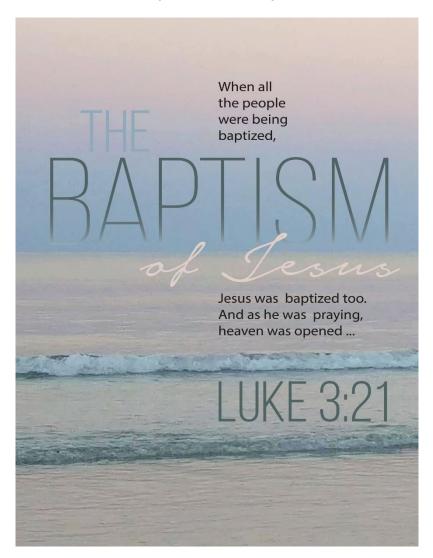
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Baptism of Our Lord January 9, 2022

Stand GATHERING HYMN



Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt. Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

- P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thought of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Please kneel, sit or stand

- P Most Merciful God,
- C we confess that we are in bondage 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.
- P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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.
- C Amen.

Stand GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.



HYMN OF PRAISE







Be seated PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Pastoral Prayer
- C Amen.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 43:1-7

But now, this is what the LORD says-

he who created you, Jacob,

he who formed you, Israel:

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and when you pass through the rivers,

they will not sweep over you.

When you walk through the fire,

you will not be burned;

the flames will not set you ablaze.

- ³ For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;
- I give Egypt for your ransom,
- Cush and Seba in your stead.
- ⁴Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you,
- I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life.
- ⁵ Do not be afraid, for I am with you;



I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. ⁶ I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.' Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth— ⁷ everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

- R The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29

- R Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- C ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.
 - ³The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders,
 - the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.

⁴ The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic.

⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶ He makes Lebanon leap like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox.

⁷ The voice of the LORD strikes with flashes of lightning. Ascribe to the LORD the **glory** of his name; **worship** the LORD in holy **splendor**.



⁸ The voice of the LORD shakes the desert; the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh.
⁹ The voice of the LORD twists the oaks and strips the forests bare.
And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD is enthroned as King forever.
¹¹ The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 6:1-11

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ² By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

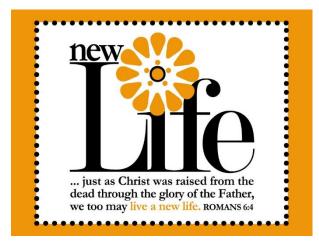
⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—⁷ because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

⁸Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

- R The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT





GOSPEL: LUKE 3:15-22

- P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 3rd chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." ¹⁸ And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

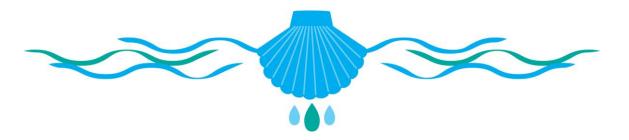
¹⁹ But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of his marriage to Herodias, his brother's wife, and all the other evil things he had done, ²⁰ Herod added this to them all: He locked John up in prison.

²¹ When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

Be seated SERMON Moment of silent reflection after sermon

Pastor Phil Hohulin





Text: Johann J. Rambach, 1693–1735; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, alt. Music: O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HÄTTE, Kornelius Heinrich Dretzel, 1705–1773

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

Kneel/sit/stand THE PRAYERS

- A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their need:
- A Lord God, you call us by name and make us your own in the waters of Baptism. Strengthen all those who are newly baptized and those who have affirmed their baptism. Give them all the grace to trust in the resurrection of Christ, and through believing to have life in his name. Lord in your mercy.
- C Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, bring to your children, born of water and the Spirit, the righteousness which can only come through your Son, Jesus. Having been overwhelmed by grace help us to see ourselves and others as beloved ones created in your image. Bless also the work of our ministry partner, the Miami Valley Women's Center. May all they serve know hope and joy through your Son. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

Comforting Holy Spirit, keep us ever mindful of those around us who are grieving or despairing as they pass through the waters and walk through the fires of life. Remind us of your faithfulness and love for us whom you call daughters and sons. Renew our hearts with your healing power. Bring light and life to all those we name to you now... Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

Jesus Christ, our sovereign lord, grant your wisdom to all elected and appointed leaders. Help them discern your holy will. Protect them from corruption and temptation. Enable them to ensure the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness to all, from first heartbeat to last. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

God of all wisdom, bless the leaders of our church: our bishop Dan Selbo; his assistants Amy, Brad, David, Gemechas, Phillip, and Andrew; and our seminary president, Eric. Enhance the missional efforts of all congregations around the globe that faithfully proclaim your word. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

Stand PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us share a sign of Christ's peace.



