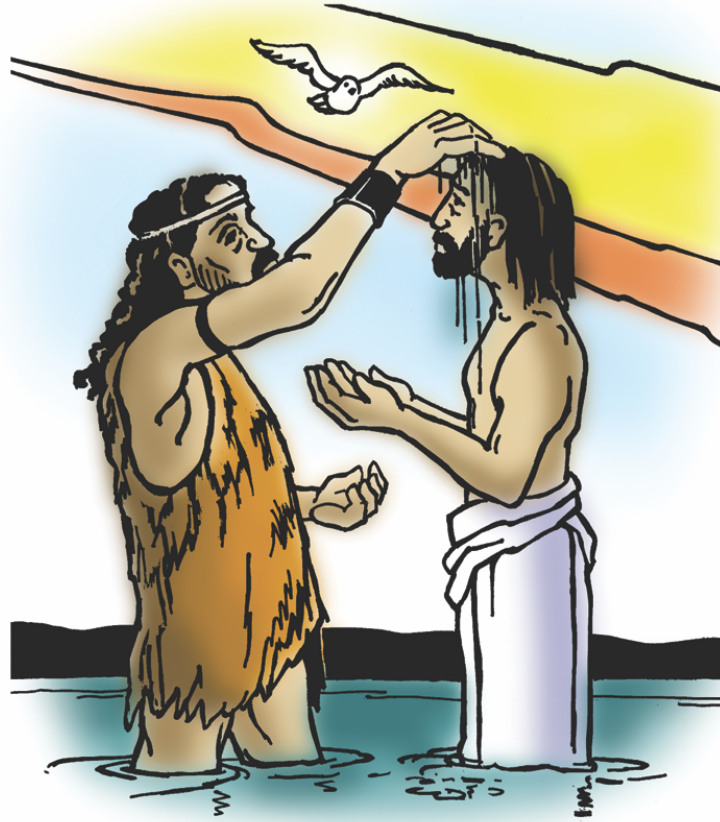


# Baptism of Our Lord



## Word and Sacrament

*“Little church with a BIG heart”*

**Saint Bartholomew Lutheran Church**

January 12, 2025 11:00AM



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

## **Welcome to Worship**

This morning we celebrate the **Baptism of Our Lord**. The lyrics to the hymns are in the red and purple hymnals in the pews. We extend special greetings to all our guests who are with us today. Your presence, along with our members and friends, is truly valued. Know that all of God's people are always welcome here at St. Bartholomew.

## **Holy Communion**

Saint Bart's celebrates the real presence of Jesus through the bread and wine. We invite all to come and share. At the time of communion, you will come up to the Altar and receive communion.

## **Praying People**

Everyone is invited to offer their prayer concerns during the Prayers of the Church.

## **Baptism of Our Lord**

Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.

## **Announcements**

Appreciation to **Pastor Jim Egan** for presiding at the Epiphany service last Sunday, and to the parishioners who pitched in to un-decorate the church

**Annual Reports** are due today

**Council** will meet after fellowship today

The next **Enid's Pantry** will be Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>

**Annual Congregational Meeting** is January 26<sup>th</sup>

**ESL Classes and Bible Study** will resume in February

The **Eternal candle** is lit this month in remembrance of Barbara and Bill Schendlinger's wedding anniversary, donated by Barb; and in honor of Barb's faithful service to Council, given by an anonymous donor

We can use any food or monetary donations to help our community in need.

**Are there any other announcements?**

Bell / Prelude

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Confession and Forgiveness*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
our creator,  
our protector,  
our wellspring of life.

**C Amen.**

P Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations  
of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Merciful God,

**C you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**

**Forgive us for the ways we act  
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**

**We ignore the needs of our neighbors;**

**we resist your call to oppose injustice;**

**we give in to scarcity and fear;**

**we assume the worst about one another.**

**Cleanse us from our faults**

**and release us from their grasp.**

**Show us your lovingkindness.**

**Restore our hearts and repair your world,**

**that we may live in Christ's ways.**

**Amen.**

**P** God proclaims these words of assurance:  
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by name. You are mine.”  
In † Christ, you are forgiven.  
In the Spirit, you are made free.  
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,  
live anew as beloved children of God.

**C** **Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn: ELW # 423**

## Shall We Gather at the River



- 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.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899  
Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

## APOSTOLIC 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



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## Canticle of Praise



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

## Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** 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.

**C** **Amen**



## WORD

- A I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth (Psalm 34:1). Lord, bless the reading of your word. Make it come alive in our midst.
- C **Amen.**

### **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.”

A Word of God, word of life.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **Responsive Reading: Psalm 29**

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

**C Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God’s name;  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

A The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders;  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

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

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

**C the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

A The voice of the Lord  
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**C The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

- A 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!”
- C The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.**
- A O Lord, give strength to your people;  
give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

**Second 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.

- A Word of God, word of life.
- C Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to **Luke the 3<sup>rd</sup>** chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

<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.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord      **C** Praise to you O Christ.

