

Baptism of Our Lord

January 12, 2025

Pastor John Stiles ~ Reader: Bonnie M



PRELUDE *Glenna Reiersen*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

Amen.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: 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.

HYMN *'As with Gladness Men of Old'*

ELW 302

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Children may be dismissed for Sunday School after the message.*

FIRST READING *Isaiah 43:1-7*

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, Ethiopia 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."

The word of the Lord. ~ **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING *Acts 8:14-17*

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord. ~ **Thanks be to God**

HYMN *'Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized'*

ELW 304

GOSPEL *Luke 3:15-17, 21-22* ~ **Glory to you, O 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 thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and 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."

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

MESSAGE *Pastor John Stiles*

OFFERING & SPECIAL MUSIC *Jen Hansmann*

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful father...

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us: our selves, our time and our possessions: signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of the One who offered himself for us: Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Response: God of grace ~ hear our prayer.

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.

BENEDICTION

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

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *'Lord of Light'*

ELW 688

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT ORLC

Website: www.orlcp.com ~ Phone: 320-629-2985 ~ Office Email: orlcoffice@gmail.com

Sunday (12th)

8am Prayer

9am Worship

9:15am Sunday School

10am Coffee & Fellowship

10am Adult Bible Study

6pm Growing in Grace Bible Study

Monday

9am Quilting

5:30pm APFY Board

7:30pm AA

Tuesday

1 Befrienders

4:30pm WELCA

6:30pm Healing Prayer Team

Wednesday

6:30am Men's Breakfast

3pm Kids of the Kingdom

6/6:30pm Meal/Confirmation

7pm Choir

7:30pm SH Youth Group

Thursday

8am Sonrisers

1pm Grief Group

1:30pm Hope Circle

6pm Growing in Grace Bible Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW! GROWING IN GRACE BIBLE STUDY: We are starting an evening Bible Study this month. 2 different days with two different studies of topic but under one heading--- GROWING IN GRACE. Attend one or both, whatever works for you. Sessions held every second Sunday of the month or the third Thursday of the month at 6pm. Hope to see you there!

MN ADULT & TEEN CHALLENGE: Sunday, January 19 at 9:00 AM

A morning of music & sharing of testimonies! Brunch for all served after worship.

No livestreaming or Radio on Sunday, Jan 19th. In person service only.

COOKBOOK COOKOUT: Ladies Event Sunday, January 26th from 11:30-1:30.

Pick a recipe from a Church cookbook, make the recipe....no substitutions allowed, bring the dish to pass along with the recipe on Sunday the 26th. Feel free to invite family and friends for what we hope will be a delicious afternoon of fellowship!

INTERN GIVING: Envelopes are now available for any giving going towards the Internship this year. Please label 'Intern' in the memo of the check.

GIVING ENVELOPES: Your 2025 giving envelopes are here! They can be found in a basket in the narthex. Thank you for your yearly contributions that help up complete our mission!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are in need of more people for Sunday worship assistant positions: Readers, Communion assistants, Live streaming and camera work in assisting the person doing the livestreaming. If you are interested in assisting please connect with Christy Koch or Diane Lombard. Thank you!

PARKING LOT FUNRAISER: If it so moves you please consider making a donation (mark donations as designated for the parking lot fund). ALL contributions of ANY amount are helpful! Thank you to all those who have made generous donations thus far.

RECYCLE BEYOND THE BAG: For easy drop off we have placed 3 white collection boxes around the Church. Inside: Sanctuary doors and in the hallway outside the kitchen. Outside: Backdoor.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Penny & Fritz Hudlow in honor of their anniversary, daughter Paula's birthday and grandpa Paul Novy's heavenly 103rd birthday.

Note: When taking your flowers please do so by taking the vase around to the back side of the altar space. Remove the flowers from the plastic insert & place them in the bags we have there for your convenience.

RADIO SPONSOR: Penny & Fritz Hudlow

GREEN TIP: January 12

Water is the central element to the sacrament of baptism because water has the power to give and sustain life. Water also has the power to take life when it is contaminated and when there is not enough for drinking, washing, or farming. According to the United Nations, over 1.2 billion people do not have access to clean water. Diseases caused by polluted water kill one child every eight seconds. Consider reading the book *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park and/or making a donation to an organization like the One Drop Foundation: [OneDrop.org](https://www.onedrop.org) to promote clean drinking water for all of the

world's population.

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HEALING PRAYER TEAM *January 12*

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation, old things have passed away; behold all things have become new." 2 Corinthians 5:17.

As we enter into a New Year, The Healing Prayer Team would like to offer prayers to help "jump start" your journey into 2025. Folks often look at the New Year as a fresh start, a new beginning, and yes, resolutions. The grand news, Jesus knows us, refreshes us, loves us, and makes us new, each and every moment of each and every day, calling us, by name, to put our trust and hope, into Him. Blessings as you enter into the New Year.

Dear Father God, make your year a happy one!
Not by shielding us from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening us to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making our path easy,
But by making us sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from us,
But by taking fear from our heart;
Not by granting us unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping our face bright, even in the shadows;
Not by making our life always pleasant,
But by showing us when people and their causes need us most,
and by making us anxious to be there to help.
God's love, peace, hope and joy to us for the year ahead.
In Jesus name. Amen.

- *Author Unknown; Adapted by Debra Mooney*

ORLC PRAYER LIST: Prayer is powerful & a way to support those seeking comfort and guidance. The list below are those who need your prayers.

TO PRAY FOR:

Marilyn S, Carl A, Carsen (grandson of Steve and Cindy S), Dave B, Joan R, Eric J (son of Sherwood & Marietta J), Carolyn T, Jerry S, Tonia J, Bill M (son of Ron & Donna P)
Always keep in prayer--- our military, first responders, front line workers, for all who work for peace and justice on behalf of 'the least of these' and for all those we hold in prayer in the quiet of our hearts.