



BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 12, 2025

10:00 am

*please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP*

*I am with you, says the Lord. **Do not fear.***

*I have called you by name. **Do not fear.***

*You are mine. **Do not be afraid.***

HYMN*

“Baptized in Water”

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PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

We are precious in your sight, O God, yet we often forget that we are your beloved. We confess that our love is fickle and inconstant. We follow selfish goals and deny that our way of life harms others and hurts your world. We are sorry and we want to change. Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve, reconcile us one to another, and bless us with your peace.

[silence]

**Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy. Kyrie Eleison. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

RESPONSE TO PARDON

485

**We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn we share with him an Easter life
as living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!**

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

NEW TESTAMENT – Acts 8:14-17

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Adult Choir

“Down In the River to Pray”

GOSPEL* – Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

SERMON

Dr. Linda Dickerson

“What Do We Mean When We Say ‘Baptism’?”

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES*

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we were baptized. Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I do.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God’s help.

*With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
Do you believe in God the Father?*

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.**

In his baptism in the Jordan, all the waters of the world were made new, creation itself was cleansed, even as we have been cleansed of sin and joined to Christ as one body. Remember your baptism and be thankful.

**In the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

HYMN* "Loving Spirit" 293

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE* 673

**Jesus, light of joy, surround us;
let your splendid glory shine:
source of every earthly blessing,
heaven's everlasting sign.
Alleluia, alleluia, we adore you, light divine.**

FELLOWSHIP TIME – All are Welcome!

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION –

Sunday, January 19, right after worship

*Purpose: Electing 2025 Nominating Committee,
Voting on Terms of Call for the Minister, Receiving
Session Annual Reports and Budget*