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Baptism of Our Lord

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WELCOME TO THIS SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION. Lutherans believe that Christ, the Incarnate Word of God, is truly present in the Lord's Supper and that in this meal of the baptized children of God our Lord gives forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. All who seek the mercy and grace of God in this Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus are welcome to the Lord's Table.

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HUNGRY Jar offerings in in January is for the Kid's Clothes Closet at Trinity Lutheran Church. The Closet is part of Trinity's "Monday Ministries" and ELC members volunteer, along with folks from Trinity and First Lutheran. This month's Hungry Jar was chosen by the PreK/Kindergarten Sunday School class.

TSUGA ELAINE SCHNEIDER, daughter of Adam and Jordyn, whose sponsors are Jessi Riel and Chase Williams, will be accepted into the Christian Church in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism today. Welcome to our church family, Tsuga!

THANK YOU TO THE PERU DELEGATION for being with us at all worship services this weekend. ELC members Jennifer Carr, Barbara Oettel, and Irene TenEyck, along with other members of our synod and folks from Canada and Texas, visited Peru in late summer, 2024. The trip was an opportunity to foster and grow our relationship with La Iglesia Luterana del Peru, which has been a companion synod for over twenty years.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT: In Christ, we welcome, worship and work in the world.

OUR WELCOME STATEMENT: The faith community of English Lutheran Church is rooted in Christ and committed to living life generously.

We celebrate diversity of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, age, economic status, marital status, physical or mental ability.

We are united in the Holy Spirit as we embrace our differences. We welcome all as we strive to be a community equipped for God's mission in the world.

We invite you to join us as we seek to promote racial equity, social and economic justice, and care for our environment.

Wherever you are on your faith journey, there is a place for you here.

GATHERING

Prelude & Welcome to Worship

Ministry Minute | Jennifer Carr, Peru Delegation

Gathering Song ELW #804 | Come Down, O Love Divine



1 Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine
2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions turn
3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,
4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—
shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,
no soul can guess Love's grace till it be - come the place



and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing,
where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

Text: Bianco da Siena, d. 1434; tr. Richard F. Littledale, 1833–1890
Music: DOWN AMPNEY, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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People of God, do you promise to support Tsuga and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

We do.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? **I renounce them.**

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.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized. **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**


Hymn ELW #444 | Cradling Children in His Arm




Cra - dling chil - dren in his arm, Je - sus gave his bless - ing.



To our babes a wel - come warm he is yet ad - dress - ing.



Take them, Lord, give life a - new in the liv - ing wa - ters!



Keep them al - ways near to you as your sons and daugh - ters!

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Johannes H. V. Knudsen, 1902–1982
Music: GAUDEAMUS PARITER, Johann Horn, 1490–1547
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Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day

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. Amen.

WORD

Young People's Message | Barbara Oettel, Peru Delegation

Lessons | Isaiah 43:1-7, Acts 8:14-17

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**


Gospel Acclamation | Unfailing Light



Refrain
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



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



Verse **To Refrain**
Your words are sweet to taste, _____ sweet - er than hon - ey to our mouth.

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

The holy gospel according to Luke... **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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."

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² 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."

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon | Pastor Mark Kvale

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

Prayers of Intercession

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers ... among the people. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

Offering

Offering Prayer

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. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good ... join their unending hymn:

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

Words of Institution

During the Words of Institution, we invite you to raise the bread and the cup respectively as the pastor does. In this way, we are church together. 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.

Lord's Prayer (spoken)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation & Distribution of Communion

This is the body of Christ, given for you. This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

Lamb of God | Unfailing Light

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.
 world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Songs

ELW #459 | Wade in the Water

Refrain

All



Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,



wade in the wa - ter, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Leader

All



- 1 See that host all dressed in white,
- 2 See that band all dressed in red, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the
- 3 Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?
- 4 If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed,



wa - ter; the lead - er looks like the Is - ra - 'lite,
looks like the band that . . . Mo - ses led,
the Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me,
just fol - low me down to . . . Jor - dan's stream,

All

Refrain



God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

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.

Blessing

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

Amen.

Hymn After Communion

All



Now Lord, — you let your ser-vant go in peace: your
word has been ful - filled. My own eyes have seen the sal -
va - tion which you have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry
peo - ple: — a light to re - veal you to the na - tions, and the
glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
Now Lord, — you let your ser - vant go in peace.

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

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



Sending Hymn ELW #538 | The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of six staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta, es - tá / The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,". The second staff continues: "pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal. / to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live." The third staff has a repeat sign at the beginning and continues: "Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar / The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain". The fourth staff continues: "un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor; / to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;". The fifth staff continues: "me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad. / that falls to you and me and all who are made free." The sixth staff concludes with: "A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad. / Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day." The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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Music: ENVIADO, anonymous, Central America
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Dismissal & Postlude

Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God.**

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