



**St. Luke Lutheran Church and
Lutheran Campus Ministry**
Holy Communion

The Baptism of Our Lord
Sunday, January 12, 2025
10:00 AM

YOU are welcome here! As a Reconciling in Christ Congregation, the people of St. Luke Lutheran Church are called by God to be a community...because we believe we are one in God's eyes, we welcome the mix of ages, races, gender identities, physical and mental capabilities, and sexual orientations with which God's children are blessed. Everyone is invited to share in God's grace. We rejoice in the knowledge that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus--not our wealth, nor our poverty, nor our nationality, nor our political convictions, nor whom we love, nor anything else in all creation.

Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.

Everything you need for worship today is contained in this bulletin.

*All are invited to stand as able. Items in **bold** are spoken or sung by the assembly.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam

setting by J. S. Bach

WORD OF WELCOME

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God-with-us,

we confess that we have turned away

those seeking shelter,

claiming there is no room when we have plenty.

We have made power and wealth our idols,

while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger.

We have overlooked the shepherds,

expecting good news in prettier packaging.

Too often, we have valued violence

instead of your peace.

Turn us from our ways to your ways.

Grant us the grace to begin again.

Free us from all that keeps us bound,

and forgive our sin,

through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us.

Amen.

Hear the good news and rejoice! You are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
forgiven in Christ, and freed to respond in joy. **Amen.**

*PEACE

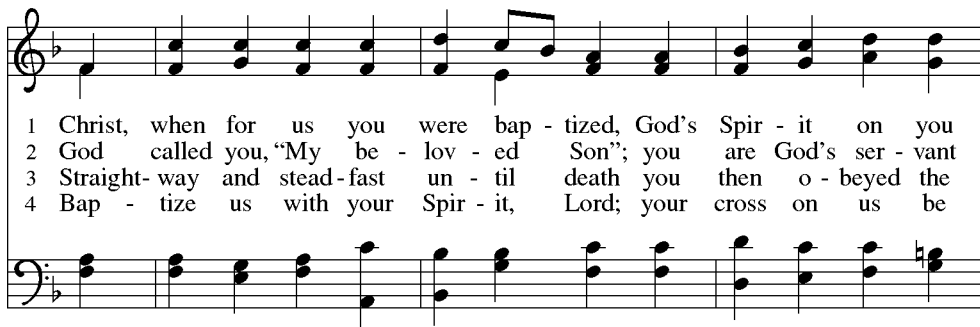
The presiding minister will offer a word of peace and the assembly responds:

And also with you.

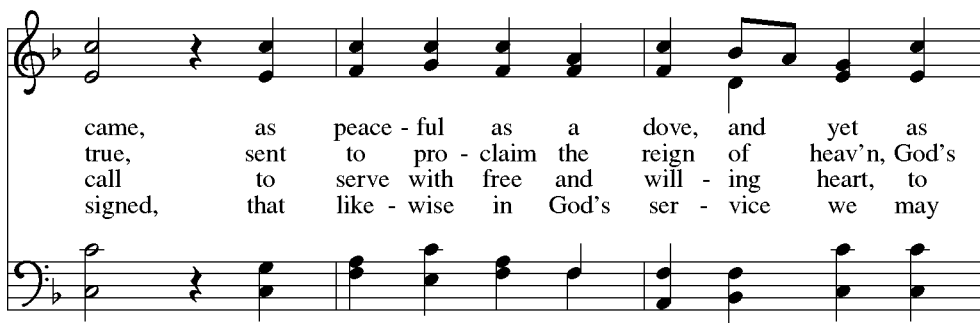
Please greet one another with a sign of peace, such as a handshake, being mindful of those who prefer less contact, or the "peace" sign.

