aisle to be picked up by the ushers (for those worshipping with us online you will find the form under the worship tab on our website and prayer requests will be added to the prayer list in the bulletin the following weekend.)

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Natalie Laughlin, 1/9; Barrett Samuelson, 1/9; Makenzie Todd, 1/9

*If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.*



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### JANUARY FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

**FOOD PANTRY:** Cereal

**BACKPACKS:** 16oz Peanut butter

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



### **Fighting Malaria**



### **WOMEN OF THE ELCA JANUARY MISSION PROJECT:**

The WELCA mission project for January will be the ELCA Malaria Campaign. \$10 can purchase a treated mosquito net, \$50 provides medicine for 25 people, and \$100 trains a village health team. Donations may be made. Be sure to designate WELCA on the envelope.

**Endowment Fund** application forms are due. These funds may be used for outreach: Churchwide, Nebraska Synod, and local.



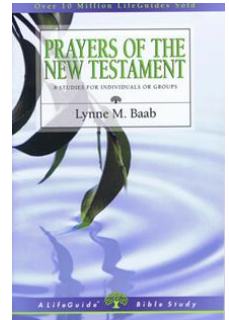
### **Coffee and Fellowship**



Coffee and fellowship started back up. We would like to invite people to stay after worship for a time of fellowship. The coffee pot will be on, but if you would like to provide treats, please sign up on the sheet outside the office.

### **NEW Tuesday Evening Study starting January 11th Prayers of the New Testament**

Join us as we explore eight different prayers contained in the New Testament. Author Lynne Baab writes *"I wrote this study guide because the prayers in the Bible have shaped and nurtured my own prayer life so profoundly."* Join Pastors Sheryl and Chris as we study eight different prayers in the New Testament. We'll begin by looking at the prayers of Mary and Simeon and Anna, then explore three of Jesus' prayers followed by prayers spoken by Peter and Paul and then ending our study with a prayer from the Book of Revelation. The language of these prayers is beautiful and deep, speaking to us of God's character and plan for all the world; but also helpful in deepening our own prayer life. Everyone is welcome.



**This 8-week study will meet at 7 p.m. starting January 11th.**

**If interested, please sign up on the sheet outside the office so we can make sure to have enough study books.**

### **EPIC is Today!!**

Bible Study & Game Night at Hinze's! Come for Bible study, games & dinner from 4-6 p.m.!  
Please come and join us all 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders!



## **JAM will resume January 12<sup>th</sup>!**



### **JAM on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 p.m.**

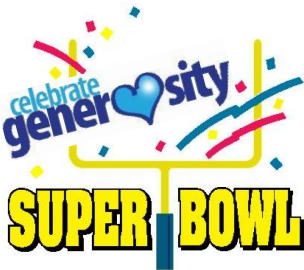
Our Wednesday evening youth group is for kids in kindergarten through 6th grade. We begin with dinner (taco salad) at 5:30 p.m. followed by storytelling, music, crafts, games, and lots of fun until 7 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Angie, Pastor Chris, or Pastor Sheryl at the church.

### **Laundry Love**



Calvary is partnering with St. Francis Episcopal Church and First Presbyterian Church to provide a monthly Laundry Love Event in our community. Calvary will host Laundry Love every 3rd month starting on Jan 15<sup>th</sup>. In preparation for that day, we will need quarters as well as dryer sheets or softener. Laundry detergent has already been donated. So, save your quarters and drop them in the Laundry Bottle outside the pastor's offices.

### **Celebrate Generosity returns January.**



On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, the FOURTH Sunday in January, we will gather to celebrate generosity. As in our previous gatherings we encourage ALL ages to gather at 9 AM on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Come learn about the Generosity Super Bowl in the New Testament. There will be a cheer and a lineup! (Okay the lineup isn't quite what you might expect, but let your curiosity bring you to check it out.) See you on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, again that's the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday.

### **Congregational Annual Meeting**

Our Congregational Annual Meeting will be January 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 a.m.

All Annual Reports are to be submitted by January 10<sup>th</sup>.



### **Sound System Operator Needed!!**

We are in need of 1 or 2 people who would be willing to run the sound system during worship services, especially on Praise Team Sundays. If interested, please talk to Pastors Chris or Sheryl or Jim Dorn.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

**Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer**

**This Sunday – January 9**

**USHERS:** Monty & Shari Copsey  
**LAY READER:** Marti Wegelin  
**COMMUNION ASST:** Barb Jensen  
**POWERPOINT:** Jack Martin  
**ACOLYTE:** Clare Schlothauer  
**MEDIA:** Chris Jensen  
**AUDIO:** Jim Dorn  
**ALTAR GUILD:** Deb Brown, Vicki Howell,  
Tracy Steele, Shari Copsey  
**ORGANIST:** Rhonda Boettcher  
**COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP:** Please Sign  
Up!!

