

St. Luke 3:22

“And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are My beloved Son, with You I am well pleased.’”



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 9, 2022

Holy Communion 11:00 am

Prelude

*The Processional Hymn *Shall We Gather at the River* (ELW) No. 423

*The Confession and Forgiveness (ELW) page 94

P: In the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy.....of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God,.....in the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*The Apostolic Greeting (ELW) page 138

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*The Kyrie (*sung response*) (ELW) page 138

P:, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

*The Hymn of Praise *This is the Feast* (ELW) No. 140

*Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: Heavenly Father, in Jesus' baptism You declared Him to be Your beloved Son and set Him apart as Your agent of grace for Your creation. May we who are baptized into His life also be sent as agents of grace in Your world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Choir Anthem

I Was There To Hear Your Borning Cry

First Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Psalmody for the Day *(read responsively)*

Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

²**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His Name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

³The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;

the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

⁵The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,**

and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

⁷The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;

the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;

the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁸**The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe**

and strips the forests bare.

⁹And in the temple of the Lord

all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰**The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;**

the Lord sits enthroned as King forevermore.

¹¹The Lord shall give strength to His people;

the Lord shall give His people the blessing of peace.

Second Reading

Romans 6:1-11

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*The Gospel Acclamation (*sung*)

(ELW) page 142

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

* The Gospel

Luke 3:15-22

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (sung after announcement of the Gospel)

C: Praise to You, O Christ. (sung after conclusion of the Gospel)

Sermon

Rev. Robert B. Grewe

*The Hymn of the Day

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

(ELW) No. 817

*The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

*The Prayers of the Church (response)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

*Sharing of the Peace

The Musical Offering

*The Offertory *Create in Me a Clean Heart* (ELW) No. 188

* The Great Thanksgiving (ELW) page 144

*The Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

Lamb of God (ELW) page 146

The Distribution

Communion Hymn *When Peace like a River* (ELW) No. 807

Baptized in Water (ELW) No. 456

Prayer/Blessing

Announcements

*The Benediction (*sung response*)

C: Amen, Amen, Amen.

*The Recessional Hymn *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* (ELW) No. 536

*The Dismissal (*response*)

Thanks be to God.

*FLC Sending Hymn *Be The Love of Christ* arr. Michael Showalter/

Roger Thornhill

Postlude



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.



Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

(continue on next page)



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore



1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing
 2 You know full well what I have, Lord: nei - ther
 3 You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion, work - ing
 4 You who have fished oth - er wa - ters; you, the



nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly
 trea - sure nor wea - pons for con - quest, just these my
 love for the rest of the wea - ry— a love that's
 long - ing of souls that are yearn - ing: O lov - ing



ask - ing for me to fol - low.
 fish nets and will for work - ing.
 will - ing to go on lov - ing.
 Friend, you have come to call me.

Refrain

Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; kind - ly smil - ing,



you've called out my name. . . . On the sand I have a - ban - doned my



small boat; now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

The first system of music features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The accompaniment consists of block chords and simple rhythmic patterns.

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are split across two lines. The musical notation includes various note values and rests, maintaining the same key signature and time signature.

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

The third system of music continues the piece. The lyrics are split across two lines. The musical notation includes various note values and rests, maintaining the same key signature and time signature.

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

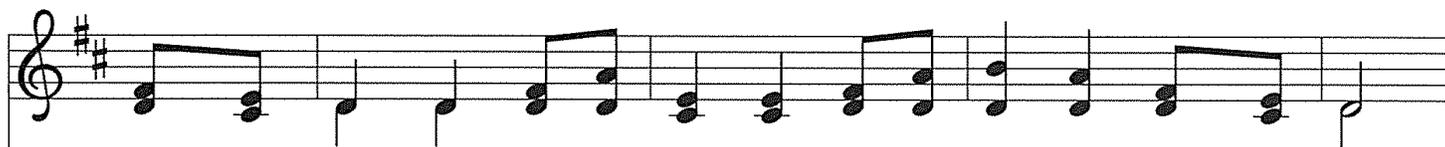
The fourth system of music continues the piece. The lyrics are split across two lines. The musical notation includes various note values and rests, maintaining the same key signature and time signature.