## SERMON

**Hymn of the Day:** ACS # 957

### Take Me to the Water



1 Take me to the wa - ter, take me to the wa - ter,  
2 I . . . love . . Je - sus, I . . . love . . Je - sus,  
3 He's . . my . . Sav - ior, he's . . my . . Sav - ior,  
4 Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah. Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah.



take me to the wa - ter to be bap - tized.  
I . . . love . . Je - sus, oh, yes, I do.  
he's . . my . . Sav - ior, oh, yes, he is.  
Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah to be bap - tized.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: TAKE ME TO THE WATER, African American spiritual

## PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

### **Renewal of Baptismal Vows:**

P Brothers and sisters in Christ, it is appropriate on this day of the Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ that we remember and renew the vows once spoken at our baptisms -- that time when we were washed of our sins and received the Holy Spirit to dwell within us. Let us boldly make our confession of faith before God, renouncing the sinful life of godless men and women and embracing the godly life of the Spirit-filled Christian.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C **I renounce them.**

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C **I renounce them.**

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C **I renounce them.**

P Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**C 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.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C 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.**

P You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**C I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

P People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

**C We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

**P** Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**C** **Amen**

## **PRAYERS**

Each petition ends:

**A** God of grace,

**C** **Hear our prayer**

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

You call us by name and form us. We give thanks for the gift of baptism. Nurture the baptized and equip people sent to proclaim the good news, especially Young Adults in Global Mission and international congregations. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your voice sounds over the waters. Speak words of healing over the rivers and lakes, seas and oceans (*especially the Delaware River and Atlantic Ocean*). Heeding your voice, lead us to care for water, and the land and creatures it nourishes. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**



You give strength to your people. Uphold all who serve the common good. Guide federal and state legislators, city and county officials, judges and juries. Strengthen our resolve to serve all in need around the world, especially in *Palestine, Israel, Ukraine, and Sudan*. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

You are with us in challenging times. Draw near to all who are ill, undergoing treatment, or recovering from surgery (*especially Kylie, Crystal, Laura, Nick, Bob, Ellie, Justin, Billy, Rich, Margarita, Mary Beth, Courtney, Haydee, and Rosemary*). Accompany individuals and families affected by addiction or mental health challenges. Uphold each person as your beloved. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

You draw us into community. Embolden ministries of racial reconciliation, nurture work on behalf of immigrants and refugees, and equip each to use their gifts for the sake of neighbors near and far. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for our partner churches: Abiding Presence and Prince of Peace; we pray for our Bishop, Tracie Bartholomew. We also pray for the concerns of this congregation: those who travel, those absent from worship, those celebrating birthdays; and for those celebrating anniversaries; also for the people of God in this place and for other needs in our community. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

At this time, you may offer up prayers for loved ones, thanksgivings to God, or any other intercessions silently or aloud... **(Pause)** God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

You grant us peace. Comfort all who grieve, *especially the family and friends of Enid Rivera*. Dwell with us in this life and, at the last, join us with the saints whom you have created, formed, and named. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

**(PASTOR)** We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.  
**Amen.**

## THE OFFERING

Online offering: <https://www.stbartlutheran.org/donate>

### Offering Prayer

**P** God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,  
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.  
Bless what we offer to your service:  
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.  
Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,  
now and always.

**C** **Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

P All honor and praise be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty Creator, everliving God,  
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:  
for at this time we celebrate your glory  
made present in our midst.  
In the coming of the Magi  
the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.  
In the waters of baptism  
Jesus was revealed as the Christ,  
the Savior sent to redeem us.  
In the water made wine  
the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.  
Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.  
Therefore with all the angels of heaven  
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name  
and sing our joyful hymn of praise.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**C Amen**

### Lord's Prayer

**P** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus  
taught us.

**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, the power, and the glory,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## Invitation

**P** The joy of the Lord is our strength.  
Come, eat this meal of gladness.

**C** **Amen.**

## Distribution

### Blessing

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen  
you and keep you in his grace

**C** **Amen.**

## Post Communion Blessing (STAND)

**P** Nourishing God,  
at this table you have refreshed us  
with holy gifts of food and drink.  
Strengthen us for service,  
and send us out to embody your good news  
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.  
In the name of Christ we pray,

**C** **Amen.**

## **Benediction**

**+Sending+**

**P** The Spirit of the triune God  
✠ bless you with joy,  
anoint you with compassion,  
and send you in love.

**C** Amen.

**Sending Hymn:** ELW # 543

## Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.  
Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional  
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## Dismissal

**A** Go in peace. Live in hope.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude