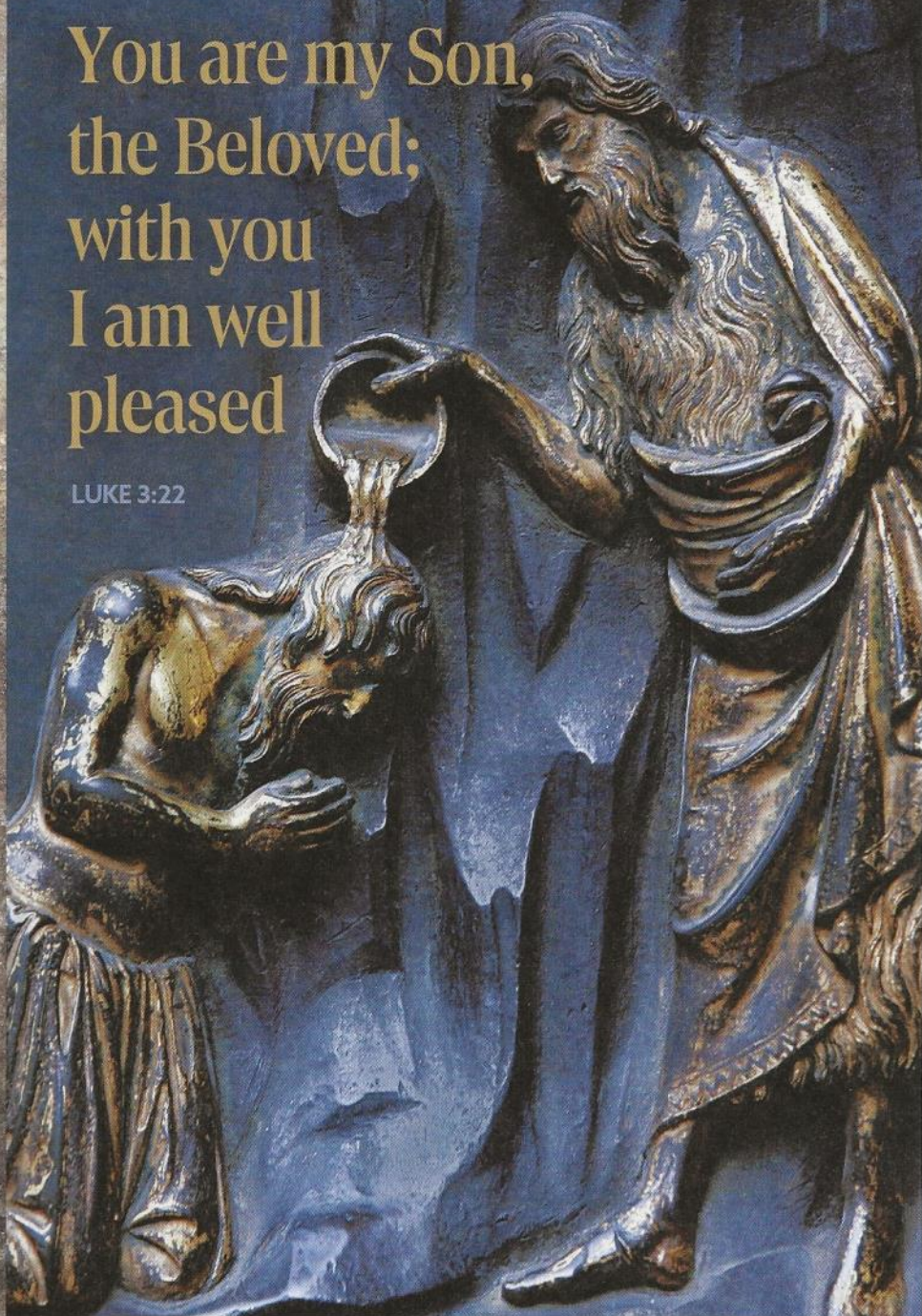


You are my Son,
the Beloved;
with you
I am well
pleased

LUKE 3:22





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“As followers of Jesus, we serve our neighbors locally and globally.”

Baptism of Our Lord
January 12, 2025
10:30 a.m.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
Temple Talk, Deacon Chelle Huth

PRELUDE: *Prelude on the Introit for Epiphany* – Maurice Duruflé

*Throughout this bulletin, the text in **bold** type is said by the congregation.*

Please be seated or kneel if able.

THANKSGIVING OF BAPTISM

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.

Water is poured into the baptismal font.

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.**

The congregation stands to sing the hymn.