*GATHERING HYMN 304 Christ, When For Us You Were Baptized

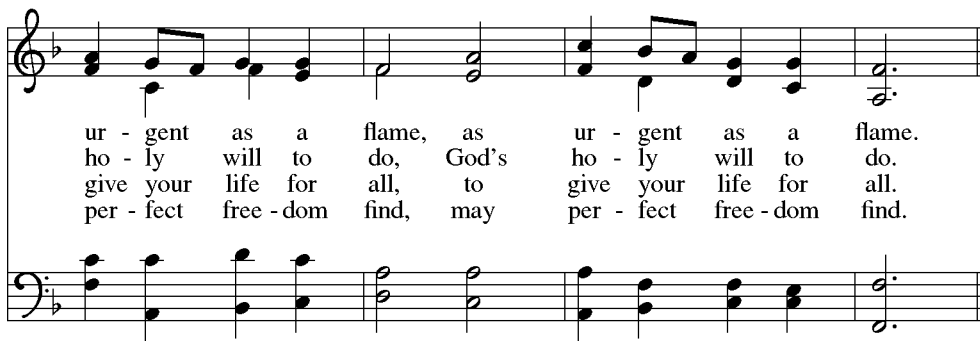
LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you
2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant
3 Straight - way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the
4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as
true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's
call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to
signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.
ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.
give your life for all, to give your life for all.
per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

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*GREETING

The presiding minister greets the assembly and the assembly responds:

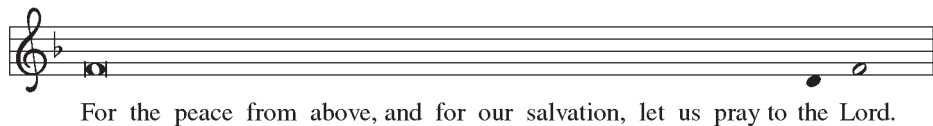
And also with you.

*KYRIE

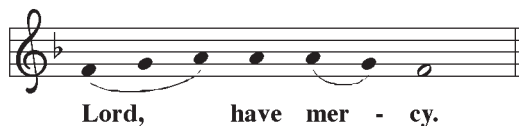
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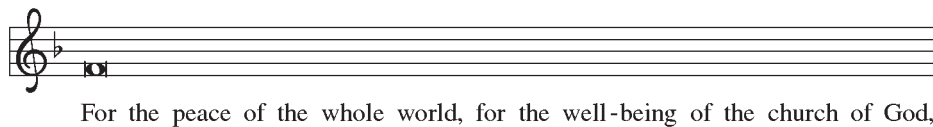
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



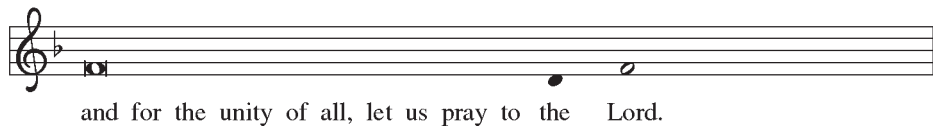
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



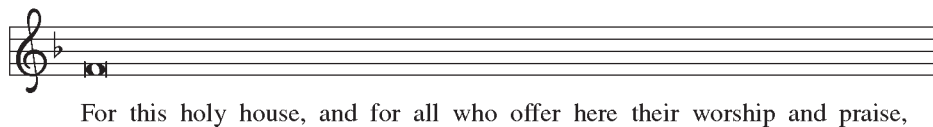
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



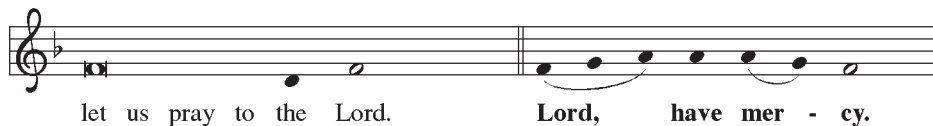
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



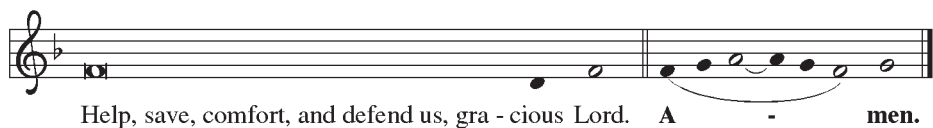
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE Glory to God

Setting Three

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The assisting minister offers the prayer of the day and the assembly responds:

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

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."

