

Worship
Baptism of Our Lord

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Welcome to Worship

Whether one's feet are big or small, fresh or worn, running or crawling
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is:
Together on the Journey, Sharing God's Love

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

P. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness –
on them light has shined.

C. Thanks be to God.

SONG *"Borning Cry"*

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.

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.

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.

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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for Reflection

P. God, we have not done what is blameless and right,

C. nor spoken truth from the heart with love.

We do not keep our word.

Our words and deeds cause pain.

**Forgive us by the power of your mercy,
that we might stand in the goodness of Christ
and walk in the light of his love.**

Amen.

P. Friends, God is for us and not against us.

For that reason, God sent the Son into the world –
not to condemn the world,

but that the world might be saved through him.

We declare the good news of the Gospel:

**C. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven
and set free to live a new life in him.
Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE *"Here I am to Worship"*

**Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you, hope of a life spent with you. Here I am to
worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that you're my God. You're
altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L. The grace of Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

C. And also with you.

L. Let us pray together,

**C. O God, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed
him with the Holy Spirit. Help all of us to live in our baptismal calling as your
children, and empower us all with your Spirit to be lights in the world, through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glo---ria in excelsis Deo; glo---ria in excelsis Deo.

BIBLE READING Matthew 3:13-17

At that time Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan River so that John would baptize him. John tried to stop him and said, "I need to be baptized by you, yet you come to me?" Jesus answered, "Allow me to be baptized now. This is necessary to fulfill all righteousness." So John agreed to baptize Jesus. When Jesus was baptized, he immediately came up out of the water. Heaven was opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and resting on him. A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son whom I dearly love; I find happiness in him."

The Word of the Lord

C. Thanks be to God

MESSAGE Pastor Courtney Steitz

SONG *"You are Mine"*

**I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear. You will hear my
voice, I claim you as my choice. Be still and know I am here.**

Refrain: **Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.**

**I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see. In the shadows
of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in me. *Refrain***

**I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame. All the
blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name. *Refrain***

**I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give. I will
call your name, embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk and live! *Refrain***

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in one God, who is Creator,
maker of all we see and all we don't see.
Who is Ruler of the universe: Source of all creation!**
(Children) Source of all creation!

**We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ,
God from God, Light from Light, true God and true human.
He is one with the Creator; the Word made flesh, our Messiah:
Savior of all creation!**
(Children) Savior of all creation!

**We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit,
Breath of God moving among us;
who is one with the Creator; one with the Christ;
our Comforter and our Guide: Mentor of all Creation!**
(Children) Mentor of all creation! Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The following is sung before and after the prayers.
**Star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!**

OFFERING RECEIVED

(Those who are able, please stand)

OFFERTORY SONG

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

HOLY COMMUNION

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

SONG *"10,000 Reasons"*

Chorus: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.**

**The sun comes up it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes.** *Chorus*

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger. Your name is good and your heart is kind. For all your goodness, I will keep on singing; ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Chorus*

And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near, and my time has come; still, my soul will sing your praise unending ten thousand years, and then forever more! *Chorus x 2*

Worship your holy name, Lord, I'll worship your holy name.

SONG *"Dance with Me"*

This is holy time, we're gathered together, to worship you, to love one another. And as we pray, and as we sing, and as we dance, and as we dream, oh Lord, I beg of you, just this one thing.

Won't you dance with me throughout the heavens and below the sea, up on the mountain tops. Roll with the breeze, come carry me. Lord, won't you dance with me?

COMMUNION BLESSING

Turn to your neighbor and say, "Remember Jesus loves you!"

BLESSING

Leader: May the love of God uphold us;

Children: the light of Christ guide us;

Adults: and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit fill us with joy.

All: now and forever. Amen.

SONG *"Baptized in Water"*

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our king: heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our king: born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praise we sing.

DISMISSAL

L. Go forth, rejoicing in the light of God's love.

C. Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

This Week Please Pray For:

Healing:

Renee Olson, stage 4 ovarian cancer

Bruce Bentson, healing after surgery

Grief:

Beth Marschall, grieving the death of her husband

Heidi & Bruce Dzieweczynski, grieving the death of Bruce's mother

Sandra & John Klinkhammer, grieving the death of Sandra's mother, Amy Runnoe