HYMN #458: Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God CHRISTE SANCTORUM

APOSTOLIC 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.**

GLORIA

(music on p. 158 ELW Setting 5)

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.**

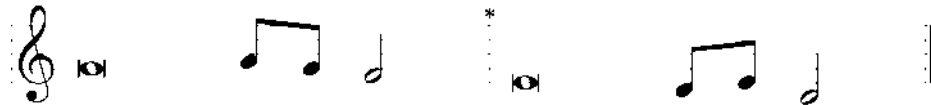
The congregation is seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7 *(printed on back cover)*

At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:

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

PSALM 29 *Please remain seated. The psalm is sung responsively as indicated.*



¹Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;**
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;**
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.

- ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;
- ⁶**he makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**
- ⁷The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD | shakes
the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.
- ⁸**The voice of the LORD makes the | oak trees writhe
and strips the | forests bare.**
- ⁹And in the temple | of the LORD
all are | crying, "Glory!"
- ¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as | king forevermore.**
- ¹¹The LORD shall give strength | to his people;
the LORD shall give his people the bless- | ing of peace.

SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17 (*printed on back cover*)

At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:

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

The congregation stands to sing the Gospel Acclamation.



Repeat alleluia



HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (*printed on back cover*)

Prior to the reading of the Holy Gospel, the following is said:

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the following is said:

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

The congregation is seated.

SERMON

Deacon Chelle Huth

The congregation stands to sing the hymn.

HYMN OF THE DAY #305: When Jesus Came to Jordan

KING'S LYNN

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM:

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come before God to make public affirmation of baptism into Christ.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,
the powers of this world that rebel against God,
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever.

Amen.

Please kneel or be seated.

PRAYERS

*Each petition concludes: Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.***

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers. The congregation responds: **Amen.***

Please stand if you are able.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you" or similar words.

At the conclusion of the Peace, the congregation is seated.

ANTHEM: *The Baptism of Our Lord* – Charles Callahan

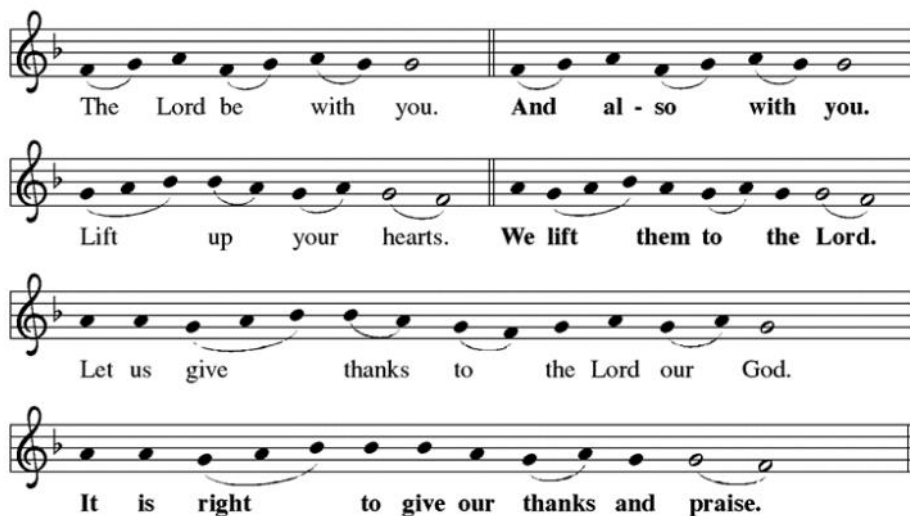
Please stand if you are able.

OFFERTORY HYMN #884: *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Assisting Minister: Let us pray: **Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

HYMN #190: *Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus)*

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

After the words “with every breath”, the congregation responds: **We praise you, O God.**

After the words “into the future”, the congregation responds: **We bless you, O God.**

After the words “with us now”, the congregation responds: **We thank you, O God.**

After the words “we proclaim the mystery of faith”, the congregation responds:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

After the words “without end”, the congregation responds: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gather into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us to pray...

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given today to the Glory of God.

SERVING IN THE LITURGY

Vicar	Philip J. Supeck
Deacon	Chelle Huth
Organist	Roger Kurtz
Asst. Minister/Lector	Jill Clubb
Altar Guild	Jean Slaymaker
Acolyte	Joyce Burkholder
Ushers	Claude Grube, Andy Anderson, Charles Sweigart Jr.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC NOTES:

The Hymn of the Day – “When Jesus Came to Jordan” (*ELW* #305) – was written by The Reverend Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000), a British Methodist minister and hymn writer. Green wrote a vast majority of his hymn texts following retirement from the ministry in 1969. Eleven of Green’s texts appear in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, including “When in Our Music God Is Glorified,” his best-known hymn which can be found on page 851. Referred to by some as the “Charles Wesley of the 20th century,” Green served as Vice President of the Hymn Society of Great Britain and Ireland, Associate of the Royal School of Church Music, and was made a Fellow of the Hymn Society in the United States and Canada.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Chrystine and Andy Anderson, Leslie Carson, Cheyenne Colon, Jean Ehrhart, Weston Hertzler, Hunter Leisey, Andrea Reynolds, Norma Rhoads, Joe Stoyanovich, Toby Sweigart, and Doris Witwer.

