

# The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

An ELCA, Reconciling in Christ, Rejoicing Spirits, and handicap friendly Congregation

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Baptism of our Lord  
Sunday, January 12, 2025  
8:30 am

## **The Holy Spirit Empowers Us for Ministry in Daily Life**

Gathered by God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
we invite and welcome all people to join us on our journey  
to become more faithful ministers of Jesus Christ  
in our homes, our communities, and the world.

**We welcome all who worship with us today.**

Visitors are invited to sign the guest register located in the lobby.

If you are interested in joining our family of faith,  
please talk with one of our Pastors or call the church office.

**Children are welcome and celebrated!**

The “Children’s Ministry” table and basket in the lobby  
contains a variety of items for children’s use during worship.  
Stop by to borrow a book or pick up some coloring sheets and crayons.

Please silence all communication devices.

Our services are live streamed and recorded. In-person attendance implies consent  
to be included in the live streamed and recorded worship service.

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**HOLY COMMUNION**

All who believe in the presence of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to receive the Sacrament. To facilitate flow, the ushers invite people to come forward starting with the back rows and working forward. You should come forward using the center aisle to receive the elements in a continuous style from pastor and worship assistant. Afterward you may choose to kneel or stand at the altar rail for a brief moment of prayer or return to your seat up the side aisle, depositing your empty cup in the receptacle on your way. Gluten free wafers are available. Our wine is grape juice so that all may freely receive.

Children may receive the sacrament if they have completed instruction with a pastor.

Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Communion kits are available at the usher stands for those who prefer to remain in their seats, and they will be communed along with our Zoom worshippers at the beginning of distribution.

# GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

## **Gathering Music**

Come to the Water  
Sue Smith, soloist  
Glenn Hinderliter, percussion

Yunker / Stanfill

## **Welcome and Announcements**

*We rise in body or spirit.*

## **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

**Amen**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning  
you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden.  
In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched,  
and you gave us water from the rock.  
When we did not know the way,  
you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.  
At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side,  
and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water,  
for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.  
Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.  
Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen**

**Gathering Song**

**Shall We Gather at the River**

ELW 423



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?  
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.  
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.  
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

*Refrain*



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

**Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

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.**

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 assembly is seated.*

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching and song.*

**Reading** - Isaiah 43:1-7

Translation: NRSV-UE

A reading from Isaiah.

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 Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my sight

and honored 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."

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

*We rise in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.*

**Gospel** – Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Translation: NRSV-UE

The Good News from Luke, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

**Open our hearts, 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 strap 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."

This is the Good News!

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

Pastor Shari Duminy

*We rise in body or spirit.*

**Word in Song**

**I'm Going on a Journey**

ELW 446



1 I'm go-ing on a jour-ney, and I'm start-ing to-day. My



head is wet, and I'm on my way. Christ's mark is on me;



it's on you, too; it says he loves me, and he loves you, too!



2 I'm be-com-ing this day a saint of God. It



real-ly does-n't mat-ter what roads I trod. Wher-ev-er I go, God's



been there, too. God's love has touched me and will car-ry me through.



3 There are oth-er saints who have said a-men. They'll



keep me faith-ful to my jour-ney's end. A - long the way



I want to be the kind of per-son that God set free.

## Prayers of the People

Invitation to prayer:

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us,  
let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

After each petition:

God, whose voice stirs the waters,  
**receive our prayer.**

Pastor's closing prayer:

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope  
that your promise is revealed among the people.

Amen

## Peace

Peace is a gift of God's love. Let the Lord bless us and give us strength,  
as we share signs of this peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace by saying,  
"Peace be with you."*

*The assembly is seated.*

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

*During the Offering Song, the gifts will be brought forward. You may remain seated.  
If you wish you may leave your offering in the additional offering plates located on the  
tables in the back of the sanctuary as you leave.*



**Offering Song**

**Born, Reborn**

ACS 956



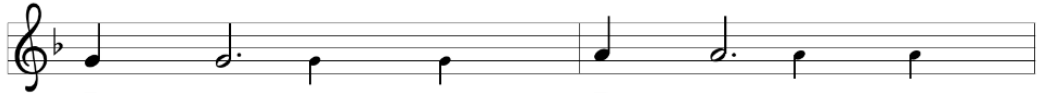
Born, re - born! Born, re - born! Formed, re - formed!



