

**Baptism of Our Lord**  
**First Sunday after Epiphany**  
**12 January 2025**

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**+ HOLY COMMUNION SETTING FOUR +**

**ORGAN PRELUDE** "O Morning Star" arr. D. Buxtehude

**GATHERING** Pg. 147

**CATECHETIC MOMENT**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** Pg. 94

**GATHERING HYMN** Gather Us In **No. 532**

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**HYMN OF PRAISE** Glory to God Pg. 148

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**P** We 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 Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

### Isaiah 43:1-7

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.  
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.  
For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.  
Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honoured, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.  
Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;  
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—  
everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made.'

A The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

*Sung*

### Psalm 29

Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.  
The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory  
thunders;

the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.  
 The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;  
 the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.  
 The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;  
 the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;  
 the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,  
 and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.  
 The voice | of the LORD  
 bursts forth in | lightning flashes.  
 The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;  
 the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.  
 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!"  
 The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;  
 the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.  
 O LORD, give strength | to your people;  
 give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace.  
 Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son,  
 and to the | Holy Spirit;  
 as it was in the begin-| ning, is now  
 and will be forever. | Amen.

**SECOND LESSON      Acts 8:14-17**

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

A The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Please stand as you are able.*      Pg. 151

**THE HOLY GOSPEL      Luke 3:15-17,21-22**

**C Glory to you, O Lord**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were  
 questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be

the Messiah, 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. 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.’

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

*Please be seated.*

### SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY** When Jesus Came to Jordan **No. 305**

**THE APOSTLES CREED** Inside Front Cover and Page 105

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please stand as you are able.*

The response to “*Lord, in your mercy*,” is “***hear our prayer.***”

A United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

A Pour out your Spirit upon us and enliven us for mission. Draw us together in love that we may be one. Lead us in the way of your beloved Son. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Sustain oceans and seas, rivers and lakes, marshes and wetlands. Watch over dormant plants and hibernating animals as they rest in your care. Renew your creation and protect all creatures from harm. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Inspire leaders to work for the common good. Grant courage to those who put themselves at risk to protect others. Turn us away from violence and teach us to live in peace. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Bless the newly baptized. Renew your children in the covenant of baptism. Empower us by your loving Spirit to serve our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A For the sick and for those we name before you, Anna Berwanger, Simret Bogale, Chrystine Cuch, Mariette Erasmus, Adeline Erick, Ruth Gummo, Dolores Hollowell, Donna Harbor, Genevieve Janssen, Julie Janssen Downe, Eleanora Lahoda, Fay Larsen, Amy Lynch, Jean McCowan, Mark Mutschlechner, Bruce and Judith Nagel, Jerry Rasmuson and family, Jim and Joyce Rasmussen, David Sr. and Joan Richardson, Vern Schnell, Rose Sinclair, Sam Skogen, those we name aloud ... those we carry in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A For those who serve in the holy catholic Church:

- for the Bishop Susan Johnson, National Bishop of the ELCIC, and for the National Church staff
- for the West Central Area Leadership Team, pastors, and people
- for our synod's parish workers and youth workers
- for all congregations struggling with pastoral vacancy
- for Advent Lutheran, Calgary, and All Saints Lutheran, Calgary
- for Trinity Mission, Trinidad, Colombia
- for the students, faculty, and staff of Martin Luther University College, Waterloo, Ontario
- for the bishops, priests, and people of the Church of Iceland
- for the pastors and people of the Anglican, Mennonite, Moravian and the Presbyterian Church of Canada,

For all these, Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A For all virtually gathered for this service, and those attending to the care of others and to beneficial endeavours that keep them away from worshipping. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A For Ukraine, and all countries experiencing the terror of war. Let the bloodshed and war crimes come to an end. For wisdom, peace, and justice to prevail, Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

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P May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

**C And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** A Canon of Praise by J. Pachelbel

*Setting of the altar and reception of the Offerings.*

*Please be seated.*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (Version II)

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**THE FRACTION**

P The Word became flesh and lived among us; and we have beheld  
His glory.

**C Make yourself known to us in the breaking of the bread and  
the sharing of the cup.**

**LAMB OF GOD**

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**THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT**

*Please be seated. Assistants and those in need commune first.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

**No. 311**

What Feast of Love

**No. 487**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER** Gracious God, in this meal... Pg. 65

*Please be seated.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY**

**BENEDICTION**

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**SENDING HYMN** Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

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**DISMISSAL**

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P Go in peace...

**C Thanks be to God!**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

“Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized (#304) arr. J.S. Bach



**WELCOME** to all gathered here today. Join us for refreshments and conversation downstairs after worship, Questions? Ask one of today’s servants or speak with the pastor.

**WE THANK TODAY’S SERVANTS**

- Usher: Nale Poromon, David Richardson
- Lector: Chris Poromon
- Assistant: Art Wildeman
- Altar Guild: Elizabeth and WalterBeth Anderson,
- Refreshments: Mariette Erasmus, Lydia McTavish
- Zoom Host: Phil Tang, Ahmed Conteh

**OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE**

|               |           |             |
|---------------|-----------|-------------|
| Last week     | 5 January | Budget 2024 |
| Current       | \$ 4,253  | \$2,911     |
| Benevolence   | \$ 0      |             |
| Building Fund | \$ 10     |             |
| Other         | \$ 4,263  |             |
| Attendance    | 39        |             |

**ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

|           |        |          |                                       |
|-----------|--------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| Today     | 12 Jan | 11:45 PM | Fellowship and Refreshments           |
|           |        | 2:00 PM  | CFMA Worship                          |
| Monday    | 13 Jan | 7:00 PM  | 12 Step Program                       |
| Tuesday   | 14 Jan | 6:00 PM  | Elders                                |
|           |        | 6:30 PM  | Never Alone Peer Support              |
| Wednesday | 15 Jan | 10:00 AM | 12 Step Program                       |
|           |        | 7:00 PM  | 12 Step Program                       |
| Friday    | 17 Jan | 7:00 PM  | 12 Step Program                       |
| Saturday  | 18 Jan | 9:00 AM  | House of Hope Worship                 |
| Sunday    | 19 Jan | 10:30 AM | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany |
|           |        |          | Holy Communion Service                |
|           |        |          | Birthday Sunday                       |

**THANK YOU** all who participated in wearing Christmas sweaters and ties during the Advent and Christmas seasons. Even those who did not participate seemed to enjoy it. I sincerely thank you all very much. David Richardson

**HOUSE BLESSINGS** – Epiphany was on 6 January 2025 and now is the season of House Blessings. Schedule your time with the Pastor. Kits are also available for you to use.

**ANNUAL REPORTS** are due to the office before 17 January 2024.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** – for the issue of the Highwood Highlights is Tuesday, 21 January 2025. Please send your items to [secretaryhlc@outlook.com](mailto:secretaryhlc@outlook.com)

**HOSPICE CALGARY DYING TO KNOW** - This free, online education series provides information on preparing for end-of-life, strategies for staying resilient through challenging times, and help for care partners to become more confident in their roles. See poster downstairs.

**HOT SHOTS** – Join us as our monthly movie and lunch resumes on Tuesday, 21 January at 10:00 AM. The movie is a surprise, and lunch is Chinese food. Sign up on the sheet downstairs.

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** - If you need a ride to church, contact Elizabeth Anderson 587 897 0548 or Bill Strand 403 239 9894

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany Year C

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalm 36:5-10

I Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11