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**BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

**January 8, 2023**

**Gathering**

**Welcome and Land Acknowledgement:**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Thanksgiving for Baptism:**

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.**

**Gathering Hymn: *ELW 423 Shall we Gather at the River?***

**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. Help all who are baptized into Christ**

**faithful to their callings and empower us all with your compassionate spirit.**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

**Word**

**First Reading: *Isaiah 42:1-9***

**Response to Reading: Word of God, Word of life, Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: 29** (*Read Responsively*)

**The Voice of God in a Great Storm**

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
**ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.**

The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
**the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD, over mighty waters.**

The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
**the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
**the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.**

The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.  
**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;**

The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl<sup>[b]</sup>  
**and strips the forest bare,  
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"**

May the LORD give strength to his people!

**May the LORD bless his people with peace!**

**Gospel Acclamation:** *ELW 512 Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil*

**Gospel:** *Matthew 3:13-17*

*Response: **Glory to you, O Lord.***

Response to Reading: The Gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon:**

**Hymn of the Day:** *ELW 455 Crashing Waters at Creation*

**Apostle's Creed:** *P.127*

**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:**

*Response to "Merciful God:" **Receive Our Prayer.***

**Lord's Prayer: p. 134**

**Offertory Hymn: 526 Verses 1 & 4**

**Sharing of the Peace:**

**Thanksgiving for the Word**

... For your Word that sustains the earth, we thank you, O God.

**We thank you, O God.**

... For your Word in our Lord Christ, we praise you, O God.

**We praise you, O God.**

... For your Word in our lives, we entreat you, O God.

**We entreat you, O God.**

**Sending**

**Benediction Blessing:**

**Sending Hymn:** *ELW 445 Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*

**Dismissal:** Go in Peace, Follow in the Way of Jesus

*Response: Thanks be to God, Alleluia!*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**TODAY WE ARE PRAYING FOR:**

Otto Philipp          Grace Mueller          Gladys Souliere  
Stephen Kovacs      Patty Davis            Eberhard Poelzl  
David Neumann      Maya James            Jennifer Cherewka  
Joan and Jackie      Luke Splettstoesser  
Marlene Sams and Ruby

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** Sunday February 12, 2023

The meeting will be in-person only because of confidentiality concerns.

Anything that you wish to be presented at this meeting must be forwarded to Parish Council by their next meeting, Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.

**ETERNITY FOR TODAY** (Jan to Mar): Available at side entrance.

**SEWING GROUP SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER FOR CLWR:**

A very big “thank you” for the amazing and generous support of our congregation and friends. Over \$1435.00 was raised for CLWR from the sale of approximately 55 blankets.

**THANKS:**

The Church Office thanks the people of Faith congregation for their most generous Christmas gift. (Judy)