

# Baptism of Our Lord

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

January 12, 2025



# Welcome to St. Andrew!

At St. Andrew Lutheran Church, we strive to be a loving and welcoming community of faith. We are centered in the Good News of Jesus Christ, who calls us to reconciliation and wholeness in a world of alienation and brokenness.

All are welcome, without exception, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental ability, education, income, or family status.

All are welcome here to worship God, receive the sacraments, and share in fellowship, leadership, and service. We commit to treasuring one another's similarities and differences as one body in Christ.

We are called to provide a safe space in the community as we break down the barriers of isolation. We will continue to discover what it means to be "Reconciling in Christ."

"Welcome one another therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."  
- Romans 15:7

## Orientation to the Service

**This bulletin** will guide you through the entire service. Started on page 3, words printed in **bold** are for everyone to say aloud together. Instructions and information are printed in *italics*.

**Hymns (songs)** are found in the hymnals in the pew racks in front of your seat.

ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red hymnal)

ACS = All Creation Sings (blue hymnal)

**Green-topped Welcome Cards** are found in the pew racks in front of your seat. We would love for guests, visitors, and anyone in need of prayer or more information about the church to fill one out. Please place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher after the service.

**Children are welcome in worship!** God put the wiggle in children, so please do not feel you have to shush or suppress those wiggles in God's house. All are welcome here! Consider sitting toward the front where it is easier for children to see and hear what is happening in the service. There are worship activity bags available for children just outside the sanctuary, and a staffed nursery is available for very young ones. Ask an usher if you need help locating it.

**Restrooms** can be found by exiting the back of the sanctuary and turning right. Walk straight until you pass the coffee bar, and you will find the women's and men's restrooms to your right. A gender-neutral, ADA-compliant restroom will be found to your left, near the entrance to the kitchen.

**Online access** to the bulletin and hymns: [standrewlutheran.com/worship/worship-bulletins/](http://standrewlutheran.com/worship/worship-bulletins/)

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Sunday, January 12, 2025 | 9:30 AM

*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.*

PRELUDE

"Shall We Gather at the River"

arr. John Leavitt

Lindsey Lane, piano

## ***GATHERING***

*THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD.*

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WELCOME

*The congregation may stand.*

GATHERING HYMN

Shall We Gather at the River (ELW 423)

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.**

*The congregation is seated.*

# WORD

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE READING, PREACHING, AND SONG.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Allison Bengfort

READING

Acts 8:14-17

A reading from Acts.

<sup>14</sup> 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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation may stand.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-le-lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? \_\_\_\_

You have the words of e-ter - nal life. Al-le-lu - ia! \_\_\_\_\_

GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<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 strap 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.**

*The congregation is seated.*

SERMON

Sister India Jensen Kerr

*The congregation may stand.*

HYMN OF THE DAY WITH AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Baptized in Water (ELW 456)

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king;  
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,  
faithfully now God’s praise we sing.**

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.

**Amen.**

People of St. Andrew, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and affirm your baptismal covenant.

People of God, do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**We renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**We renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**We renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended 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?

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Baptized in Water (ELW 456, verse 2)

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
dead in the tomb with Christ our king;  
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,  
thankfully now God's praise we sing.**

People of St. Andrew, 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, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

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

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.**

Baptized in Water (ELW 456, verse 3)

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
marked with the sign of Christ our king;  
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;  
joyfully now God's praise we sing.**

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*All are invited to share a sign of peace with one another (handshake, hug, peace sign, etc.).  
Placing your hands together in a praying position will signal to those around you that you prefer not to physically touch others.*

*The congregation is seated.*

#### OUR MINISTRY AND MISSION





## PREFACE

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and might;—

Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo - ry, Ho - san-na in the high - est!

Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name.— Ho - san - na in the

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). It consists of four lines of music. The first line is in 6/8 time and ends with a fermata. The second line changes to 3/8 time and then to 6/8 time. The third line is in 6/8 time. The fourth line is in 6/8 time and ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

*The congregation is seated.*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

*All are invited to commune without exception! At the direction of an usher, those wishing to commune may proceed down the center aisle. A piece of gluten-free bread will be placed in your hands. You may dip the bread in the cup of wine (red chalice) or the cup of grape juice (light-colored chalice), or you may choose to partake of the bread only. If you prefer not to receive communion but would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest to indicate this preference. If you would like to receive communion in your seat, please alert an usher, and the elements will be brought to you.*

