

Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church



Baptism of Our Lord Second Sunday of Christmas January 12, 2025, 10am

Welcome to Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church! We greet one another as sisters and brothers in Christ and welcome all who may be visiting. We are delighted that you are here to worship, first time visitors, and encourage you to sign our guest book in the entry hall. Please fill out a visitor's card in the pew holders and place it in the offertory plate. HOLY COMMUNION is open to all who confess their faith in Jesus and acknowledge Him to be Lord. Those unable to partake of wine are assured the Church affirms our Lord's presence in, with and under the bread alone.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *All Who Believe and Are Baptized*

Johann Sebastian Bach

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

We stand and face the font in remembrance of our baptism.

DEDICATION OF THE NEW BAPTISMAL EWER

P Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus. On this day the Church celebrates the baptism of Our Lord Jesus by Blessed John at the River Jordan, we ask for God's blessing upon this baptismal ewer to be used for Holy Baptisms and for Affirmations of our baptism into Christ's saving death and resurrection. And so we pray:

All of who are baptized into Christ...

C ...have been clothed with Christ!

P Bless, O ☩ Lord, this baptismal ewer, that it may be a fitting vessel and sign of the water of life which God pours out in abundance on all creation, gracing the baptismal ministry of Mt. Horeb Lutheran parish.

C Thanks be to God!

THANKSGIVING FOR HOLY BAPTISM

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C **Amen.**

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P 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.

C **Blessed be God, now and forever!**

P 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.

C **Blessed be God, now and forever!**

P We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

C **Blessed be God, now and forever!**

P To you, O God, be given honor and praise through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever!

C **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

ENTRANCE HYMN: #858 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: *Jesus Christ, We All Acclaim You!*

Je - sus Christ, we all ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;

Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:

Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.

For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has the lyrics 'Je - sus Christ, we all ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;'. The second staff has 'Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:'. The third staff has 'Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.'. The fourth staff has 'For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!'. The music is written in a simple, clear style, suitable for a hymn book.

Setting Ten Gloria, adapted.

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, adapted.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray:

C **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

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

We sit

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 43:1-7

¹ 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.

² 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.

³ 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.

⁴ 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.

⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;

⁶ 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—

⁷ everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

L The Word of the Lord. C Thanks Be to God!

PSALM 29



- ¹ Ascribe to the | Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glo- | ry and strength.
- ² **Ascribe to the Lord the glory | due God's name;
worship the Lord in the beau- | ty of holiness.**
- ³ The 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 pow- | erful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a | voice of splendor.**
- ⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the | cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;
- ⁶ **the Lord makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**
- ⁷ The voice | of the Lord bursts forth in | lightning flashes.
- ⁸ **The voice of the Lord | shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.**
- ⁹ 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!"
- ¹⁰ **The Lord sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.**
- ¹¹ O Lord, give strength | to your people;
give them, O Lord, the bless- | ings of peace.

SECOND READING: ACTS 8:14-17

¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶ (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

L The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks Be to God!**

We stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3rd Chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord! (*spoken boldly*)**

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."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ! (*spoken boldly*)**



We sit

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SERMON: *"Who will you Follow This Year?"*

The Reverend Ron Philabaum

We stand

HYMN OF THE DAY: #455 *Crashing Waters at Creation*

NICENE CREED

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C **WE believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

WE believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

WE believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the ✚ resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

After each portion of the prayers:

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

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

We sit

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Wade in the Water, Children!*
African American spiritual

Refrain

*Wade in the water, wade in the water, children,
wade in the water, God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.*

*1 (See that host all dressed in white,) God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
(the leader looks like the Israelite.) God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.*

Refrain

*2 (See that band all dressed in red,) God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
(looks like the band that Moses led.) God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.*

Refrain

*3 (Look over yonder, what do I see?) God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
(the Holy Ghost a-coming on me.) God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.*

Refrain

*4 (If you don't believe I've been redeemed,) God's a-goin'-a trouble the
water.
(just follow me down to Jordan's stream.) God's a-goin'-a trouble the
water.*

Refrain



We stand

OFFERTORY SONG: *O Lord, How Shall We Meet You*

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: 'O Lord, how shall we meet you, how wel-come you a - right? Your peo - ple long to greet you, our hope, our heart's de - light! We wait in ex - pec - ta - tion; your love for us im - parts the hope to serve you glad - ly with hands, with minds, and hearts.'

O Lord, how shall we meet you, how wel-come you a - right?
Your peo - ple long to greet you, our hope, our heart's de - light!
We wait in ex - pec - ta - tion; your love for us im - parts
the hope to serve you glad - ly with hands, with minds, and hearts.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676, st. 1 alt., RDH 2023.

Tune: WIE SOLL ICH DICH EMPFANGEN, Johann Crüger, 1598-1662.