Souls with glad - ness now a - dorned! Born, re - born! Born, re - born!



Formed, re - formed! Praise our God for - ev - er - more!



1	Drown	us.	Drown	us.	Raise	us.	Raise	us.
2	Name	us.	Name	us.	Heal	us.	Heal	us.



Mark	us.	Mark	us.	Claim	us!	Claim	us!
Wash	us.	Wash	us.	Seal	us!	Seal	us!

**Offering Prayer**

Let us pray.

Loving God, you bless us with your love. You know each one of us by name.

We live in confidence and trust, knowing your care for us.

We bring these gifts to you, our source of life.

Use them, we pray, that others may experience your grace and live free from fear.

**Amen**

*We rise in body or spirit.*

## Great Thanksgiving

May the God of glory be with you!  
**And also with you.**

People of God, offer your hearts to God.  
**We give them to the One who comes to save us.**

Children of God, sing songs of praise and joy.  
**We lift our voices to the One who journeys with us  
through the waters of baptism,  
and who feeds us at the table of hope.**

## Words of Institution

### Word in Meal

As we remember Christ's baptism, as we recall his life and ministry,  
as we follow him through death into the resurrection of the new life,  
we proclaim that mystery we call faith:

**Baptized, Christ was called your Beloved;  
dying, Christ was your heart broken for us;  
risen to new life, Christ is the voice which shatters all our fears;  
coming to gather us up, Christ will bring us home to you.**

Holy Spirit, fill us with the bread of forgiveness and with the cup of hope.  
Flow through us like baptismal waters,  
so we might become a river of reconciliation.  
Grant us your peace, so we might carry this gift to the world.  
Set our hope on Christ,  
so we might build such hope in our neighbors and communities.

And when the river of time stops flowing,  
when we gather as one around your table,  
we will join our voices as your children, singing to God.  
**Amen**

## **Lord's Prayer**

God in Community, Holy in One, we lift our prayers of joy to you,  
even as we pray together saying:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as 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**

## **Invitation to the table**

Come to the table of love.  
**Jesus meets us here.**

We gather as the beloved community,  
**hungry to be fed with the gifts of the spirit,  
thirsting for the waters of life.**

God is here and everyone is welcome.

*The assembly is seated.*

## **Distribution of communion**

*Refrain*  
All

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,

wade in the wa - ter, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Leader All

1 See that host all dressed in white,  
2 See that band all dressed in red, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the  
3 Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?  
4 If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed,

Leader

wa - ter. the lead - er looks like the Is - rael - ite.  
looks like the band that . . Mo - ses led.  
the Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me.  
just fol - low me down to . . . Jor - dan's stream.

All *Refrain*

God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,  
 2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,  
 in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



*Refrain*  
 Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

*We rise in body or spirit.*

### Prayer after communion

Let us pray.

O Lord our God,

we give thanks that you have called us to feast on the abundance  
 of your house and have allowed us to drink from the river of your delight.

Continue to provide for us through the gift of your steadfast love,  
 and help us to provide for others; through the grace of Christ Jesus.

**Amen**

# SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

## Blessing

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

## Sending Song

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

ACS 942

*Refrain*



Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing  
in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the  
spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,  
2 . . All a - round me looked so fine,  
3 . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,

*Refrain*



out of his mouth came fire and smoke.  
asked . . . . my Lord if all was mine.  
chills the bod - y but not the soul.

## Dismissal

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

Please join in supporting our church's ministries using your preferred method of giving:



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- Enroll in our on-line giving program, Simply Giving (recommended);
- Mail your offering check to the church;
- Text your offering to 610-981-1312;
- Download our mobile app for recurring or one-time gifts;
- Establish automatic contributions to the church using your bank's bill pay service.

Additional information is located in the Stewardship section of the church's website at: [lchsemmaus.org](http://lchsemmaus.org).

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