

January 12, 2025

Baptism of Our Lord

ELW Holy Communion

Setting Eight

Fisher – “As Children of God, we invite all people to journey with us as we worship, grow in faith and serve in Jesus name.”



Bygland - “We are God’s work in progress, with hearts lifted to God in trust and praise and with hands extended to serve in Jesus’ name.”

PRELUDE/BELLS

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(ELW p. 94)*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters (ELW #445)*

GREETING *(ELW p. 184)*

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.**

KYRIE *(ELW p. 184)*

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,

Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,

Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;

that we may live out truth and justice and grace,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,

Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;

for life and for love, for our work and our play,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,

Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;

that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,

Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE *(ELW p. 185)*

This is the feast of vict'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of vict'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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 PASSING OF PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you. ***And Also with you.***

WORD

PSALM: Psalm 51:6-17

⁶ Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.

⁷ Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice. ⁹ Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

¹¹ Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit. ¹³ Let me teach your ways to offenders, and sinners shall be restored to you. ¹⁴ Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of my salvation, and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness. ¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall declare your praise. ¹⁶ For you take no delight in sacrifice, or I would give it. You are not pleased with burnt offering. ¹⁷ The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will not despise.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN – as the children come forward the congregation sings Jesus Loves Me (ELW #595) (V. 1)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (P. 188)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-22

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" ⁷John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." ¹⁰And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" ¹¹In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." ¹²Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" ¹³He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." ¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John 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. ¹⁷His 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." ¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added to them all by shutting

up John in prison. ²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and 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 the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *As with Gladness Men of Old (ELW #302)*
(VV. 1, 2, 3)

OFFERING SONG *Create in me a Clean Heart (ELW #186)*
(*Congregation stands as the offering is brought forward*)

APOSTLES CREED (ELW p. 152)

**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 INTERCESSION

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

You give strength to your people. Uphold all who serve the common good. Guide federal and state legislators, city and county officials, judges and juries. Strengthen our resolve to serve all in need.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You are with us in challenging times. Draw near to all who are ill, undergoing treatment, or recovering from surgery. Accompany individuals and families affected by addiction or mental health challenges. Uphold each person as your beloved.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You grant us peace. Comfort all who grieve. Dwell with us in this life and, at the last, join us with the saints whom you have created, formed, and named.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE (*ELW p. 190*)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven,	as we forgive those
hallowed be thy name,	who trespass against us;
thy kingdom come,	and lead us not into
thy will be done,	temptation,
on earth as it is in heaven.	but deliver us from evil.
Give us this day our	For thine is the kingdom,
daily bread;	and the power, and the glory,
and forgive us our trespasses,	forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMNS *Lamb of God (ELW #191)*

One Bread, One Body (ELW #496)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*ELW p. 191*)

Let us pray... **Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING (*ELW p. 192*)

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG *Go, My Children, with My Blessing (ELW #543)*

DISMISSAL *(ELW p. 192)*

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

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JOYFULLY SERVING

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BLC Live Stream -

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Northlands Rescue Mission – Volunteers Enter Door #1 at 4:40 PM, Serving from 5-6. Jan. 12th & 26th Confirmation, Youth and adults. 10 spots open each day...Fulfills service hours for Confirmands. Contact Pastor Gretchen to sign up and secure a ride. We will feed around 80 hungry people.
- Tue, Jan. 14th 8:00 AM Stretch and Pray
- Wed, Jan. 15th 9:00 AM WELCA Bible Study at FLC
6:15 – 7:30 PM Confirmation at FLC (Grade 8)
7:30 PM Fisher Council
- Thur, Jan. 16th 6:30 AM AA at FLC
- Sun, Jan. 19th 9:00 AM Worship at Fisher
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship at Bygland
- Bygland Annual Meeting Feb. 2nd
- Fisher Annual Meeting Feb. 9th

Gatherers Give with Glad Hearts

Fisher Lutheran Church

January – March Donations

will be gathered for...

Care & Share of Crookston, Inc

Simply purchase any items from the list to donate, return them to Fisher Lutheran in the gathering bag and they will be delivered to Care & Share.

- Diapers (All Sizes)
- Baby Wipes
- Pack & Play
- Baby Crib
- Deodorant (Men's & Women's)
- Men's & Women's Body Wash/Soap
- Shavers & Shaving Cream (Men's & Women's)
- Socks (Men's & Women's Sizes)
- Grooming Kits (Fingernail & Toenail Clippers)
- Women's Feminine Hygiene Products
- Women's Jackets
- Women's Hats & Gloves
- Bras, Underwear & Pajamas
- Men's 2 XL Clothing, Jackets, Hats & Gloves
- Larger Men's Boxers/Briefs & Pajamas

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Donate online at <https://www.givemn.org/organization/Care-And-Share>

Amazon Wish List

Getting an Amazon Wish List package always makes Care & Share smile and brightens their day! The generous donations they receive, including through the Amazon Wish List, help them better meet the needs of residents.

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Purchases made from the Care & Share Wishlist will be shipped directly to the shelter. If you would like a receipt and/or recognition, please enter your full name in the "gift message" box upon checkout.

Care and Share of Crookston Presents

Open Hearts, Open Doors

Dinner & Silent Auction
Saturday, February 1st, 2025
CROOKSTON INN

BUFFET:
Barbecue Ribs
Creamy Chicken with Garlic & Spinach
With Sides

5:00 p.m. - Social Hour
6:00 p.m. - Dinner
7:00 p.m. - Silent Auction & Games

\$50 per ticket

All proceeds will go towards a Walk In Freezer for the New Hope Food Shelf

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