**Next Sunday – January 16**

**USHERS:** Chris & Barb Jensen  
**LAY READER:** Susan Martin  
**COMMUNION ASST:** Shari Copsey  
**POWERPOINT:** Matt Payne  
**ACOLYTE:** DaKota Newsom  
**MEDIA:** Jeff Van Patten  
**AUDIO:** Trea Hess  
**ALTAR GUILD:** Andi Dorn, Shelly Koehler  
**PIANIST:** Dee Brady  
**COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP:** Please Sign  
Up!!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sunday, January 9**

10 a.m. – Worship  
11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in  
Fellowship Hall  
4-6 p.m. – EPIC @ Hinze's

**Monday, January 10**

2 p.m. – Priscilla Circle  
6 p.m. – Council Meeting  
7 p.m. – Hannah Circle @ Diane  
Vandenberge's home  
**ANNUAL REPORTS DUE**

**Tuesday, January 11**

8:30 a.m. – Men's Study @ Calvary  
9 a.m. – Esther's Circle  
12 p.m. – Women's Study @ Calvary  
1 p.m. – Quilting  
7 p.m. – Pastor's Bible Study

**Wednesday, January 12**

5:30 p.m. – Social Ministry  
5:30 p.m. – JAM  
6 p.m. – Confirmation  
7 p.m. – Choir Practice

**Saturday, January 15**

9 a.m. – Trustees  
12-2 p.m. – Laundry Love  
5:30 p.m. – Worship

**Sunday, January 16**

10 a.m. – Worship  
11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in  
Fellowship Hall

JANUARY 9, 2022  
BAPTISM OF  
OUR LORD



*Jesus' baptism points to a way of life.*

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	The baptism of Jesus
Monday	Isaiah 43:1-7	Restoration and protection
Tuesday	Acts 8:14-17	Receiving the Holy Spirit
Wednesday	Matthew 3:13-17	Jesus' baptism
Thursday	Colossians 3:12-17	New life in Christ
Friday	Ephesians 4:1-6	Unity in the body of Christ
Saturday	Psalms 29	The voice of the Lord
Sunday	John 2:1-11	The wedding at Cana

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

*Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. Luke 3:21-22a (NRSV)*

**PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

Come Lord Jesus, come, Holy Spirit, strengthen us in our baptismal life and feed us with your power to believe that we are loved by God. Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:**

May the gift of this food strengthen us to live in peace and faith in Christ. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**

May God bless you to know you are loved and precious.



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JANUARY 9, 2022  
HYMN OF THE WEEK  
*Change My Heart,  
O God*



*Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.*

**WEEKLY MILESTONES**

**CARING CONVERSATIONS**

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When have you received criticism that helped you?
- How can the judgment of another—or of God—be a blessing to you?

**DEVOTIONS**

*Read:* Luke 3:15-17, 21-22.

In this passage we receive important themes that will continue later in the Gospel. In Luke (and Acts written by Luke), the Holy Spirit plays a large role in connecting Jesus with the church and the church with God. At Jesus' baptism, he is doing something that often happens during significant moments in his ministry in Luke: he is praying. Prayer and the work of the Spirit belong together for Jesus and for us as we are brought into the work of his eternal reign. John the Baptist speaks of a winnowing fork that separates wheat from chaff. As Luke continues to tell the story of Jesus, that separation is not about divine vengeance, but a judgment that cleanses us from our chaff, our sin, and leads us to be the church, the wheat in the world that feeds the world with God's grace. John's vision of Jesus, like ours, will change and grow. In Luke 7:19 John is perplexed by Jesus' words and actions and wonders if Jesus is the one, or should he (and we) look for another Messiah. In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus' baptism points to our baptism and a life of prayer, repentance, forgiveness, and growth in Christ. *Discuss:* How does baptism free you to pray, seek forgiveness and grow in faith and love? *Pray:* Lord Jesus, may we grow in grace as we live out our baptismal life with prayer, humility, and the desire to serve you and the world in love. Amen.

**SERVICE**

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme this week, how does your way of life show God's love to others?

**RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

Jesus' baptism sets the stage for the beginning of his ministry, just as our baptism establishes our life as a follower of Jesus. When Jesus was baptized, he was also praying. Use prayer as a way to recall and live your baptism. Dip your fingers into a bowl of water, make the sign of the cross on your or another's forehead or hand, and say: *I am/You are baptized and God's beloved child.* Then close by praying the Lord's Prayer and any other prayers you may wish to add.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to [www.milestonesministry.org](http://www.milestonesministry.org)