



The Baptism of the Christ by Daniel Bonnell

The Baptism of our Lord

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St. John's Lutheran Church | Salisbury, NC



Gathering

The Holy Spirit gathers us as the people of God

Prelude

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Today is the first Sunday after the Epiphany (January 6), a day the church around the world remembers the baptism of Jesus. As we hear again that story of faith, we give thanks for our own baptism, through which we were drawn into the family of God. If you have not been baptized and would like to learn more, one of our pastors would be happy to talk with you.

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **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 your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace and love.

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

We invite you to join together in song at your discretion but please remember to keep your masks on throughout worship so that everyone can remain safe and comfortable.

Hymn 310

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise
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SALZBURG

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.

Holy God, thank you for welcoming us into this time of worship. You are the creator of light and the giver of goodness. As you promised on the first day of creation and in the waters of our own baptisms, welcome us into a new beginning. Surround us with your peace and presence, and immerse us in your grace, that we may be nourished for the days ahead. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



Word

We hear God's word in scripture reading, preaching, and song

Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 28-31

God's people are comforted

The prophet writes:

¹Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

³A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;

³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Word of God. Word of Life! **Thanks be to God!**

The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Pastor Rhodes Woolly

Hymn 597

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
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MELITA

Apostle's Creed. Gathered as God's people across time and space, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed:

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.**

Solo

I Can Hear Your Voice (Water of Life)
Written by Michael W. Smith
Ondria Witt, Soloist

Prayers of Intercession. *Each petition ends: Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.*

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**



Sending

Forgiven and nourished, we are now sent into the world to share God's love.

Benediction

Sending Hymn 815 *I Want to Walk As A Child of the Light* HOUSTON
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Dismissal Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

*During the postlude we ask that you remain seated.
Following the postlude, you will be dismissed one row at a time.*

Postlude

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Worship Participants

SONG LEADERS: Margaret Hunter, Corinne Mauldin, Mitch Siegel, Rosemary Kinard, Karen Rogers, Dennis Rogers, Dave Roof, Derek Young, Ondria Witt

GUEST SOLOIST: Ondria Witt

READER: Mitch Siegel

SOUND: Mike Agee

VIDEO: Taylor Hutchins

ALTAR FLOWERS: Are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Joe Ivan Sims by his family.

Join Us In Prayer For The Following:

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS — Randy Overcash, Hal Furr, Bill Johnson

CONDOLENCES— Holly Zemke and family, on the passing of her fiancé, Bill Patterson, on Dec. 26.

Tim Trexler and family, on the passing of his mother, Shirley Trexler on Dec.26.

Robert Brady and family, on the passing of his mother, Joyce Brady, on Dec. 23.

Brent Barringer, Gib Johnson, Heidi Bell and family, on the passing of Mary Ann Hoover on Dec. 17.

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS —Pat Nelson, Tom and Nancy Austin, Marge Fuertinger, Jane Britt, Roger Alexander, Karen Rogers, David Wilson, Mike Connor, Phyllis Edwards, Robin Cohen, Paula Kafitz, Richard (Dick) Petherick, Benny Banks, Karen Shelton, Lee Wagoner, Gerald Jones, Betty Denker, Rachel Safrit, John Myers, Jane Shuping, Barbara Rufty, Walter Tatum, Jim Rabon, Matt Stahl, Nancy Parrish, Thomas Livesay, Gene Myers, Kent Brown

HOMEBOUND — Anita Foreman, Peggy Taylor, Lois and Paul Carter, Alda Smith, Margaret Ketner, Sonny Allen, Dottie Bedford, Hal Furr, Fran Hoke, Sherry Morgan, Ermine Peeler, Shirley Smith, Peggy Smith

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Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
 3 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.

Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1 My hope is built on nothing less than
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,

Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
 tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
 may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -

own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

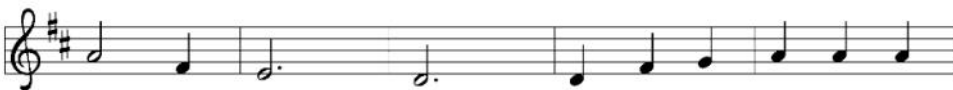
On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.
 Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934
 Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson
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Let's connect faith and life. *Together.*