## LAMB OF GOD



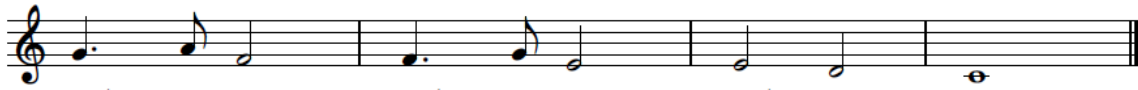
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have  
break the chains of hat - red and fear:  
are the way of just - ice and peace:  
are the way of mer - cy and love:



mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized (ELW 304)

*The congregation may stand.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

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,  
**Amen.**

## ***SENDING***

*GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US IN MISSION TO THE WORLD.*

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## BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God † bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

Praise to You, O God of Mercy (ELW 208)

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

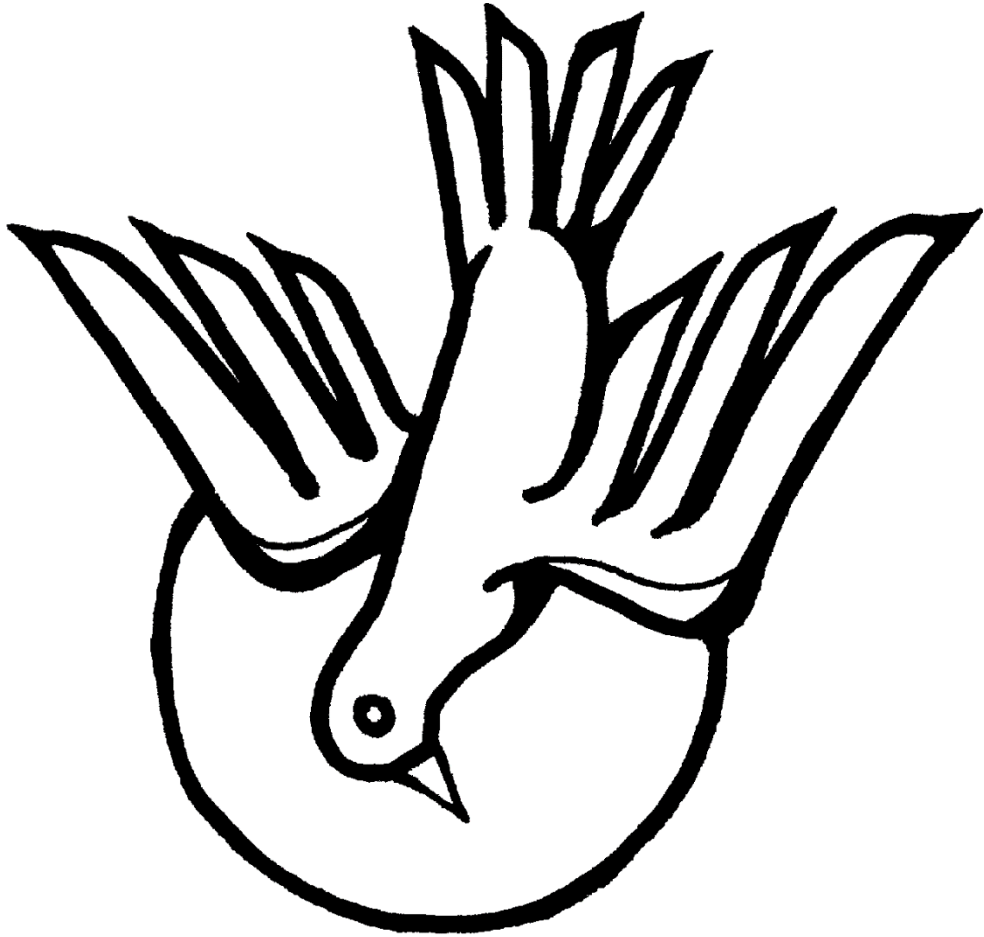
“Bunessan”  
Lindsey Lane, piano

arr. Larry Shackley

## **Serving in Worship**

Presider: Pastor Allison Bengfort  
Preacher: Sister India Jensen Kerr  
Assisting Minister: Pat Christiansen  
Acolyte:  
Altar Flowers:  
Altar Guild: Noelle Mehlhorn  
Communion Assistants:  
Greeter: Julie & Jim Aageson

Lector: LuAnn Staul  
Musicians: Lindsey Lane  
Nursery Assistant:  
Tech Team: Janet Vorvick,  
Chase Isaacson  
Ushers: Ed & Linda Fransen  
Worship Coordinator: Pat Christiansen  
Zoom Host: Marlan Bell



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