PSALM 29

The psalm is sung responsively.

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

**²Ascribe to the Lord the glory | due God's 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.

**⁴The 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;

**⁶the Lord makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**

⁷The voice | of the Lord
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.

**⁸The voice of the Lord | shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare.
And in the temple of the Lord all are | crying, "Glory!"

**¹⁰The Lord sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.**

¹¹O Lord, give strength | to your people;
give them, O Lord, the bless- | ings of peace.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son
and to the | Holy Spirit.**

**As it was in | the beginning,
is now, and will be for- | ever. Amen.**

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.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Setting Three

The assembly sings the acclamation.

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The holy gospel according to Luke, the third chapter.

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. 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON



1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John,
2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,
3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;



he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.
for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.
this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - 'ry bond - age break.



He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,
So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,
Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:



to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.
the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.
to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

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***NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his king-
dom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

The response to the petitions, which all end “God of Grace,” is

Hear our prayer.

After the pastor’s concluding prayer, the assembly responds:

Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

An offering is taken to support the mission of the church and the care of those in need. An usher will bring a basket or plate to you, or you may drop your offering in the plates on the table near the back row upon entering or leaving. Offerings can also be made using the QR code or visiting stlukeithaca.org.



SETTING THE TABLE AND OFFERTORY

Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam

setting by Dietrich Buxtehude

***ASSEMBLY OFFERTORY SONG 487** What Gift of Love

GREENSLEEVES

Stanza one only.

The assembly stands as the offering and the gifts of bread and wine are brought forward.



- 1 What feast of love is of-fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of-fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of-fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?
What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

***OFFERING PRAYER**

*The assisting minister offers the offertory prayer, and the assembly responds: **Amen.***

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

*DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

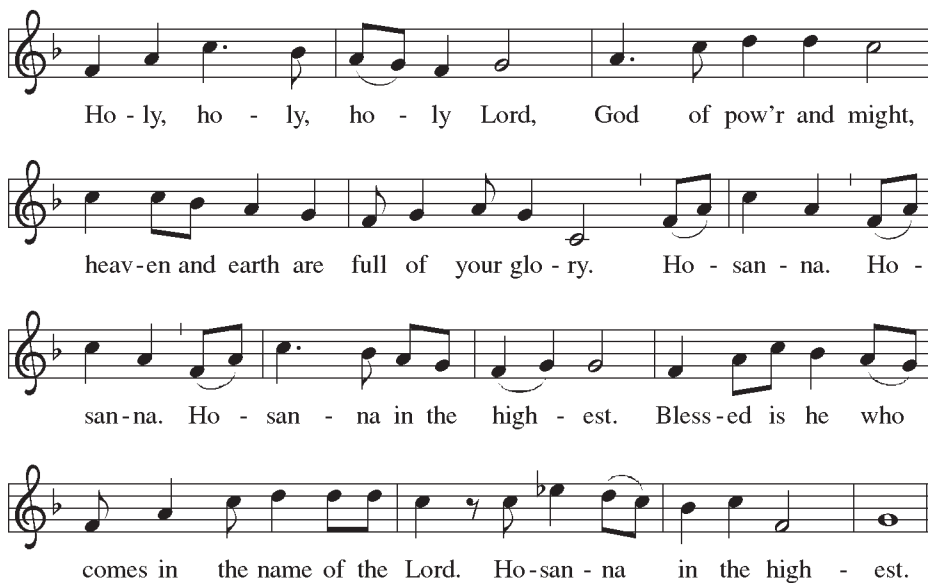
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Setting Three



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. 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

**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.**

**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.**

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

At St. Luke, all are welcome to the table of Christ without exception. Please make your way forward to the kneelers around the altar by exiting the center aisle and coming up the steps. As you gather around the altar you may stand or kneel. Gluten free wafers are available. Cups are available as you approach the altar. To return to your seats, please exit after receiving the wine or juice via the side steps and aisles, leaving the cup in the basket provided. If you wish to receive communion at your seats, please tell the ushers.

