

# Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

*Sunday, January 9, 2022*

## **Baptism of Our Lord**

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*Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.*

## Welcome to in-person worship!

Following the latest CDC recommendations for Onondaga County in order to ensure everyone's safety, we are re-instating the pandemic protocol of wearing masks indoors. We are grateful for your compliance, and hope that you are blessed by God's word and by our hospitality for this morning's worship!

- Please use the sanitizer before and after you touch any surfaces, for your protection and the protection of those who follow you.
- **Please wear your face mask for the entire time you are in the sanctuary except when taking communion.**
- Pick up your sealed wafer upon entering the sanctuary.
- Greeters will seat you, either together with household members or 6 feet apart for non-household members.
- Sharing of the peace is contact free with non-household members.
- **Humming the tune and meditating on the words of the hymns are encouraged. Singing WITH MASK ON is optional.**
- Offering may be given upon entering or leaving the building in designated places in the back of the sanctuary.
- Greeters will kindly guide you outside after the service ends.
- You are invited to congregate, visit and catch up with fellow brothers and sisters in Christ outside following worship.

Restrooms (including a changing table) are located downstairs and are accessed through the lift or the stairway door in the narthex.

# GOD GATHERS US

## Prelude and Announcements

### Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the pastor begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news: In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**Amen.**

### Gathering Hymn

### *This Is the Spirit's Entry Now*

### all verses

*(please hum along or meditate on the words; singing while masked is optional)*



- 1 This is the Spir - it's en - try now: the wa - ter and the word,
- 2 This mir - a - cle of life re - born comes from the Lord of breath;
- 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.  
the sin - less one from life was torn; our life comes through his death.  
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.

Text: Thomas E. Herbranson, b. 1933  
Music: LAND OF REST, North American traditional  
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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

Let us pray. 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.**

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

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### First Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7

*Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring the people 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 Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### Psalm: Psalm 29 *(read together in unison)*

<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.**

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

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*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."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

see attached file



*(please hum along or meditate on the words; singing while masked is optional)*

- 1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered by the Spir - it's breath,  
 2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the cap - tives passed on through,  
 3 Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a - round the one fore - told,  
 4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.



first to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.  
 wash - ing off the chains of bond - age— chan - nel to a life made new.  
 o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.  
 Well - spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: STUTTGART, attr. Christian F. Witt, 1660–1716; adapt. Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876

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## Nicene Creed

**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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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 Intercession

*Individual congregation members are invited to pray aloud on behalf of the congregation one of the following printed prayer petitions:*

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.*

By the Holy Spirit, you gather your church and send it out in mission to share the good news of Jesus. Inspire your faithful people to be fervent in prayer and service, that all people know they are precious in God's sight. We pray especially this day for ELCA Presiding Bishop Eaton, Synod Bishop Lee Miller, II, and our companion synods of Zimbabwe and Zambia; Pastor Diane Wheatley and Prince of Peace in Fulton; all leaders and staff of St. Mary's of the Lake Roman Catholic Church; and our congregation of Holy Trinity. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You reveal your love and power through water and the Spirit. Guard rivers, seas, and all bodies of water, especially our cherished Finger Lakes, from destruction and pollution. Secure access to clean water for all, and protect the land from drought and flood. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Establish among the nations the blessings of peace. Raise up leaders who will protect vulnerable people in their care. Strengthen advocates who risk reputation or retaliation for the sake of mercy and justice. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You protect us through the fires and troubled waters of this life. Assure us that we will not be cut off from you by illness or despair, anxiety or pain, confusion or weakness. Comfort all who are in need, especially those named on our prayer list, along with all we name either aloud or silently in our hearts. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We are joined in baptism to Christ and to one another. Bless those who are newly baptized and those who are preparing for baptism. Help us to be faithful in fellowship, worship, evangelism, service, and justice-seeking. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You created each of your saints for your glory. We give thanks for those you have called by name into your eternal embrace. Comfort us in grief and release us from fear. 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.**

## **The Peace**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

### **And also with you.**

*Unless you are in the same household, please share the peace by either bowing to one another, or placing your hand over your heart as you say the words.*

## **GOD FEEDS US**

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*God invites ALL God's beloved children to be fed at His table of grace. During this time of pandemic, we will share this feast with one another by remaining in our pews. For those who have medical restrictions or other special concerns: the bread is made from wheat flour; the wine is alcoholic. White grape juice is also provided. We are assured of Christ's full presence in bread alone, as Christ forgives us and strengthens us for the journey ahead.*

## **The 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.**

## **Words of Institution**

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**

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Communion

*At this time, all may remove the wafer from its protective cover and partake of the Holy Meal.*

The body of Christ, given for you.

*At this time, the gloved ushers will distribute the cups of wine/grape juice to those seated in the pews for those who desire to partake. Please place the empty cup in the receptacle placed in your pew.*

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

**Amen.**

## GOD SENDS US

### Blessing

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine upon you with grace and mercy. May the Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**Amen.**

### Sending Hymn

### *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized*

verses 1,4

*(please hum along or meditate on the words; singing while masked is optional)*



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you  
2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant  
3 Straight-way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the  
4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as  
true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's  
call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to  
signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.  
ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.  
give your life for all, to give your life for all.  
per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984, alt.

Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561

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## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

## Thanks be to God!

*Please be seated and wait for the ushers to dismiss you.*

*Postlude*



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**Flowers on the altar this morning** are given by *Marie Kemp* in memory of her daughter, Susan Marie Kemp, on her birthday.