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

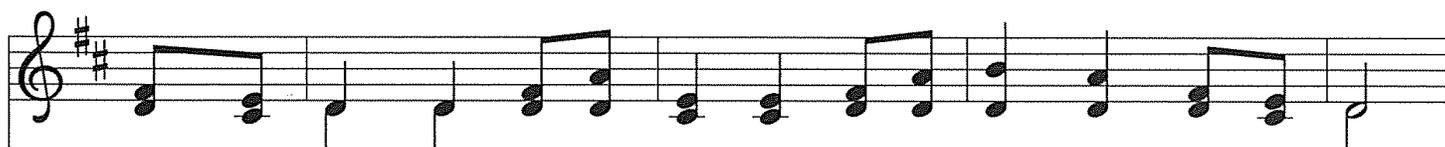
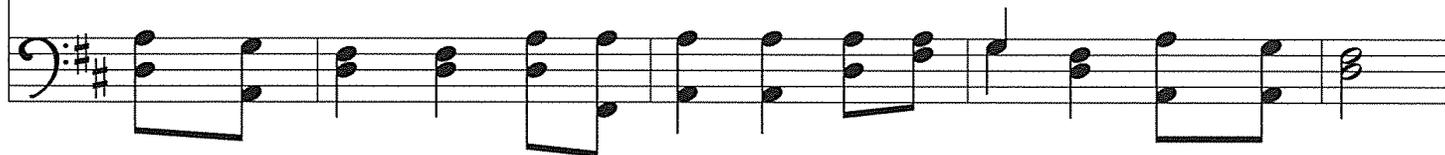
The fifth and final system of music concludes the piece. The lyrics are split across two lines. The musical notation includes various note values and rests, maintaining the same key signature and time signature.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

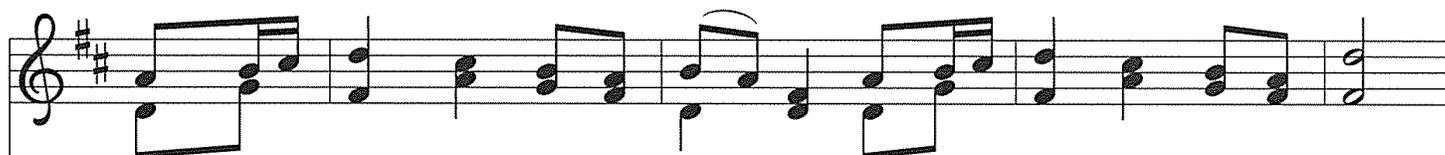
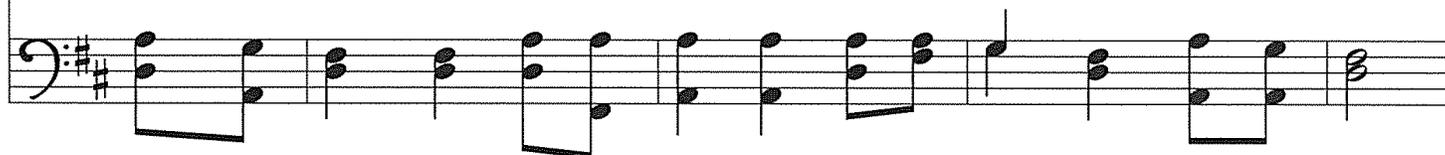
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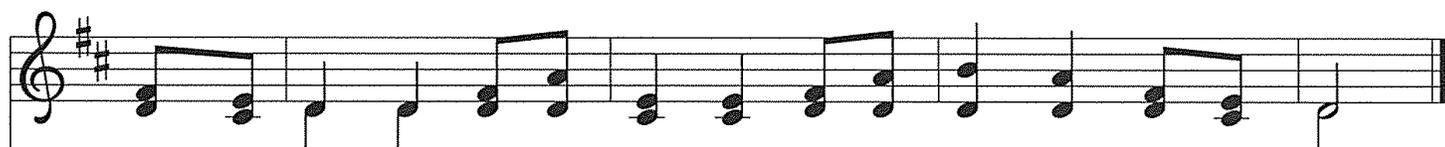
1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



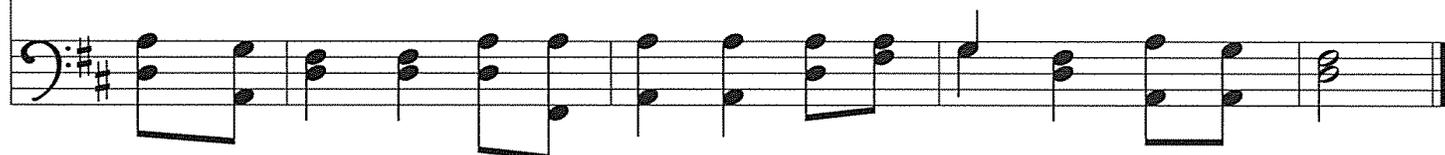
streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.



Baptized in Water

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1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

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1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con - found you,

with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet, till we
till we meet, till we meet a - gain,

meet at Je - sus' feet; till we meet, till we
till we meet, till we meet, till we

meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
meet a - gain,

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The Flowers on the Chancel are given to the glory of God by Kim Luketich in memory of her mom, Phyllis Webeck, whose birthday would have been celebrated on the 27th.

The Lay Reader is Heather Quedenfeld.

Acolytes are Elijah Clark and Lilliah Clark.

Counters today are C. Group and V. Group.

