



BAPTISM

OF OUR LORD

**January 8, 2023
8:30 a.m.**

ELW Setting 4

“Living God’s Love”

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

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GATHERING

** Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Installation of Executive Council and Five Star Ministry Team Leaders

Confession and Forgiveness *(You may stand or kneel.)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy One, source of our renewal,

C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ✚ Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Song:** *Angels From the Realms of Glory* No. 275

*Greeting

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.

***Kyrie** Page 147

***Hymn of Praise** *This is the Feast* Page 149

*Prayer of the Day

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.

WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

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.

R: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's 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**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The 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!"

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

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

Second Reading

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."

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

Listen, God is Calling

No. 513

*Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

C: 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."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

Hymn of the Day:

Crashing Waters at Creation

No. 455

Apostle's 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 Intercession** (*You may stand or kneel.*)

D: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

D: Calling God, you speak with power to your church. Open our hearts and minds to the new things you are declaring. Strengthen bishops, pastors, deacons, lay leaders, and teachers of the faith. Equip the baptized for your reconciling and redeeming work. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

D: Renewing God, you provide the waters of the earth and in Jesus' baptism you reveal the waters of life. Cleanse and protect oceans, rivers, and watersheds. Bring relief to parched lands and to communities without access to safe water. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

D: Righteous God, you never weary of establishing justice. Increase cooperation and constructive dialogue between nations. Guide local, national, and international authorities to govern with equity, vision, and integrity. We pray for those in military service, for peacemakers, and for our enemies. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

D: Abiding God, your mercy is steadfast. Give sanctuary to people who flee from oppression, war, poverty, and famine. Sustain health care workers, caregivers, first responders, counselors, and all who help and heal. Comfort those who are grieving or experiencing crisis, especially Becky, the family of James, Scott, Dorothy, Laurel, Marge, Sandi, Bob, Arline, Judy, Peggy, Pat, Steve, and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts.. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

D: Blessing God, in Christ you gather the beloved community. Kindle the gifts of your Spirit in your people. Accompany the newly baptized, those recently ordained, and any beginning a new ministry. Inspire synodical leaders and congregational councils to serve with imagination and wisdom. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

D: Promising God, your faithfulness endures throughout all generations. We give thanks for those who have died in Christ, trusting that we will be united with them and all the saints in Christ's resurrection life. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

D: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

C: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

D: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offertory

Follow That Star
Stewart/Nix

Luther Choir

Offering Prayer

P: Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

C: Amen.

***Great Thanksgiving**

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P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

***Proper Preface**

***Holy, Holy, Holy**

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***Eucharistic Prayer**

***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**

P: Come and taste the joy of God!

Lamb of God

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Communion Hymn

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

No. 815

***Prayer after Communion**

P: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

C: Amen.

SENDING

***Blessing**

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod
✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

C: Amen.

***Sending Song:**

Brightest and Best of the Stars

No. 303

***Dismissal:**

D: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Postlude**

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PRAYERS

Altar Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God.

Prayers for Healing: Becky, Family of James Hogan, Scott Taylor, Dorothy Ulich, Laurel Mader, Marge Murray, Sandi, Pat Pritchard, Bob Madey, Arline, Don Baker, Judy McLaughlin, Peggy, Pat, and Steve Combs.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Today, Baptism of Our Lord, we worship in person at 8:30 a.m. with *ELW Setting 4 liturgy* and Holy Communion and at 11:00 a.m. with *Praise liturgy* and Holy Communion. Livestream at 8:30 a.m.

Installation of Executive Council & Five Star Ministry Leaders at both services.

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m.

Blood Pressure Screening before each service in Brenda's office.

Luther Middles Taboggan Outing after the 11:00 service. Meet in the Brown Room for lunch (bring your own) before heading to The Chalet at The Mill Stream Run in Strongsville at 1:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, Second Sunday after Epiphany, we will worship in person at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. with *ELW Setting 4* and holy communion. Livestream at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m.

2023 Executive Council

President - Bill Heck
 President Elect - Jen Knaggs
 Treasurer - Teri Uttech
 Secretary - Mary Dunham
 Finance Director - Bruce Reed
 Personnel Director - Barb Woodard

2023 Five-Star Ministry Team Leaders

Communication Evangelism Co-Chairs- Beth Johnson & Jill Heck
 Comprehensive Youth Co-Chairs - Julie Shrader & Jen Hogan
 Small Groups Co-Chairs - Heather Haycook & Corey Neururer
 Congregational Life Chair- Melody Costello
 Social Concerns - *Open*

WORSHIP SERVANTS

| Date | Sunday January 8 | Sunday January 8 | Sunday January 15 | Sunday January 15 |
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| Service | 8:30 a.m. | 11:00 a.m. | 8:30 a.m. | 11:00 a.m. |
| Acolyte | Evan Hogan | Faith Taraschke | | Logan Naida |
| Reader | Delores Ivan | | Melody Costello | |
| Ushers | Alan Ivan Delores Ivan Bruce Reed | | | |
| Communion Assistants | | | Melody Costello | |
| Sound | Joe Obermeier | Larry Mohler | Joe Obermeier | Larry Mohler |
| Video | Melody Costello | -- | Rex Rickly | -- |
| Altar Guild | | | | |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senior Happy Hour is on winter break and will resume on Monday, January 9 at 10:30 a.m. Beginning that day, we will start watching season 3 of “The Chosen”.

Bible & Brews will meet, Thursday, January 12 at Forest Meadows at 7:00 p.m.

Annual Reports - Executive Council members and Five-Star Ministry Chairs, please have your annual reports in to the office by January 15, 2023.

Altar Flowers - 2023 Flower charts are posted in the Narthex. When signing up for Memorial or Altar Flowers, please fill out a form (located at the bottom of the charts) for the office. The form will include your name, the date you selected, and the dedication that you would like to appear in the bulletin. (One sheet for each day chosen.) Please place completed forms and payment in the office administrator’s mailbox or the mail slot on the office door. Price per arrangement is \$15.

Book Club - The next book that we will be reading is *Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah. We will read the book on our own and see the movie when it comes out in January. We will gather together to discuss at Wingz after the movie. Additional details will follow. Happy reading!

For Sale! Sound Mixer - We are selling our Mackie SR24-4 analog mixer. It’s 25 years old and still in good working condition. Asking \$280. Contact Larry Mohler at 330-391-0130 with questions or interest in buying. (Still on premises if you are interested in purchasing and want to see it first.)

Worship Assistants Needed - Readers, Ushers, and Communion Assistants. Please sign up in the narthex. Readers can also sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0544AFAC2CA4FA7-stmatthew>. Please contact Sandy Andrews with any questions.

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff

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St. Matthew invites you to join us in celebration of Holy Communion!

The Lord's table is open to all who believe and are baptized.

Please join us as we receive the means of grace, where Jesus promises to meet us in the bread and the wine.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Friday 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM



Hearing Loop
System available.