*LAMB OF GOD

Setting Three



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam

setting by Marcel Dupré

*TABLE BLESSING

*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE 292 Love Has Come Verse one only



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

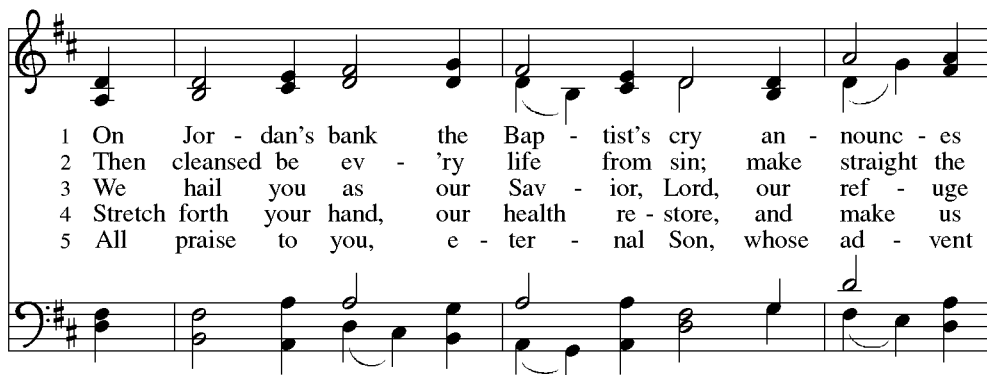
The assembly responds: Amen.

*BENEDICTION

The assembly responds: Amen.

*SENDING HYMN 249 On Jordan' Bank

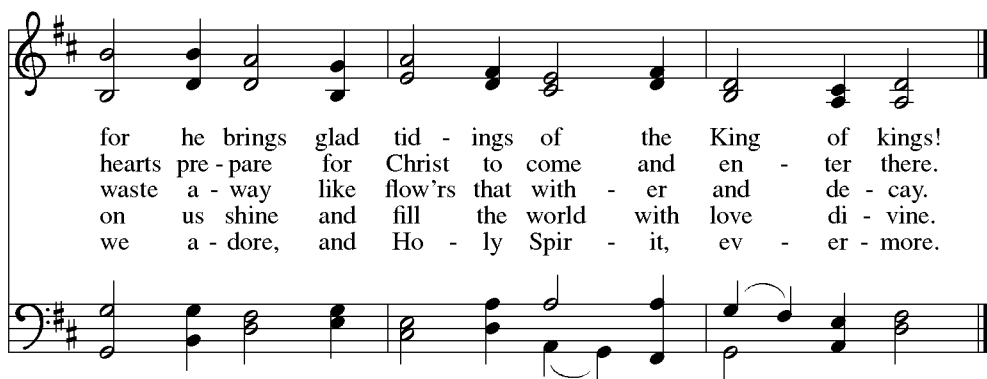
PUER NOBIS



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
way for God with - in, and let us all our
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam

setting by Johann Pachelbel

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY

St. Luke Ministers:	All the people of this Community
Assisting Minister:	Janelle Alvstad-Mattson
Reader:	Neil Mattson
Ushers:	Brad Wendel and Don Tennant
Organist:	Jeffrey Snedeker
Presider and Preacher:	The Rev. Jason R. Churchill

The flowers are given to the Glory of God.

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CALENDAR

Today	11:30	Godly Play
Tues., Jan. 14	12:15	Bible Study
Thurs., Jan 16	9:00	Quilters
Sun., Jan 19	8:30	Choir resumes
	11:30	Confirmation Class

UPCOMING READINGS

The foundational premise of this set of daily readings is their relationship to the Sunday lectionary. The readings are chosen so that the days leading up to Sunday (Thursday through Saturday) prepare for the Sunday readings. The days flowing out from Sunday (Monday through Wednesday) reflect upon the Sunday readings.

