

When all
the people
were
baptized,

**THE
BAPTISM**
of Jesus

it came to pass that Jesus also
was baptized; and while He
prayed, the heaven was opened.

LUKE 3:21



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As We Gather

At His baptism in the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the Beloved Son of God, anointed by the Spirit and affirmed by the Father's voice. In this moment, He stands in solidarity with sinners, beginning His journey to the cross for our salvation. Today, as we reflect on Luke 3:15-22, we rejoice that through baptism, we are united to Christ, named as God's beloved sons and daughters, and made heirs of His eternal kingdom. In this time of worship, we celebrate the gift of baptism and the unshakable identity we have as God's beloved children.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

508 – Thou Whose Almighty Word

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the LORD,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
- C** **and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
- P** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only-begotten Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.

P Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C Amen.

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Introit

Psalm 2:7-11, 12c

P “I will declare the decree:

C The LORD has said to Me, ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.

P Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance,

C And the ends of the earth for Your possession.

P You shall break them with a rod of iron;

C You shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s vessel.’ ”

P Now therefore, be wise, O kings;

C Be instructed, you judges of the earth.

P Serve the LORD with fear,

C And rejoice with trembling.

P When His wrath is kindled but a little

C Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.

Glory be to the Father

Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son
and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be-ginning,
is now, and ev-er shall be for - ev-er more. A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

¹ But now, thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine. ² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you. ³ For I am the LORD your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I gave Egypt for your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in your place. ⁴ Since you were precious in My sight, You have been honored, And I have loved you; Therefore I will give men for you, And people for your life. ⁵ Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your descendants from the east, And gather you from the west; ⁶ I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ And to the south, ‘Do not keep them back!’ Bring My sons from afar, And My daughters from the ends of the earth— ⁷ Everyone who is called by My name, Whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him.”

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 29

- P** Give unto the LORD, O you mighty ones,
- C** Give unto the LORD glory and strength.
- P** Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name;
- C** Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- P** The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
- C** The God of glory thunders; The LORD is over many waters.
- P** The voice of the LORD is powerful;
- C** The voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
- P** The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars,
- C** Yes, the LORD splinters the cedars of Lebanon.
- P** He makes them also skip like a calf,
- C** Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- P** The voice of the LORD
- C** divides the flames of fire.
- P** The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
- C** The LORD shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh.
- P** The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth, And strips the forests bare;
- C** And in His temple everyone says, “Glory!”
- P** The LORD sat enthroned at the Flood,
- C** And the LORD sits as King forever.
- P** The LORD will give strength to His people;
- C** The LORD will bless His people with peace.

Epistle Reading

Romans 6:1-11

¹ What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? ² Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? ³ Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, ⁶ knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. ⁷ For he who has died has been freed from sin. ⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, ⁹ knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. ¹⁰ For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. ¹¹ Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Alleluia

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn

760 – Oh, Love, How Deep

¹⁵ Now as the people were in expectation, and all reasoned in their hearts about John, whether he was the Christ or not, ¹⁶ John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire." ¹⁸ And with many other exhortations he preached to the people. ¹⁹ But Herod the tetrarch, being rebuked by him concerning Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, and for all the evils which Herod had done, ²⁰ also added this, above all, that he shut John up in prison. ²¹ When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. ²² And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."



Sermon

Beloved Sons

Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Your
pres-ence, and take not Your Ho-ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un-to me the joy of Your sal - va - tion; and up -
hold me with Your free spir-it. A - men.

Offering

Offering Hymn

441 (1-2)

1 We give Thee but Thine own, What -
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As

e'er the gift may be; All that we have is
stew - ards true re - ceive And glad - ly, as Thou

Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
bless - est us, To Thee our first fruits give!

General Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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 and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen.

Hymn

657 – Beautiful Savior

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✠ Announcements ✠

Upcoming Schedule

January 12	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
January 19	9:15 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service
January 24	10:30 am	Learning with Littles
January 26	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)

Upcoming Meetings: Here is a schedule of our upcoming meetings:

- **January 5** – Annual Voters’ Meeting
- **February 2** – Education/Elders
- **March 2** – Trustees/Church Council

In Our Prayers: Please keep our shut-in members in your prayers: Don Beymer, Bob & Joan Doriot, Paulette Galstad, Johanna Jaehnigen, David & Elsie Kleinschmidt, Shirley Rosenberry, and Mike Sheffield that the Lord may comfort and strengthen them.

“The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.” (James 5:16)

Looking Forward to Next Sunday: Next Sunday, our worship will focus on the rich blessings of the Holy Spirit as revealed in 1 Corinthians 12:1-11. This passage reminds us of the diverse gifts the Spirit gives to each believer, all working together for the good of Christ’s Church. As we explore these verses, we’ll consider how these gifts unite us in service to one another and glorify our Savior. Join us as we reflect on the Spirit’s work in our lives and how He equips us to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to a world in need of His grace!