**Celebrations this week:**

- **Happy Birthday** to *Todd Frendak* on January 12.

**News:**

1. **Reflections Service at 8am** is offered on Sunday mornings via ZOOM. The interactive service can be accessed by downloading the ZOOM app and then clicking on "join" a meeting and entering the Meeting ID #374 073 8185 and Password 10311517. Prior to attending, please print out the bulletin which is used for the service.
2. The **10am Traditional Service** is held in-person. Reflections at 8am will continue to be offered digitally on ZOOM, along with the emailing and regular mailing of weekly bulletins, sermons, and children's activities, and livestreaming worship from the building on FaceBook, with a recording for website access.
3. **Holy Trinity Preschool Board** meets via ZOOM on Monday, January 10 at 7pm.
4. **Council** meets via ZOOM on Tuesday, January 11 at 6:30pm.
5. **Annual Meeting Committee reports** are due in to the church office by next Sunday, January 16.
6. **2022 Offering Envelopes** are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Please pick your box up to help save postage cost.
7. **Outreach** – With the help from our preschool parents and children, we are collecting **hats, mittens, and scarves (all sizes!)** They can be either bought or hand knit and placed in the basket in the back of our church or place them directly on the Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall. Cold weather is here and we ask for donations to decorate our Christmas tree now and throughout December. Thank you again!!
8. In grateful response to all **God's many blessings**, please remember to either place your offering in the offering plate before or after worship, or mail it in. Thank you.
9. Please check our website, along with the **synod's website** ([www.upstatenysynod.org](http://www.upstatenysynod.org)) for current information throughout our synod.

The **Skaneateles Ecumenical Food Pantry's** regular business hours on Tuesdays 9:30-11:00 am and Thursday evenings 6:30-8:00 pm. Clients need to come alone and wear masks as our space is small. The Pantry is open to residents in the Town, Village or Skaneateles School District. For emergencies other than those hours call 315-685-3512.

**We remember those in need of prayer. Lord please grant...**

**Peace and Comfort** to the Families of: *Joanne* (Andy and Liz Silverstein's in-law); *Donald Brooks* (Julie Corbett's brother)

**Healing from Surgery/Injury/Illness:** *Herman Hertkorn; Maddy Ryder* (Sheila Ryder's granddaughter); *Paul Corbett; Mary Scott* (Pastor Paula's neighbor); *Dave*; friend of Jason Ryder; *Jim Bartlett* (Kathryn Carlson's nephew); *Pastor Emeritus Steve Hluchy; Jenny* (Tom and Gretchen Jeffers' friend); *Ferdie Jedik; Marjorie Reynolds* (former member); *Helen Dobrovosky; Linda Wetherbee* (Scott Braun's coworker's sister); *Jennifer Pink* (June Vuillemot's friend); *Ed and Rob Bilinski* (Lenore Gillmore's father and brother); *Ward Wesley Vuillemot* (Vuillemot's son); *Dianne Vitkus* (friend of the congregation); *Sheila Ryder; Rick Powers; Rick Munson; Louise Zabel; Dawn Matijas-Czolowski; Marian Settineri; The Griswold Family* (Vuillemot's friends); *Marike* (June Vuillemot's friend); *Don* (Preschool Director Desiree Franciamone's father); *Shirley Perry; Ann Bader; Rose; Clara Siefka; Sylvia Maditsi* (Val Schulz' friend)

**Long-term Healing and Comfort to:** *Suzanne Rouland* (Schwenke's relative); *Pat Barrie* (Karen Camp's sister-in-law); *The Olsen Family; Beverly* (Mary Dobrovosky's mother); *Jim McGowen* (Scott Braun's coworker friend); *The Reeves Family*

**Guidance and Wisdom to:** All God's people facing persecution and gun violence throughout the world; those protecting the health of Skaneateles, Otisco, and Oswaco Lakes along with all the Finger Lakes; our companion synods in Zimbabwe and Zambia; our ELCA leaders and staff – *Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Synod Bishop Bishop Lee Miller, II; Pastor Diane Wheatley and Prince of Peace* in Fulton; *all leaders and staff of St. Mary's of the Lake Roman Catholic Church; and Pastor Paula, the Council, and lay members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.*

**Today's Stewards of Worship**

Livestreaming and Recording: *Youngs & Schwenkes*

Organist/Keyboardist: *Barb Mushock*

Ushers: *Ryans*

Office Coordinator: *Arlene Johnston*

Pastor Emeritus: *The Rev. Stephen Hluchy*

Pastor: *The Rev. Paula E. Roulette*

All in attendance

Hymn Leader: *Grace Plvan*

Lector: *Joyce Trickett*

Counters: *Eckhardt/Siefka*

Altar Guild: *Val Schulz*

Custodian: *Sheila Ryder*

**Holy Trinity Council:** Co-Presidents – *Marty Siefka and Karen Camp*; Secretary – *Arlene Johnston*; members *Lisa Ryan, Janet Schwenke, Tim Dobrovosky, and Pastor Paula*

The Slovak words on the arch over the chancel reflect the roots of Holy Trinity's original congregation.

*"The Lord loves those who hate evil"* is translated from Psalm 97 v.10.

The Psalm continues "Light dawns for the righteous and joy for the upright in heart.

Rejoice in the Lord... and give thanks to his holy name."