



Come to Believe † Come to Belong

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 12, 2025

PRELUDE

Rob Aaron

“Come to believe, Come to belong, Come to receive, the promise of God”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts 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.

Amen

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. Therefore, let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence for self-reflection)

Most merciful God,

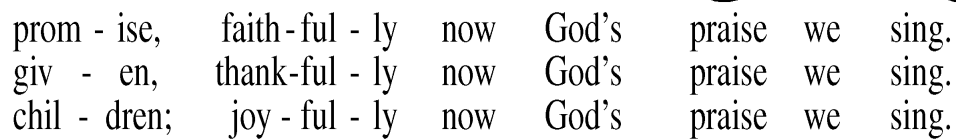
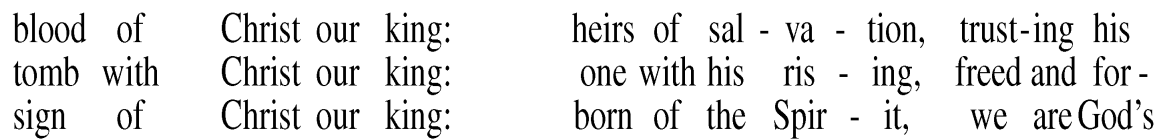
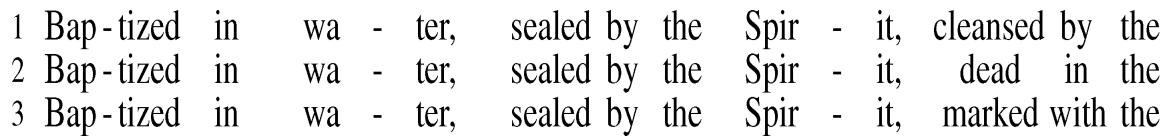
We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, 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.

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 unto you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

“Baptized in Water”



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

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord.

For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

Refrain

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray: **Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

¹But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, 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, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. ⁵Fear not, 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 up, and to the south, Do not withhold;

bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, ⁷ everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 29

- ¹ Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- ² Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.
- ³ The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
**the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over many waters.**
- ⁴ The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
- ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- ⁶ He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- ⁷ The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
- ⁸ **The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- ⁹ The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth
**and strips the forests bare,
and in his temple all cry, “Glory!”**
- ¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.
- ¹¹ May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

SECOND READING

Acts 8:14-17

¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, ¹⁵ who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, ¹⁶ for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷ Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 3rd chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord!

¹⁵ As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶ John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap 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 the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ!

SERMON

Pastor Gary Heltsley

HYMN OF THE DAY

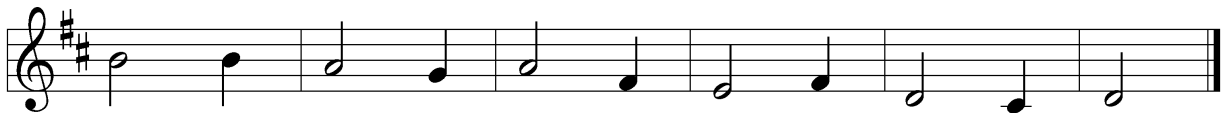
"On Jordan's Banks"



1 On Jor - dan's banks 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 hear - ken,
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.

APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P) Let us pray that the light of Christ may shine upon the Church, the world, and all people according to their need.

A brief silence

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, we adore you! Blessed Father, Glorious Son, most Holy Spirit, you reveal your heart to us in the Baptism of Jesus. By the Spirit's power, unite us to Christ so completely that we may hear the Father say to each of us, "You are my beloved son, my beloved daughter; in you I am well pleased."

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Fill the Church throughout the world with your Spirit. Bind her to your Son, your Word of truth. Adorn her with your goodness, holiness, and love. Make her fruitful in discipleship. Use us to lead many to the waters of Baptism, there to be made your beloved children.

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Be enthroned, O Lord, in the midst of this congregation. Overwhelm us with your majesty and mercy. Fill our worship with the beauty of holiness. Strengthen us to do your will. Conform us to the heart and mind of Jesus. Bestow on us your peace.

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Bless all who remember and give thanks for their Baptism. Thank you for adopting us as brothers and sisters of your dear Son, and for filling us with the same Spirit that descended upon him. Make us radiant with his holiness and his compassion. May we glorify you in all we say and do.

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

We beseech you on behalf of everyone afflicted by suffering, especially those we name aloud or silently in our hearts (*pause for silent or spoken prayers*). Bring them out of the dungeon of suffering and the prison of darkness. Lead them into the brightness of your presence and the company of all who love them.

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

O God, in Baptism we were buried with Christ into death, and raised with Him to walk in newness of life. As we partake of Holy Communion today, give us repentant hearts to receive Jesus' body and blood for the forgiveness of sins.

Lord, in Your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***


P) All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, grant to us, dear Father, for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

P) The peace of the Lord be with you all. **C) And also with you.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Doxology*

 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together

**Loving God, we give you thanks for the generous gifts you have first given us.
May that which we offer to you, come joyfully from our hearts and be
pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

