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+Baptism of Our Lord  
and Epiphany

January 8, 2023

*Prayer request and visitor cards can be found in the pew rack.*

(\*) Denotes when to stand, if you are able. **Boldface** readings are spoken together.

**Prelude**      *And There Was a Star*      David Paxton      Nadine Berg

**Welcome and Announcements**

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**\*Confession and Forgiveness**

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. **Amen.**

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

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**\*Gathering Hymn**                      *Bright and Glorious is the Sky*    #301 (vs, 1,2,3,5 ELW)

1. Bright and glorious is the sky,  
Radiant are the heavens high where the golden stars are shining.  
All their rays to earth inclining beckon us to heav'n above,  
Beckon us to heav'n above.
2. On that holy Christmas night through the darkness beamed a light;  
All the stars above were paling, all their luster slowly failing  
As the wondrous star drew nigh, as the wondrous star drew nigh.
3. Sages from the east afar, when they saw this wondrous star.  
Went to find the king of nations and to offer their oblations to the child,  
The newborn king, to the child, the newborn king.
5. Guided by the star, they found him whose praise the ages sound.  
We too have a star to guide us, which forever will provide us  
With the light to find our Lord, with the light to find our Lord.

**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.**

**\*Kyrie**

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,  
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*Glory to God*

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Glory to God in the highest, 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.**

**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.**

**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.**

## **\*Prayer of the Day**

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. Amen.**

## **Reading**

Isaiah 42:1-9

A reading from Isaiah.

- <sup>1</sup>Here is 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.
- <sup>2</sup>He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;
- <sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
- <sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
- <sup>5</sup>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 upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:
- <sup>6</sup>I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,  
<sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
- <sup>8</sup>I am the LORD, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.
- <sup>9</sup>See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**Anthem**

Kara Ronning

**Children's Message**

Pastor Kevin Olson

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

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

**\*Gospel**

Matthew 3:13-17

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

*The Baptism Trail*

Pastor Kevin Olson

**\*Hymn of the Day**

*Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized*

#304 (ELW)

1. Christ, when for us you were baptized, God's Spirit on you came,  
As peaceful as a dove, and yet as urgent as a flame, as urgent as a flame.
2. God called you, "My beloved Son" you are God's servant true,  
Sent to proclaim the reign of heav'n,  
God's holy will to do, God's holy will to do.
3. Straightway and steadfast until death you then obeyed the call  
To serve with free and willing heart,  
To give your life for all, to give your life for all.
4. Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord; your cross on us be signed,  
That likewise in God's service we may perfect freedom find,  
May perfect freedom find.

### **\*Apostles' Creed**

Along with the church, we confess our faith.

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

**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 to judge the living and the dead.**

**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. Amen.**

### **\*Prayers of Intercession**

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world,  
and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Calling God, you speak with power to your church. Open our hearts and  
minds to the new things you are declaring. Strengthen bishops, pastors,  
deacons, lay leaders, and teachers of the faith. Equip the baptized for your  
reconciling and redeeming work.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and  
power revealed in Christ crucified. **Amen.**

### **\*Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**Reception of Offering**

*Procession on "We Three Kings"*

John Barr

**\*Offertory Response**      *In the Bleak Midwinter*      #294 (vs.3 ELW)

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb.  
If I were a wiseman I would do my part; yet what I can I give him –  
Give my heart.

**\*Offering Prayer**

God of all creation, **all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**\* Lord's Prayer**

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**\*Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn**      *As With Gladness Men of Old*      #302 (ELW)

1. As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;  
So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led by thee.
2. As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to thy lowly bed,  
There to bend the knee before thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;  
So may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.
3. As they offered gifts most rare at thy cradle, rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king.
4. Holy Jesus, ev'ry day keep us in the narrow way;  
And when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.
5. In the heav'nly country bright need they no created light;  
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;  
There forever may we sing alleluias to our king.

**\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**    *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*    William H. Bates    Nadine Berg

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**ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP**

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**NEWS & NOTES**



Best wishes to Judith Raukar and Michael Skull who will be celebrating their birthday's this week. Judith on Tuesday and Michael on Friday.

*Happy Birthday!!!*

Best wishes to Roy & Ada Hobbs who will be celebrating their 61<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Friday.    *Happy Anniversary!!!!*

We extend our sympathy to Shirley & Mike Stavnes and family on the death of Shirley's mother, Doris Jones. Doris died on December 27<sup>th</sup> in Burwell, Nebraska.

*God bless.*

The **Columbarium** at Our Savior's offers perpetually endowed care for the remains of those members and their family who choose cremation. It is a place of peace, solitude, and prayer restoring the ancient practice of church burial. If you would like to learn more about the columbarium, please make an appointment with Cindy in the church office by calling 218-263-7422.



**Radio broadcast sponsorships are needed.** If you would like to sponsor a broadcast in memory of a loved one or in celebration of an event, please call the office at 218-263-7422. Weekly broadcasts cost \$50 each.

**Opportunities of the Week**

Today 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:00	Worship/Sunday School
	10:00	Coffee & Fellowship
	10:30	Radio Broadcast 1240 AM WMFG
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9:00	Quilting
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	11:30	Hymn Planning
	1:00	Staff
	4:00	Property Committee
	5:00	Foundation
	6:00	TV Broadcast—channel 805
	6:30	Church Council
	8:00	TV Broadcast—channel 805
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	8:30	Bible Study
	6:00	Handbells
	7:00	Confirmation 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Gr
	7:00	Choir
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Women's Bible Study
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9:00	Worship/Communion/Sunday School
	10:00	Coffee & Fellowship/OSLCW meeting
	10:30	Radio Broadcast 1240 AM WMFG