Monday

Psalm 106:1-12
Judges 4:1-16
Ephesians 6:10-17

Tuesday

Psalm 106:1-12
Judges 5:12-21
1 John 5:13-21

Wednesday

Psalm 106:1-12
Numbers 27:1-11
Luke 11:33-36

Thursday

Psalm 36:5-10
Jeremiah 3:1-5
Acts 8:18-24

Friday

Psalm 36:5-10
Jeremiah 3:19-25
1 Corinthians 7:1-7

Saturday

Psalm 36:5-10
Jeremiah 4:1-4
Luke 11:14-23

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWER SPONSORS: The 2025 Flower Sponsor chart is posted in the narthex and is quite blank---reserve your special days now!

RED WAGON: We did it! We filled the Red Wagon with shampoo and baby wipes (and other items) for our December collection. Thank you from Social Ministry! Let's fill it in January with canned meat stews and chili. All donations are given to the Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard.

MITTEN TREE: Wow, we went from bare to bounteous! Many thanks for those who have contributed new store bought or handmade items for the Mittens 'N More program. We will be wrapping up contributions on January 12th. All items will be donated to Enfield Elementary School.

Children and Youth

Every second Sunday of the month is Godly Play Sunday School.
Every third Sunday is Confirmation.

Campus Ministry

Welcome home! There are great opportunities to participate in worship if you wish, please talk with Erik after services or email him at office@stlukeithaca.org. Pr. Jason is available for coffee and conversations during the week, please email him at pastor@stlukeithaca.org.

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, martyr, died 1968 | January 15

An American prophet of justice among races and nations, King was an eloquent preacher, a leader of the nonviolent resistance to race-segregated society, and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. Born on this date, he was assassinated on April 4, 1968.

Antony of Egypt, renewer of the church, died around 356 | January 17

One of the earliest of the Egyptian desert fathers, Antony gave away his sizeable inheritance and became a hermit. Later he became leader of a group of monks who devoted themselves to prayer, worship, and labor.

Pachomius, renewer of the church, died 346 | January 17

Born in Egypt, Pachomius became a Christian while a soldier. He became a hermit (a solitary monk) and organized others into a religious community. His rule for monasteries influenced later ones in both the Eastern and Western churches.

Confession of Peter | January 18

Today the church remembers the apostle Peter's great acknowledgement of Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God." This festival serves as a fitting beginning to the week in which we particularly pray that all Christians might be united in faith and witness.

THE READINGS IN THE BIBLE

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Many religious communities, including first-century Qumran, conducted water rituals to signify the old life is washed away and a new person born. In first-century Judaism, water rituals prepared participants for the last day, and second-century converts to Judaism were baptized. As well, devout Jewish males immersed themselves before each Sabbath and Jewish wives immersed themselves after each menstrual period. Christians continued the practice of water rituals, and in Jesus' baptism narrative, tied baptism to the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and divine adoption. The Old Testament often depicts the presence of God with fire. Luke minimizes the account of Jesus' baptism and does not explicitly name John as the baptizer, perhaps since the early church was conflicted about why Jesus had to be baptized. By "the heaven was opened" Luke repeats eschatological imagery about the coming of the messiah.

Isaiah 43:1-7

Probably written about 550 bce, what scholars call Second Isaiah is addressed to the Israelites in light of the suffering of the exile. God is called Redeemer repeatedly in this passage: a redeemer was one who bought back a relative or property that had been sold to repay a debt. Just as God had redeemed Israel from Egypt, now God promises to redeem the people from Babylon. The Redeemer is also the Creator. Most surprisingly, these people can be called by God's name, which in Jewish tradition is unspeakably holy.

Acts 8:14-17

The Acts of the Apostles was written by the author of the Gospel according to Luke probably in the late 80s. In presenting the early decades of the Christian movement, the author, probably a Jewish Christian who was a skilled storyteller, proclaims that the Spirit of God who was active in Jesus is now active in the community. Luke's interest in the Gentile mission is seen in this mission into Samaria. For Luke, only the original Twelve—here Peter and John—should function as authorities in the church.

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