Church Work Day: Join us for a church work day on Saturday, January 25th, starting at 9:00 am. It’s a wonderful opportunity to come together in service and fellowship as we care for the Lord’s house. All are welcome! Let’s work together to be good stewards of the blessings God has entrusted to us. We hope to see you there!

National Women's Retreat 2025: "Press Pause": Ladies, mark your calendars! You are invited to a special virtual event hosted by CLC Ladies:

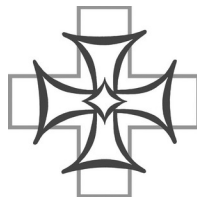
- **Date:** Saturday, January 25, 2025
- **Time:** 12:00 PM Eastern Time
- **Location:** Online via Zoom
- **Theme:** Press Pause: Grace-full Stewardship
- **Key Verse:** "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." (1 Peter 4:10)

Take this opportunity to pause and reflect on how God's grace equips us to be stewards of His gifts in our daily lives. Registration is free but required: Visit <https://tinyurl.com/PressPause25> to sign up and secure your spot. We look forward to seeing you there as we grow together in God's Word and grace!

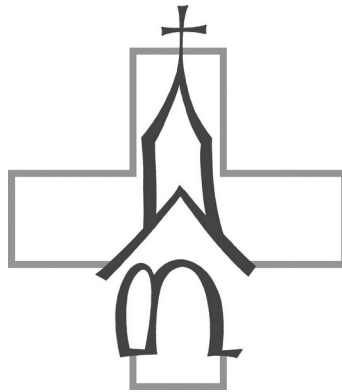
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2025 CLC Mission Helper Trip: The application deadline for the 2025 Mission Helper Trip to Nepal is quickly approaching. Applications need to be submitted by January 13th, 2025. Space is limited for this trip, so please apply soon. Find more information at: <https://mht.lutheranmissions.org/>

CLC Call News: Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Watertown, SD and Zion Lutheran Church, Hidewood Township, SD has received the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA. <> Sam Naumann of Eau Claire, WI has received the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. <> Teacher Claire Abbas of Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN has received the call to Trinity Lutheran School, Watertown, SD.



Fruits of Faith		January 5, 2025	Attendance: WH – 38	
<u>Immanuel Lutheran Church</u>		<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>		
<i>General Budget</i>		<i>General Budget</i>		
\$1,465.00	General Budget	\$0.00	CLC General Budget	
\$1,500.00	Weekly Need	\$67.31	Weekly Need	
-\$35.00	-Under / +Over	-\$67.31	-Under / +Over	
\$1,465.00	Year to Date Offerings	\$0.00	Year to Date Offerings	
\$1,500.00	Year to Date Need	\$67.31	Year to Date Need	
-\$35.00	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$67.31	Year to Date (+/-)	
<i>Non-Budgetary</i>		<i>Non-Budgetary</i>		
\$25.00	Building Fund		ILC Student Aid Fund	
\$225.00	Property Improvement		ILC Building Fund	
	ILC Scholarship Fund		ILC Improvement Fund	
	Tuition Grant		Mission Development (MDF)	
\$40.00	Benevolence Fund		Project Kinship	
	Outreach		ILC Tour Choir	
	School Fund		Spokesman/Daily Rest	



✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

January 13 – January 18

Monday: John 1:35-39 – God uses John, the special servant whom He has prepared, to reveal the promised Messiah to his disciples. This is not surprising to us, but worth noting. Bringing disciples to Jesus is God’s work!

Tuesday: John 1:40-42 – Through something as common as a family relationship, another disciple, Peter, is brought to Jesus. How many souls will be led to their Savior through Peter and his fellow disciples!

Wednesday: Matthew 12:46-50 – Jesus treasures His disciples because of their relationship to His heavenly Father. In following Him, they are doing the will of His Father in heaven (verse 50).

Thursday: Romans 4:16-25 – Not just the legal descendants of Abraham but all who share his faith are his “children.” The promises that he believed include those fulfilled by Jesus in accomplishing our justification.

Friday: Genesis 13:5-11 – Abram seeks to end the strife between his own and Lot’s herdsman. He shows his trust in God’s providing for him by letting Lot have first choice of the portions of land available to them.

Saturday: Deuteronomy 18:15-19 – Rather than fortune tellers and diviners (v14), God’s people are to listen to the prophet whom God sends, culminating in that Prophet Jesus the Christ (compare Acts 3:22-26).