

Baptism of Our Lord

January 12, 2025

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE LIVE AND WORSHIP ON THE UNCEDED TRADITIONAL TERRITORY OF THE KWIKWETLEM FIRST NATION, WHICH LIES WITHIN THE SHARED TERRITORIES OF THE TSLEIL-WAUTUTH, KATZIE, MUSQUEAM, SQUAMISH AND STOL:LO NATIONS. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE CARED FOR THIS LAND SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL AS WE SEEK TO JOURNEY TOWARDS A MEANINGFUL RECONCILIATION.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Welcome & Announcements & Land Acknowledgement

Gathering Hymn ELW # 304 - Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

Greeting

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

C: **And also with you.**

Kyrie

A In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. **A** For the

C Lord, have mer - cy.

peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the

Lord. **A** For the peace of the whole world, the well - being of the

C Lord, have mer - cy.

Church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. **A** For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their

C Lord, have mer - cy.

wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

C A - men

Hymn of Praise – This is the Feast

C This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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D Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

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free to be peo - ple of God. **II** Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and

strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

III This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

I Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of

all cre - a - tion: **II** Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and

might to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men

III This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

I For the Lamb, the Lamb who was slain has be -

P: Amen, with water.

C: **Amen, with water.**

First Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7

Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring the people home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.

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."

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

Refrain: 
The voice of the LORD is up-on the wa-ters.

L: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in holy splendor.

C: **Refrain**

L: The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

C: Refrain

L: He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

C: Refrain

L: The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"
The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

C: Refrain

L: May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

C: Refrain

Second Reading: Acts 8:14-17

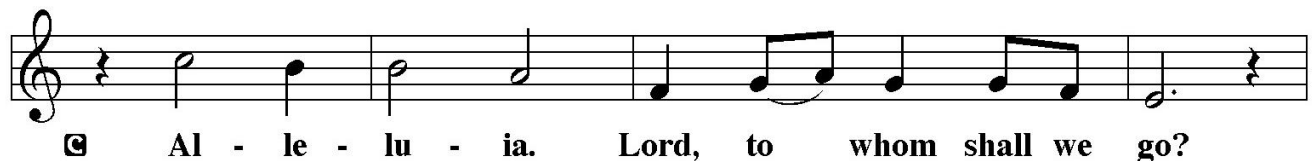
Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.

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.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al- le- lu - ia.

L: The holy Gospel according to Luke, the 3rd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.

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. His 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."

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."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ACS # 916 Down Galilee's Slow Roadways

Prayers of the People

After each petition, the Pastor will say "God of light" and the congregation will respond, "hear our prayer".

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

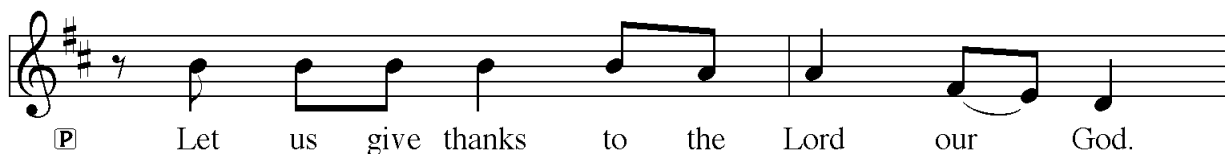
All are invited to share a sign of peace with those around them, as we recognize the image of God in each other.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Offering Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving





P: It is indeed right and salutary that...

The pastor continues, concluding...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

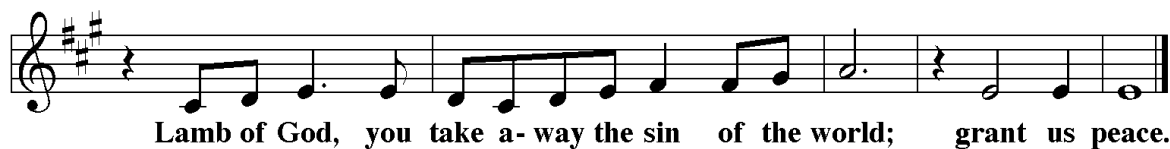
Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray with confidence the words our Savior gave us:

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Lamb of God



Communion is distributed

Directions for Communion: All are invited to this meal of grace, including children. At the Usher's direction, you are invited to advance to the communion rail through the centre aisle, commune in groups, and exit back to your pews through the window aisles, depositing your used wine/juice vessel in the repository tray at the head of each window aisle. If you would prefer to receive communion in your pew once all have come forward, please raise your hand and the servers will come to you. Wine is located in the two outer rings of the tray and the grape juice in the centre.

Hymns Sung During Communion

ELW # 407 O Living Breath of God

ELW # 575 In Christ Called to Baptize

ELW # 459 Wade in the Water

ELW # 212 You Belong to Christ (Chant)

Communion Blessing & Prayer After Communion

Celebration and Affirmation of Baptism

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

P: 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.

C: Amen.

P: 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,
the powers of this world that rebel against God,
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**C: 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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

P: 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?

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

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

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

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Those watching online are invited to dip their fingers in the bowl of water they have prepared and make the sign of the cross on their forehead or the forehead of someone with whom they are worshiping, as those present are invited to come to the font. We sing together # 957 "Take Me to the Water".

Baptism Celebration Song ACS # 957 Take Me to the Water

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Blessing

P: God who names you,
Christ who claims you,
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
✠ bless you and remain with you always.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn # 453 Baptized and Set Free

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 12, 2025

(To open hyperlinks, try right-clicking your mouse while on the link and select Open Hyperlink or Control-Click)

Flowers are placed on the altar in gratitude to God for His gift - and the blessings - of baptism.

Mid-Week Prayer Gathering: This Wednesday's Prayer Gathering will be cancelled as Pastor Eric is away.

