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The Baptism of Our Lord

Baptism of Lucy Marie Fahr



With One Voice - Setting 5 (Bread of Life), page 28
Please leave your offering in the plate at the door
You may stand at times marked with an asterisk (*)

Opening

Prelude and Contemplation

Tena Rackow

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C:Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

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

Silence for reflection

P: Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
C: we have sinned against you and against our neighbor,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with repentance and faith turn to him, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through ☩ Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

* Hymn *God, Whose Almighty Word* ELW # 673

* Greeting *WOV page 28*

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.

* Kyrie *Lord, Have Mercy* *WOV page 28*

P: Kyrie eleison. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Christe eleison. **C: Christ, have mercy.**

P: Kyrie eleison. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

* Canticle *Glory to God* *WOV page 29*

C: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God...

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

Glory to God...

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Glory to God…
and peace to God's people on earth.

* Prayer of the Day

P: O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Readings

First Reading: *Isaiah 42:1-9*

L: A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

42 Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
2 He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
3 a bruised reed he will not break,
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
4 He will not grow faint or be discouraged
till he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.

[5] Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people on it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
[6] "I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
I will take you by the hand and keep you;
I will give you as a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,
[7] to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
[8] I am the LORD; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to carved idols.
[9] Behold, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth
I tell you of them." *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: *29*

L: Let us read responsively Psalm 29.

29 Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

[2] **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;**
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

[3] The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

[4] **The voice of the LORD is powerful;**
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
6 **He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,**
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
7 The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
8 **The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;**
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
9 The voice of the LORD makes the oaks to shake
and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
10 **The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;**
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.
11 May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace! *[ESV]*

Second Reading: *Acts 10:34-43*

L: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

34 So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God
shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and
does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 As for the word that he sent to
Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord
of all), 37 you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, be-
ginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: 38 how God
anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He
went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the dev-
il, for God was with him. 39 And we are witnesses of all that he did both
in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by
hanging him on a tree, 40 but God raised him on the third day and made
him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who had been chosen
by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from
the dead.

[42] And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. [43] To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

* Gospel Acclamation

WOV page 31

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.

* Gospel: *Matthew 3:13-17*

P: The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[13] Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. [14] John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" [15] But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. [16] And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; [17] and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." *[ESV]*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

Sermon Rev. Thomas Mosbo

*** Hymn** ***Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized*** **ELW # 304**

HOLY BAPTISM

Presentation

ELW page 227

The baptismal party gathers at the font.

P: In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Parent or Sponsor: We present Lucy Marie Fahr to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

P: In Christian love you have presented this child for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring her to the services of God's house and teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As she grows in years, you should place in her hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for her instruction in the Christian faith, so that, living in the covenant of her Baptism and in communion with the Church, she may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ.

Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

Parents and Sponsors: I do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Lucy and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

C: I do.

* Profession of Faith *ELW page 229*

P: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

C: I renounce them.

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

C: I renounce them.

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

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

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

C: I 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 again to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: I 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.

* Thanksgiving *ELW page 230*

Water is poured into the font.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father…

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

* Baptism *ELW page 230*

P: Lucy Marie Fahr, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

* Chrismation *ELW page 230*

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

The Presiding Minister lays hands on the head of the newly baptized.

P: Pour your Holy Spirit upon Lucy:
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.

C: Amen.

The Presiding Minister marks the Sign of the Cross on the baptized.

P: Lucy, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

Welcome *ELW page 231*

A lighted candle is given to the parents of the baptized.

Representative: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life."

to the newly baptized: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

to the congregation: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.

Hymn ***Jesus Loves Me!*** **ELW # 595**

Prayers

Prayers of Intercession *WOV page 34*

L: As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

Please respond to each petition with the following:

L: … Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Fern Harnish, Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Marilyn Fulfs, Gary Hudik, Virgil Martin, Caroline Jam, Darlene Aurand, Cyndy Schumacher, Virgil Gordon, Jerry Martin, Donna Christen, Richard Frietag, Waylon Andrews, Connor Stadermann, Diane, Randy, Brian, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Jim DeMontigny Jr., Linda Kruger-Kleckler, Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Brenda, Kara Allen, Christine Beyer, Bob Schulz, Kenny Frie, Steve Rothschadl, Gary L. Hartwig, Josh, Hannah, Ray Phillips, Susan, Allison Biddick, Brad Rackow, Kim Choin, Jeannie, Dianne, Nancy, Pat McCluskey, Jim Briggs, Sandi, Tina, Jim and Ronald Schrader.

Choir Anthem *As Water to the Thirsty*

Lord's Prayer *WOV page 39*

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

Blessing

WOV page 41

P: The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you,
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace,
In the name of the Father, ☩ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit..

C: Amen.

* Hymn

Let All Things Now Living **ELW # 881**

* Dismissal

WOV page 41

P: Go in peace. Live in your baptism.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Tena Rackow



Annual Reports Are Due

Annual reports are required for each committee and organization of the congregation. These reports are assembled and made available to the congregation members prior to the meeting. The reports are the responsibility of the chairperson or offices. If possible, please type up the report and email it to; **GoodShepherdLena@outlook.com** *n Word format.*

Save the DATE

Good Shepherd's Annual Meeting will be held, Sunday, January 25th

Piece Corps Quilting Group

Meets every Wednesday from 8:00am-11:30am.

Hannah Circle Meeting

Sunday, February 1st after worship service.

Good Shepherd will be at the

Le-Win Food Pantry

Volunteer sign-up sheet available by Fellowship Hall.

Saturday, February 28h. 8:30am-11:30am

Attendance December 28th

In-person– 25, Online - 59



He Already Knew

Poet: Jason Kirk Bartley

He already knew who'd betray Him and when,
and that we'd drown so deep in sin.
He already knew our plight when taking the cross,
that many would accept His love, but some would be lost.
He already knew how we'd fare, yet
He couldn't stand the thought of Heaven without us there.
He already knew who would and wouldn't seek,
In Jesus's name some would not dare to speak.
But He knew many hearts would be true,
so our Savior went to rescue you.
He died and rose again to save each man from the depths of His sin.
He already knew who would and wouldn't accept His gift of love, yet He came down to earth and left Heaven's glory above.
He already knew He'd reclaim His throne there,
and that you and I could be joint heirs.
For each one a decision can be made today,
to take our heart and at His feet to lay.

Source: 40 Christian Poems To Inspire and Uplift





Bless This Child

Dear Lord, Bless this beautiful child,

This heavenly gift from above.

Grant her good health, contentment and peace,

And fill her tomorrows with love.

Instill in her heart a zest for life,

And wisdom which grows through the years,

Along with compassion for others,

And courage to conquer her fears.

Gift her with humor and patience,

And tenderness if you would,

And Lord, could you guide her and protect her as she grows.