Welcome to our Visitors! The people of this congregation welcome you as you join us in worship this morning. Please sign the register, located in the narthex. If you have questions, please see the pastor or contact the church office.

Do you wish to become a member of First Lutheran Church? Please contact Pastor Grewe.

The Word in Season daily devotional for the next quarter is available in the narthex. Please take one for your use. They are provided by the women of the church.

Dartball—January 11th—Jefferson Ave. here.

Nursery: We welcome all children to be a part of worship, but we realize that sometimes the service can be too long for the little ones. We have a nursery for those attending to the needs of infants and small children. There is a speaker in the nursery so that parents can still hear the service. You are welcome to use the nursery for the entire service, or just a small part.

Bell Choir Practice on Monday at 7 PM.

The Flower Chart for 2022 is posted in the narthex. If you wish to place flowers, (real or artificial) near the altar, sign your name opposite the date of your choice. You will be reminded of your date and asked for the wording you want in the bulletin two weeks before the due date.

Sign-up sheets are posted to host a coffee hour in 2022. Please write your names under the month you would like to host. The coffee hours have been a wonderful time of fellowship and the hosts have been awesome! Thank you!!

Sign-up sheets are posted for Lay Readers in 2022. Please sign up.

Please remember to continue contributing donations to our girls in Ethiopia. Please consider this as a call to help others in need.

Please pray for those in need of healing:

Betty Johnson, Janet Burke, Maureen Curry, Eveline Reihner, Rocky and Carol, Shari Kienzle, Chiquita, Stacy Carroll, Byron Christian, Billie Sue Serbak, Susan Westott, Fred Dupas, baby Isaac Christian, Sandy Hebrank, Lynn Hudak, Allan Zimmerman, the Pollana family, Ashley McCartney, Amy Verderber, Sylvia Sunstrum, Kevin Ryan, Bob Cable, baby Ryan David Mayer, Danielle Pinkerton, Dan, Fritz Group, Amy, Lucy & Dave Mehaffey, Stephanie Kennedy, Jessi, Bill Hisiro, Richard, Ruby Rogers, Becky, Mel & Klaus Behrens, Joanne Reck, Barbara, Michael Selarud, Jackie, Jeff Ulanich, Carolyn Wright, Bill Stewart, the Penvose family, Morgan, Sharon Fritz, baby Matthew, Tim & Karen Edwards, and Tom Liam.

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FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

PA Mental health support and referral line

1-855-284-2494

WASHINGTON, PA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE

1-877-225-3567

WASHINGTON COUNTY BHDS LINE

724-228-6832

SCOTT BERRY DIRECT LINE

724-250-4079 (FOR CHURCH MEMBERS ONLY)

FOR OTHER NEEDS, CONTACT 211 OR THE CHURCH.

Church Offering Change: In order to keep everyone safe we have changed how we collect the Sunday Offering. We do not have our ushers pass the plates around. Instead, we have one offering plate located by the last pew and one by the choir loft. Please place your offering in one of those plates. Feel free to place your offering in the plates during our Offertory if you did not do so on the way in.

Listening for the Promise

Weekly Devotional

Baptism of Our Lord— January 9, 2022

Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? - Romans 6:1 -

Is it a cultural thing or just a human nature thing, that we are thrilled with God's forgiveness, and yet we so easily fall back into sinful behavior? We don't just see it in the world, we see it quite clearly in the church. That shouldn't be a surprise - as they say, "The church is not a museum of saints, but rather a hospital for sinners." But, perhaps we might want to examine what Paul has to say to the Romans in the second lesson for today. It's all about our Baptism and our understanding of what it means to be claimed by Christ through water and the Word.

"What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?" To that rhetorical question, Paul says, "No way!" The apostle wants the church to know and ponder deeper the fact that when we die to sin, we then live in Christ. To live in Christ is to reject sin and walk in the gift of new life that Jesus has granted us through his death and resurrection. Paul goes on to explain all that is meant by dying to ourselves and being freed from sin and death, hammering home the words of encouragement for our faith life: "So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus." (verse 11)

The truth of our human condition is that we will never be sin-less. We will always have to rely on Christ's mercy in our lives, but what happens is we become more aware of our sin as we live for Jesus. We will still suffer from temptation, disobedience, and brokenness in this life, but as we devote ourselves to Jesus and to following him, our awareness of what it means to be "dead to sin and alive in God" becomes heightened. We become more and more dependent upon Jesus to lead us, and less and less dependent upon ourselves. More sin does not bring more grace. Rather clinging to Jesus brings to us an awareness of how we are living our lives. Since we have been freed from the powers of sin and death by Christ, we can now pursue righteousness and mercy - using our lives to serve the world and to show others the love and grace that has been bestowed upon those who confess Jesus as Lord and follow in his footsteps.

Lord, help us to reject sin and seek to do your holy will for the world. Amen.

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