PRAYER

P Let us pray:

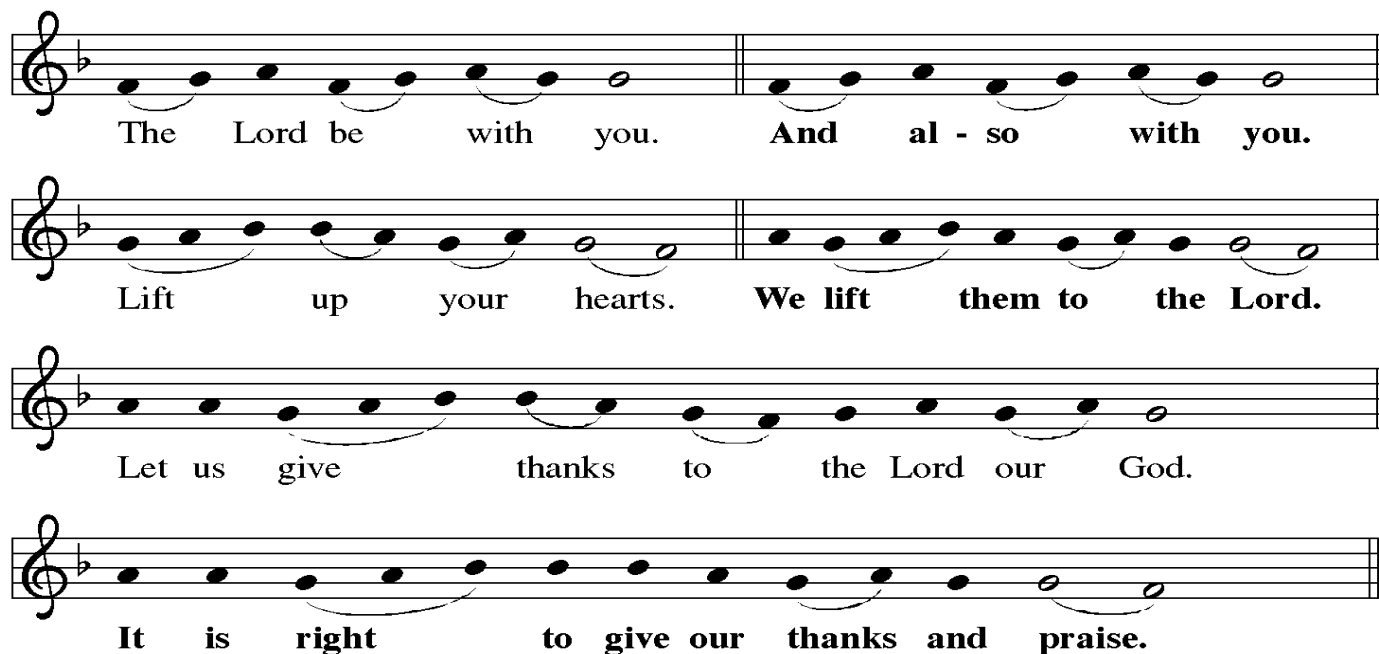
C **Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be a blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SHOUT
for **JOY** to **GOD**,
all the earth!
SING
the **GLORY**
of **HIS NAME**.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

HOLY COMMUNION



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



SANCTUS

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, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all.
By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets
you called your people to be a light to the nations.
Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our
darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

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.

P 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 preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.
By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. Amen.

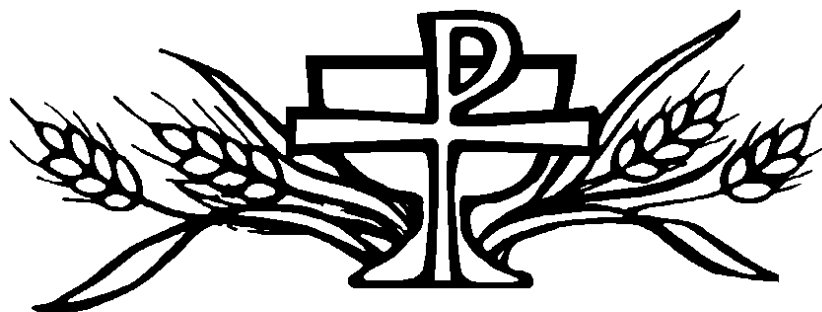
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

We sit

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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



I am the bread of life

COMMUNION MUSIC: *O Christ, Thou Lamb of God*

O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,
have mer - cy up - on us! O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak -
est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us!
O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,
grant us thy peace! A - men

Text: German, 1528, based on the Agnus Dei; tr. unknown

Music: CHRISTE, DU LAMM GOTTES, *Kirchenordnung*, Braunschweig, 1528

COMMUNION MUSIC: #732: *Borning Cry*
#726: *Light Dawns on a Weary World*

We stand

BLESSING

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

C **Amen**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. In the name of the Father
✙ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: #543 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Live in hope.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Johann Gottfried Walther





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WORSHIP: *Joyfully proclaim the Word of God*
LEARN: *Dutifully study, teach and live the Word of God*
WITNESS: *Boldly share the Word of God*
SERVE: *Humbly and enthusiastically respond to the Word of God*
SUPPORT: *Gladly give our time, talent and treasures motivated by the Word of God*

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