Sunday Morning Bible Study: Next Sunday's Morning Bible Study will be cancelled as Pastor Eric is away.

Tri-Cities Emergency Winter Shelter Program: Despite the unusually warm weather we are currently experiencing, during the month of February, Good Shepherd is assisting St. Laurence with the Tri-Cities Emergency Winter Shelter Program. There is a sign-up sheet on the Usher's Table to volunteer for morning or evening shifts and for taking on other duties like making sandwiches for lunches, or maybe even preparing a warm dinner meal. To that end, we are now starting to collect ***specific food and clothing items*** to help keep St. Laurence's food pantry and donation closet fully stocked for the month. Please see the specific items they need on page 15. Donation Bins are in the Narthex to receive your food and clothing donations, and please sign up on the sign-up sheet to help out as you are able.

Christian Unity Luncheon: The annual *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* is coming up from January 18 -25. We will once again be joining with our neighbouring congregations for an event to celebrate the week. However, it will happen on **Saturday, February 1** at **All Saints RC Parish** (821 Fairfax St, Coquitlam, BC). You are invited to a short service starting at noon to be followed by lunch, a presentation and table conversation. Good Shepherd is committed to provide soup for the lunch. If you are able to help in this area, please sign your name on the sign-up sheet on the Ushers Table.

2025 Offering Envelopes: Offering Envelopes for 2025 are now in your mail slots. If anyone wishes to have offering envelopes and didn't receive them, please phone the office as we have many sets available. If you received offering envelopes for 2025 and do not want them for 2026, once again please call the office. Thanks

Nominations are Open for the ELCIC Leadership Award: Do you know someone, rostered or lay, who should be recognized for their outstanding contribution in service to the wider church? Nominate them for the **ELCIC Leadership Award!** To find more information including **downloading the Nomination Form**, please click here. All nominations must be postmarked or emailed **by February 28, 2025**.

2025 National Convention: After 18 years of service leading the ELCIC as national bishop, Rev. Susan Johnson has announced she will be retiring from her role at the conclusion of her current term, which coincides with the 2025 National Convention. To assist the church in this transition, National Church Council (NCC) has thoughtfully considered a discernment process in the lead up to the election of the new national bishop. More information can be found here.

COMPASSIONATE JUSTICE & CREATION CARE:

- **Concern About Changes to Immigration:** The federal government's recent announcement to cut immigration is not of benefit to the rights and wellbeing of migrant workers in Canada. This announcement is based on fears that newcomers are exacerbating the housing and affordability crisis without a deeper analysis of the sources of these problems. Read more analysis in this thoughtful article from KAIROS.
- **Countering Antisemitism in Worship:** From January to May, join a transformative webinar series that will deepen your understanding of scripture, free from harmful biases. Learn to identify and dismantle anti-Jewish and antisemitic readings, engage in meaningful dialogue with a diverse community of learners, and

explore scripture through a lens of justice, compassion and understanding. This series offers a blend of live sessions and self-guided learning, providing you with the flexibility to learn at your own pace. Live Meeting Dates are on Mondays from 4-5:30 on January 27, March 3 & May 5. [Register now for the January-May 2025 Series.](#)

This Week At Church (Note 1)

- This Sunday Sunday morning Bible Study at 9:30 am
Baptism of Our Lord Worship Service with Holy Communion and Sunday School at 10:30 am (View live-stream [here](#))
- Tuesday Woodworking and Crafters Group at 10 am
 GSW Circle Meeting at 1 pm
- Wednesday Prayer Group at 1:30 pm
- Wed-Sunday..... Pastor Eric in Winnipeg for National Church Meetings
- Thursday *Council Meeting* **postponed to January 23**
- Next Sunday Sunday morning Bible Study at 9:30 am - **CANCELLED**
Second Sunday of Epiphany Worship Service at 10:30 am (No Communion)
 (View live-stream [here](#))

Note: Most events are in-person events except those noted “on Zoom” or “Online”. The links to these online events are accessible through our website. Our Sunday morning worship service is offered in-person, live-streamed and via on-line recording posted to our website shortly after the service is over, unless otherwise noted.

Last Week at Church

<u>Financial Information for:</u>	<u>January 5th</u>
Total Offerings:	\$ 3,353.00
General	\$ 3,233.00
<u>Designated Gifts:</u>	
- Offering Envelopes	\$ 100.00
- Special Initiative Fund	\$ 20.00

A gentle reminder that in consideration of those who have severe sensitivities and allergies, the church has been designated a **fragrance-free zone**. Your understanding and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Tri-Cities Emergency Shelter Donation Lists for February

LUNCHES

Fruit Cups

Jello Cups

Soft Granola Bars

Cookies or Muffins

Crackers

Snack Foods



DRINKS

Regular Coffee

Decaffeinated Coffee

Hot Chocolate

Drink Crystals (iced tea, lemonade, fruit punch)

Juice Boxes (250 ml for lunches)

Juice Boxes (one litre) for breakfasts

Water Bottles



OTHER

Grocery Gift Cards



MISCELLANEOUS

Socks (dark if possible)

Short and Long Sleeve T-Shirts

Sweatpants (ideally with strings)

Rain Jackets and Hoodies

Warm Waterproof Coats

Waterproof Footwear

Backpacks

Combs, Brushes

Small Hand Towels, Face Cloths



Travel-Sized TOILETRIES

Shampoo, Conditioner

Men and Ladies' Deodorant

Bodywash

Toothbrush and Toothpaste

Disposable Razors

Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

We welcome you to worship today. It is our prayer that you sense the joy that is present in Jesus Christ. God loves and values each of you without conditions attached. We bring our joys and needs before God, trusting in God's presence.

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General Office Hours				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00

We always recommend phoning before stopping by.



Good Shepherd
Website