Be seated OFFERING

Special Music

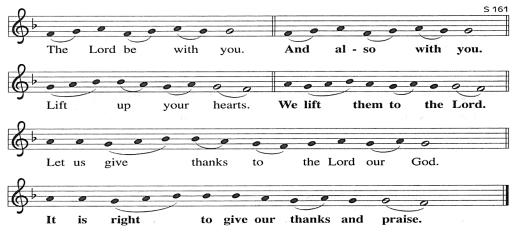
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

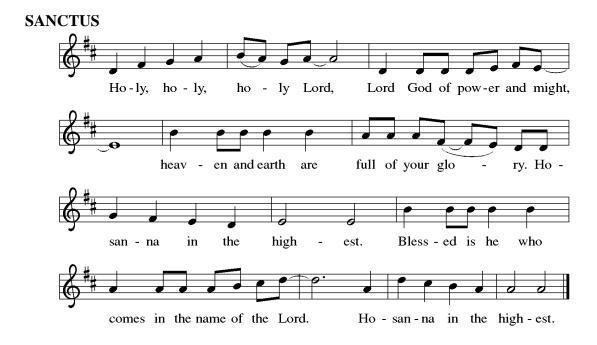
- A Let us pray.
- C Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

DIALOGUE



PREFACE

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and ever living God. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth, and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

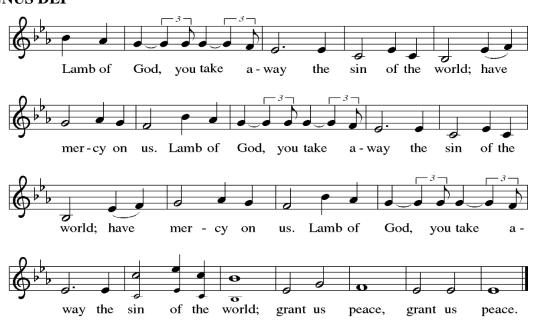
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C 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.

Be seated AGNUS DEI



COMMUNION

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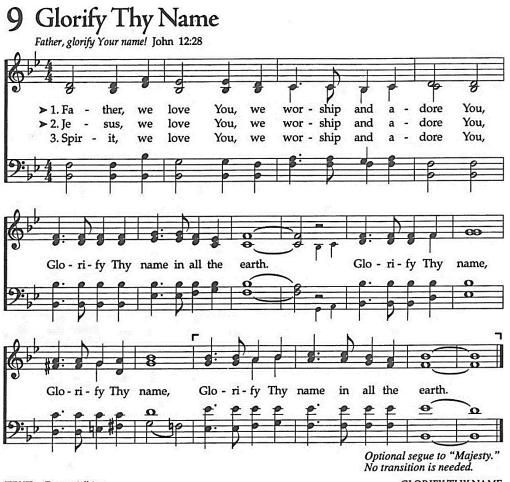
We believe that Holy Communion is the sacrament of the real presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ. As we partake of the *bread and the *wine, we trust Jesus' promise that we receive His Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sin and strength to service in our lives. If you are a baptized and repentant Christian who desires to commune with us, you are thereby publicly declaring your oneness in faith with us, and you too recognize the Lord's Body and Blood as fulfilling God's Covenant of Grace for us.

> The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: Amen.

Stand PRAYER

- A Let us pray.
- C God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING (Vs. 2 Only)

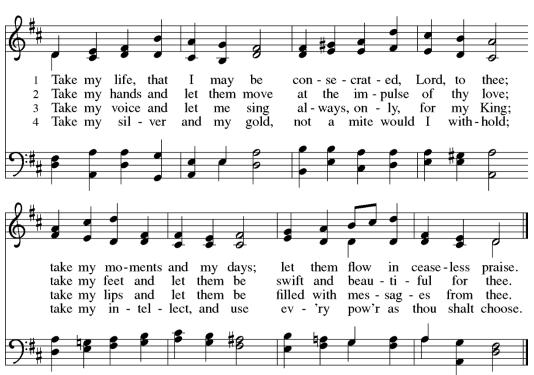


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BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

SENDING HYMN



Take My Life, That I May Be

5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



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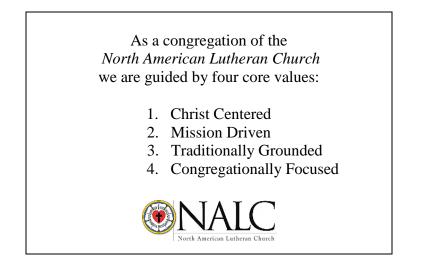
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