Anyone requesting prayers for themselves or for others to contact Vicar Philip Supeck via his cell phone or by email.

VICAR PHILIP’S AVAILABILITY AT JELC

Tuesday and Thursday 8am to 4:30pm. Call him at 717-725-3429 on those dates if you would like to schedule an appointment with him.

Reminder Dates

Fellowship and Adult Forum at 9am and Worship Service at 10:30 am on Sunday, Jan. 12.

February Newsletter Deadline on Wednesday, January 15.

Installation of Church Council and officers on Sunday, January 19.

Council Meeting at 7pm on Monday, January 20.

FEBRUARY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

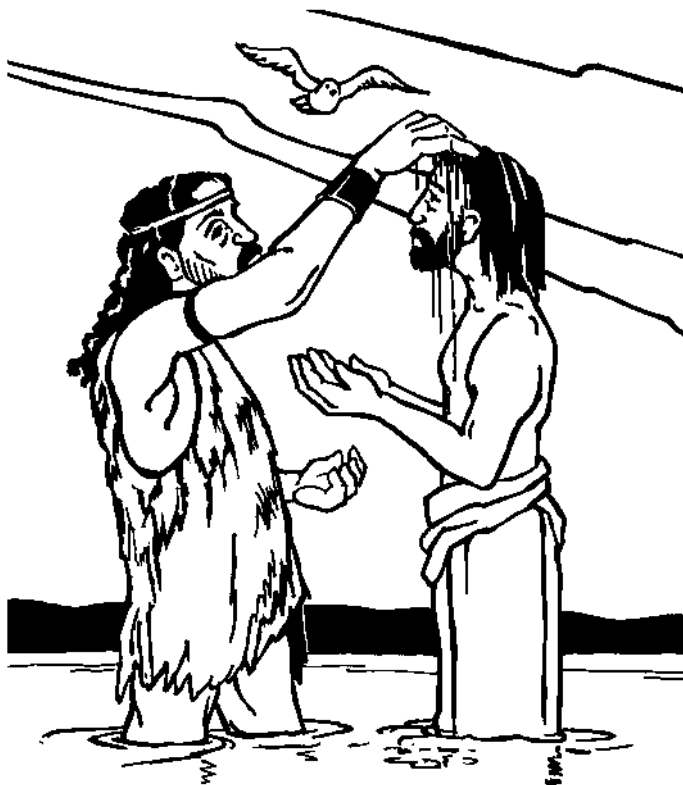
At our February Congregational meeting we will be electing a new 2025 nominating committee. The current members are Joyce Burkholder, Brenda Fetter, Zachary Fetter and Larrie Miller and they are ineligible for 2025. Rene Amey and Mike Fetter who are going off of council have agreed to this serve on this committee. We need at least one more or two to serve. Please prayerfully consider serving on this committee.

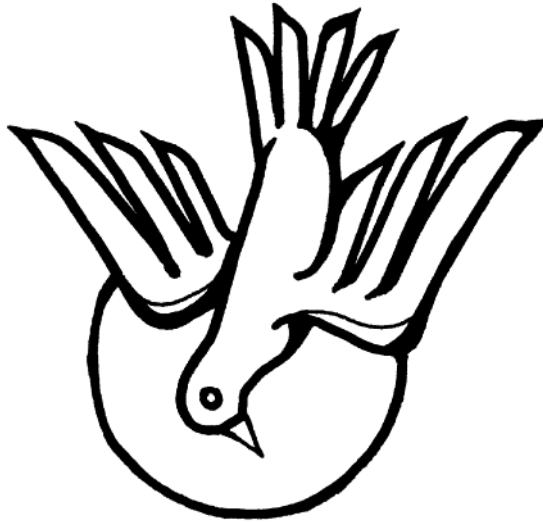
CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

Check your contact information: telephone number, address and email address in current Annual Report. If changes needed, please inform our office administrator.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

JELC Congregational Meeting to approve annual report will take place on February 16, 2025 following worship.





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Zachary Fetter, *Office Administrator*
Joan C. Dull, *Sexton*
Congregation, *Ministers*

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.
²When 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.
³For 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.
⁴Because 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.
⁵Do not fear, for I am with you;
 I will bring your offspring from the east,
 and from the west I will gather you;
⁶I 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—
⁷everyone who is called by my name,
 whom I created for my glory,
 whom I formed and made."

Psalm 29**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. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As 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."
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."

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11.

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