

**We are church together!** St. Paul is collaborating with St. John's and Immanuel for virtual worship. You can call and listen to Tri Church worship on Sundays at 7 a.m., noon, and 4:30 p.m. by calling (508) 924-5733. There is NO access code needed. You will be connected to the conference line automatically. You can watch the service by clicking [HERE](#).

**The Baptism of Our Lord**  
**January 16, 2022**  
**Tri Church Worship**

**PRELUDE**

**Welcome**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

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

**All: Amen.**

P: 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.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. For the Rock River, and the Great Lakes. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again. Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this sacrament. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

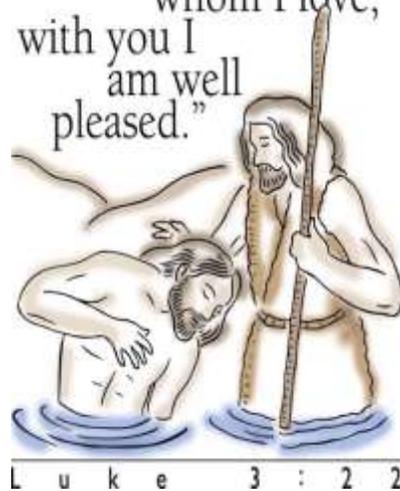
**SONG OF PRAISE**

***"Baptized and Set Free"***

- 1 We are people created, chosen by God.  
Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.  
Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door  
to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.
  
- 2 We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed.  
Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed.  
For whatever the need, God is greater indeed:

And a voice came from heaven:

"You are my Son,  
whom I love;  
with you I  
am well  
pleased."



L u k e 3 : 2 2

endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.

3 We are nourished by water, all living things,  
and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.  
As we journey toward home, may your presence be known:  
precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.

4 Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.  
All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.  
Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be  
one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

Text and Music: Cathy Skogen-Solener  
Text and Music © 1999 Augsburg Fortress  
Used by permission of Augsburg Fortress

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: 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.

**All: Amen.**

### **WORD**

#### **GOSPEL**

**Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (NRSV)**

P: The Holy Gospel of Luke, chapter 3, verses 15-17, 21-22.

**All: 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 thong 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.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **SERMON**

**Pastor Makayla Dahleen**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### *“Borning Cry”*

- 1 "I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child,  
with a faith to suit you well;  
in a blaze of light you wandered off  
to find where demons dwell."
- 2 "When you heard the wonder of the Word  
I was there to cheer you on;  
you were raised to praise the living Lord,  
to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time  
and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme  
from dusk till rising sun."
- 3 "In the middle ages of your life,  
not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night,  
complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in  
and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been,  
with just one more surprise."
- 4 "I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
to see your life unfold."

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937

Text © 1985 John C. Ylvisaker

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

*Each petition ends with these words:*

P: God of grace,

**All: hear our prayer.**

*The prayer conclude with these words:*

P: Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**All: Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: We give you thanks O, God For always providing our daily bread. You provide mana to the Israelites, Loaves of barley to the people, And Jesus as the bread of life. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**All: 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.**

## **COMMUNION**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

The body of Christ given for you.

The blood of Christ shed for you. Amen.

## **Communion Song**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

## **Post Communion Blessing**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his Grace.

**All: Amen.**

P: Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, Now strengthen us to share your love in the world.

**All: Amen.**

### **Blessing & Dismissal**

P: May you be blessed in believing you are God's child, God loves you, and God is proud of you.

**All: Amen.**

P: Go in Peace, Christ is with you.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### **POSTLUDE**

From Evangelical Lutheran Worship. Copyright © 2021 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission Augsburg Fortress under license # 14330-LIT.

All hymns Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-711196. All rights reserved. Copyright © 2021 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS028749.

**Thank you for joining us in worship today!** Thank you for your on-going support of the mission and ministry of St. Paul through your prayers, service and giving!