



Baptism
of Our Lord

First Sunday After The Epiphany
January 8, 2023 - 11:00 am

A warm welcome to all worshipping with Resurrection Lutheran Church today! We celebrate together God's work in our lives as we receive His Word and Sacraments to strengthen our relationship with Him and one another. By the blood of Christ, we are made the household of God. Here, God builds us up by grace, through faith, and for service!

Lessons and Liturgy Today

At creation, God called forth into existence everything by the power of His Word; and everything was good. Sin brought disease and death. In our Baptism, God is at work restoring us in Christ by the power of His Mighty Word. Because of Jesus' Baptism, we go into baptism's living waters as dirty, marked with death, only to rise up clean and marked for new and everlasting life. Jesus' Baptism identified Him as the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world; our Baptism imparts to us the new identity as Children of God. Here God marks us and claims us: "You belong to Me."

Welcome and Sharing the Peace

P The peace of the LORD be with you!
C **And also with you!**

Opening Song

Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name
in the land that is plentiful,
where Your streams of abundance flow,
blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
when I'm found in the desert place,
though I walk through the wilderness,
blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise;
When the darkness closes in,
Lord, still I will say:

Refrain
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
blessed be Your name,
blessed be the name of the Lord,
blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name
when the sun's shining down on me,
when the world's all as it should be,
blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
on the road marked with suffering,
tho' there's pain in the offering,
blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise;
When the darkness closes in,
Lord, still I will say: Refrain

You give and take away,
You give and take away,
My heart will choose to say
Lord, blessed be Your name Repeat Refrain

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Invocation of The Holy Trinity

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P Let us begin our worship in the Name of the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit; the God into Whom we are baptized.

C **We gather in the Name of our baptizing God. Amen.**

P The Creator of all used a part of His creation – water, together with His Word – to bind us to Himself in love and forgiveness.

C **In Him we are a new creation: beloved children of our Father in Heaven.**

P The sign of the cross became our own as we were marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C **The Holy Spirit's anointing equips and inspires us to love and to serve others in Christ's Name.**

Confession of Sins and Good News of God's Forgiveness

P Though washed clean by the cleansing waters, we fall back each day into the old ways – the ways of sin. Let us remember our sin, and rejoice in our Baptism...

C **God, our Father, We remember this day that we are Yours, and yet we draw back into ourselves.**

Though we are bought with the price of the death of Your Son, we live as though we are on our own.

Though we are washed clean of past sins, we cannot let go of our guilt. Though we have heard Your

Words of love, we still manipulate and seek to control others. Forgive us, Lord. Remind us that we too are beloved by You. Bring us, this day, back to our Baptism. Washed in Your Love, let us leave this place today to live anew as Your people.

P Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P God has announced that you are His beloved in whom He is well pleased. You have been washed clean. Rejoice in this Gospel news!

C **Amen! Thanks be to God.**

Song of Praise

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

Praise is rising;
eyes are turning to You,
we turn to You
Hope is stirring;
hearts are yearning for You,
we long for You

for when we see You
we find strength to face the day
In Your presence all our fears
are washed away, washed away:

Refrain

Hosanna, hosanna,
You are the God who saves us,
worthy of all our praises
Hosanna, hosanna,
come have Your way among us,
we welcome You here, LORD Jesus

Hear the sound of
hearts returning to You,
we turn to You
In Your Kingdom,
broken lives are made new -
You make us new

for when we see You
we find strength to face the day
In Your presence all our fears
are washed away, washed away:

Refrain x2

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Old Testament Prophecy

Isaiah 42:1-9 [ESV]

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."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Reading

Psalm 29 [ESV]

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

C ² **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.**

L ³ The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters.

C ⁴ **The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

L ⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;

C **the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.**

L ⁶ He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

C ⁷ **The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.**

L ⁸ The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

C ⁹ **The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"**

L ¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

C ¹¹ **May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace! Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Epistle

Romans 6:1-11 [ESV]

6 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know

that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17 [ESV]

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the Third chapter.

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."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Pastor Jonathan Blanke

Song of the Day

Better Is One Day

How lovely is Your dwelling place,
o LORD Almighty,
for my soul longs
and even faints for You;
For here my heart
is satisfied
within Your presence;
I sing beneath
the shadow of Your wings:

Refrain

Better is one day in Your courts,
better is one day in Your house,
better is one day in Your courts
than thousands elsewhere;

Better is one day in Your courts,
better is one day in Your house,
better is one day in Your courts
than thousands elsewhere,
than thousands elsewhere!

