

**ST. JOHN  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

**7:45AM &  
10:45AM**

**JANUARY 9,  
2022**



**Making  
the Love  
of  
Christ  
Known**

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# Prelude

## Welcome /Announcements

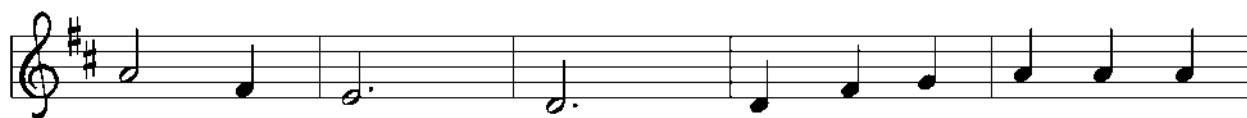
### Gathering Hymn

ELW 815

#### I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,  
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

#### *Refrain*



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.



## Thanksgiving for Baptism

In the beginning, at creation, the Spirit hovered  
over the waters of the deep.

*Gen. 1:1-2*

In the waters of the flood, God cleansed the earth  
and humankind.

*Gen. 7:7*

God caused the waters to part so that Israel could  
cross from slavery to liberation.

*Exod. 14:21*

God formed Jesus in the waters of Mary's womb.

*Luke 1:42*

Jesus taught us how to live by washing his disciples'  
feet in water.

*John 13:5*

Drinking water from a well, Jesus met a Samaritan woman, the  
first person to recognize that he was the Christ.

*John 4:29*

Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, the Christ.

God meant for Jesus to be the firstborn in a  
large family. Praise be to God!

*John 4:29*



# The Hymn of Praise

## This Is the Spirit's Entry Now

1 This is the Spir-it's en - try now: the wa - ter and the word,  
3 Let wa - ter be the sa - cred sign that we must die each day  
4 Re - new - ing Spir - it, hear our praise for your bap - tis - mal pow'r

the cross of Je - sus on your brow, the seal both felt and heard.  
to rise a - gain by his de - sign as fol-l'wers of his way.  
that wash - es us through all our days. Come, cleanse a - gain this hour.

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a bass clef staff. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed between the staves. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the last three lines. The music ends with a double bar line.

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Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829  
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## Prayer of the Day

Holy God, when Jesus was baptized in the Jordan, the heavens opened, the Spirit descended, and your voice affirmed your love in Jesus for the healing of the human race and all creation. By water and word you lovingly invite us into this same life-giving mission. May your Spirit, moving like a stream of water flowing from its source, work in us this day to realize your vision of a world made new in Christ, in whose name we pray.

**Amen.**



## Children's Sermon

**Kids' Praise** (10:45) *At this time children age 3 - grade 4 are now dismissed, at the parent's discretion, to the Octagon.*

### Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7

*Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring them home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.*

<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."

*The reading is concluded:*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**



## Psalm 29

- <sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- <sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- <sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- <sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- <sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- <sup>6</sup>the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- <sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD  
bursts forth in lightning flashes.
- <sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- <sup>9</sup>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!"
- <sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.
- <sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

## New Testament Reading: Acts 8:14-17

*Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.*

<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.

*The reading is concluded:*  
Word of God, word of life.  
Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation ELW 510

Word of God, Come Down on Earth



The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 3rd Chapter.  
Glory to you, O Lord.

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

*The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.*

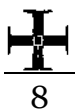


<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.

### Sermon



Hymn of the Day



# In the Bulb There Is a Flower

## *Hymn of Promise*



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;  
2 There's a song in ev - 'ry si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;  
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!  
there's a dawn in ev - 'ry dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.  
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty;



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be.  
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,  
in our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

Text: Natalie Sleeth

Music: HYMN OF PROMISE, Natalie Sleeth

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## Renewal of Baptismal Vows:

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?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that re-  
bel 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 con-  
ceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered un-  
der Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he de-  
scended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascend-  
ed 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 commun-  
ion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the  
body, and the life everlasting.**

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, fol-  
lowing the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace  
in all the earth?

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



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

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

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.

**Amen.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

*A brief silence. Each portion of the prayers concludes with these words:*

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

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

### **Offering**

**Kids' Praise (10:45):**

*Children return to families during the offering.*



## Offertory:

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*Please stand and sing as the offering is brought forward:*

### Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all  
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye  
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.  
Music: OLD HUNDRETH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

## Offering Prayer

God of all creation,  
all you have made is good,  
and your love endures forever.  
You bring forth bread from the earth  
and fruit from the vine.  
Nourish us with these gifts,  
that we might be for the world  
signs of your gracious presence  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**



## Eucharistic Prayer

We give you all thanks and praise, O God,  
for in our union with Christ, you baptize us in grace  
and declare us to be the children who please you.

When your voice first thundered over the waters,  
you created the earth and all who live in it.

You called a people by name to be your own,  
and you led them by fire, through the waters,  
to the promised land of freedom.

You sent your beloved child, Jesus, among us.  
Baptized by your servant, John, he embodied your love  
and fulfilled your desire to redeem your children from all the earth.  
Baptized again in the fearful waters of death,  
he tore open the heavens  
so that all might be baptized with your Holy Spirit  
and pass safely through water and fire  
into the glory you have prepared  
for those with whom you are well pleased.

Therefore, with our hearts lifted high,  
we offer you thanks and praise at all times  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

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 remem-  
brance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we  
proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**



## Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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

## Distribution of Communion

*Approach from the center aisle. Glasses with white grape juice are available for those who cannot receive wine. Deposit the glass in a basket and return by way of the side aisle.*



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



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn

ELW 396

*Spirit of Gentleness*



## **Benediction**

May the God who called Jesus “beloved” speak blessings into your lives, beloved sons and daughters, and empower you to bring that good news to others who still need to hear it.

May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

## **Sending Hymn**

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**ELW 715**

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**



# Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



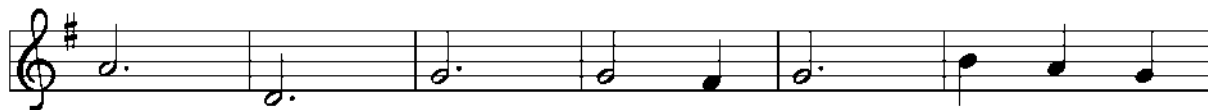
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



*Refrain*  
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.



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