One thing I ask
and I would seek:
to see Your beauty,
to find You in the place
Your glory dwells;

One thing I ask and I would seek:
to see Your beauty,
to find You in the place
Your glory dwells Refrain

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The Message

Pastor Jonathan Blanke

A Little "New Year" Every Day
Matthew 3:12-17; Romans 6:1-11

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Nicene Creed

**C I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 Maker of Heaven and earth
 and of all things visible and invisible.
 And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father,
 by Whom all things were made;
 Who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
 and ascended into Heaven
 and sits at the Right Hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory
 to judge both the living and the dead,**

**whose Kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
Who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the ✕ Life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

after each petition:

P Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our 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.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Distribution Song

Amazing Love, O What Sacrifice

My Lord, what love is this
that pays so dearly -
that I, the guilty one,
may go free?

Chorus

Amazing love, o what sacrifice:
the Son of God giv'n for me!
My debt He pays, and my death He dies
that I might live, that I might live!

And so, they watched Him die -
Despised, rejected
But o, the blood He shed
flowed for me!

And now, this love of Christ
shall flow like rivers:
Come wash your guilt away;
live again!

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Benediction

Closing Song

Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King

Come Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above:
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of Thy redeeming love

I was lost in utter darkness
'til You came and rescued me;
I was bound by all my sin when
Your love came and set me free
Now my soul can sing a new song;
now my heart has found a home;
Now Your grace is always with me,
And I'll never be alone!

Refrain

Come Thou Fount, come Thou King;
Come Thou precious Prince of Peace!
Hear Your bride; to You we sing
Come Thou Fount of our blessing
Come Thou Fount, come Thou King;
Come Thou precious Prince of Peace!
Hear Your bride; to You we sing
Come Thou Fount of our blessing

O, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter
bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, LORD, I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love -
Here's my heart, LORD, take and seal it,
seal it for Thy courts above!

Refrain x2

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P The worship has ended.

C **The service now begins.**

P Go now in peace to serve the LORD.

C **Thanks be to God!**

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In Service Today

- Preacher - Rev. Dr. Jonathan Blanke
- Presiding Minister – Rev. Zach Sarrault
- Praise Worship Leader - Christopher Anderson Reed
- Reign!* Vocals - Sonja Striplin
- Reign!* Musicians - Dorothy Conners, Nick Cassimatis, Elliot Lubak, Lecia Cecconi-Roberts
- Reader - Mike Persson
- Sound Technician - Jason Piontek
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A Little “New Year” Every Day (Matt 3:12–17; Rom 6:1-11)
Baptism of Our Lord: January 7 and 8, 2023

The topic today is baptism: First, Jesus’ very special baptism in the Jordan River by John...but then, God’s claim on each and every one of us delivered to us through the water of Holy Baptism. In Christ Jesus we receive a new beginning, a clean slate, a little “New Year” with each and every morning. In Christ, we walk in newness of life!

1. **Jesus’ explanation to a befuddled John the Baptist that His baptism is fitting “to _____ all _____” (Matt. 3:15) highlighted God at work to repair a world that doesn’t “work.”** What in the world did Jesus mean? Whose righteousness was Jesus talking about? What difference does it make for us as we begin another new year, a new week, or even a new day?
2. “Righteousness” is a churchy-sounding word, but we can easily unpack it. When Jesus was baptized by John and began the work of fulfilling all righteousness, He was enacting the *saving work of God* for us. **Jesus’ baptism began a life of ministry ending at His cross and empty tomb...all so that we might _____.** Because of what Jesus did, we can live each day with a clean slate: no more needing to be preoccupied with guilt; no longer needing to struggle alone with whatever burdens life brings; no longer needing to stay “frozen” from worry and anxiety because of what the future may hold. It is summed up in what St. Paul says: in Christ Jesus we now “walk in newness of life” (Rom 6:4)!
3. Where and how do we receive such Life? It is not from us. **Our baptism is the place we _____, _____, and _____ again to walk “in newness of life” together with the _____ Son of God, Jesus Christ (Rom. 6:5).** St. Paul makes it clear: you and I are NOT the active agents in any of this! Whether we are baptized as babies or adults, we *are* brought to the baptismal font; we *are* given the gift of salvation so that we might now live it out.
4. _____ **is just what we need at the start of a new year and the beginning of a new focus on God’s mission to a world in need.** We “work.” We have all we need to live in the “sweet spot” of why God has put us here. We have died and are risen again—today! In Christ Jesus we walk in newness of life.