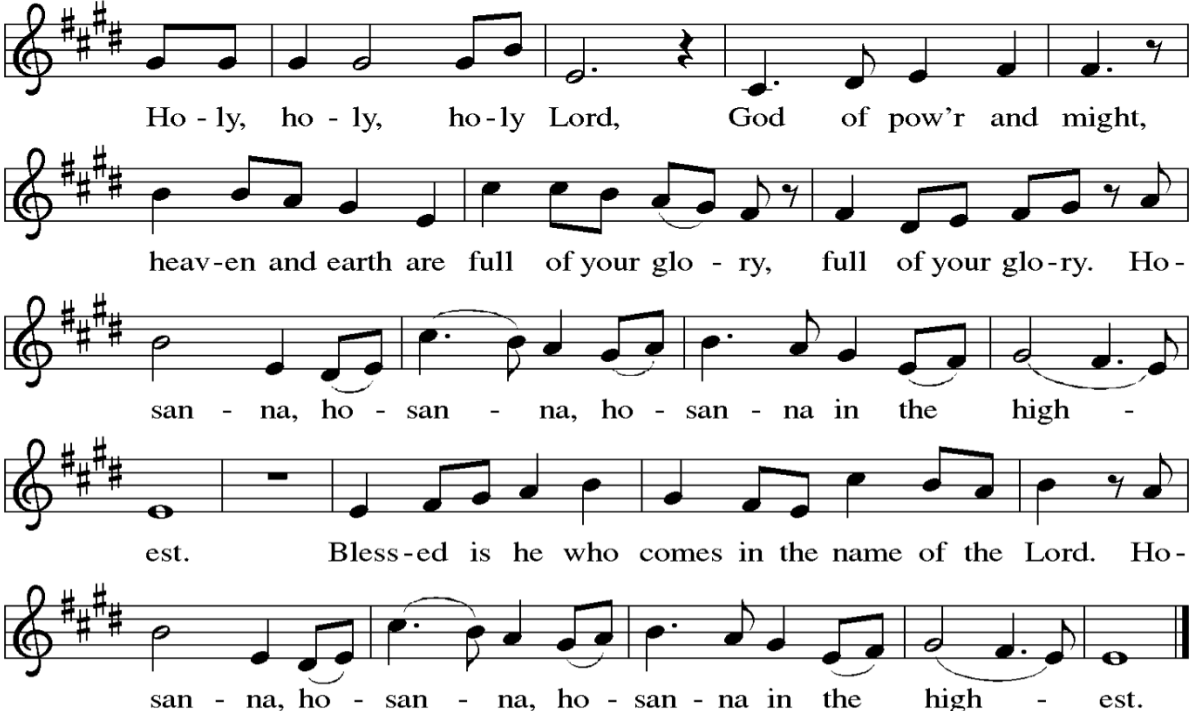
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right...(pastor continues, concluding with), we praise your name and
join their unending hymn:



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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Sung)*

*Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen



INVITATION TO COMMUNION – We believe and teach that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine/juice, which are his body and blood. All are welcome at the Lord's Table (*the red liquid is wine; the white liquid is grape juice*).

"Lamb of God"

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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

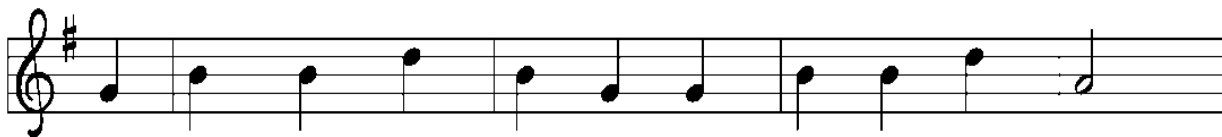
"In Christ Called to Baptize"



1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach
4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,



and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.

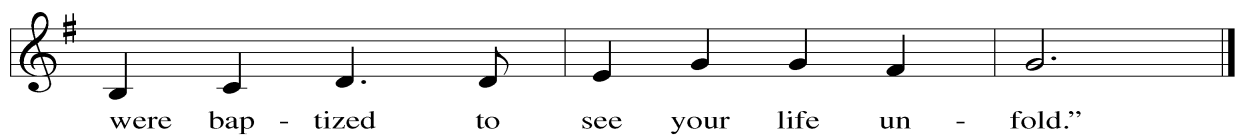
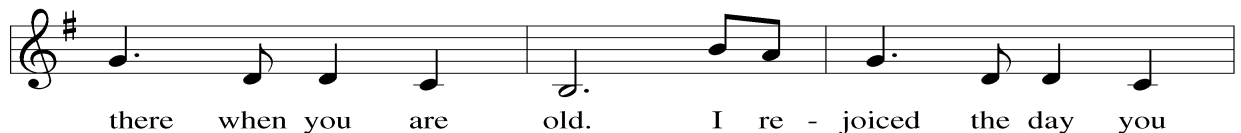
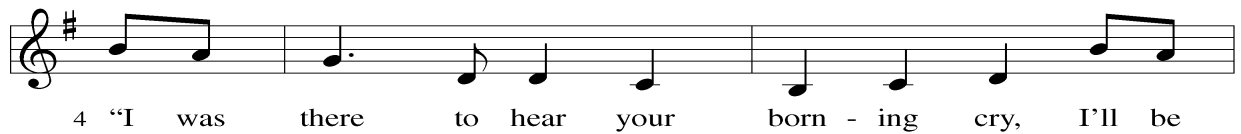
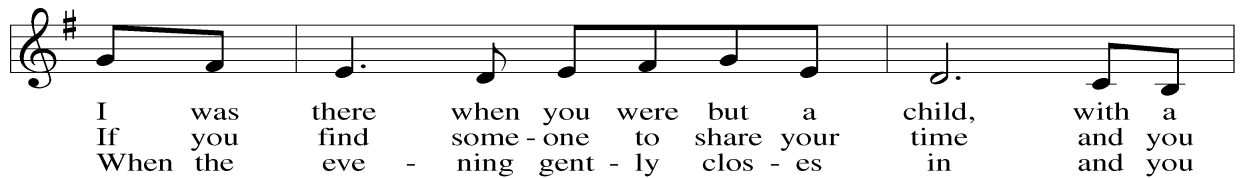
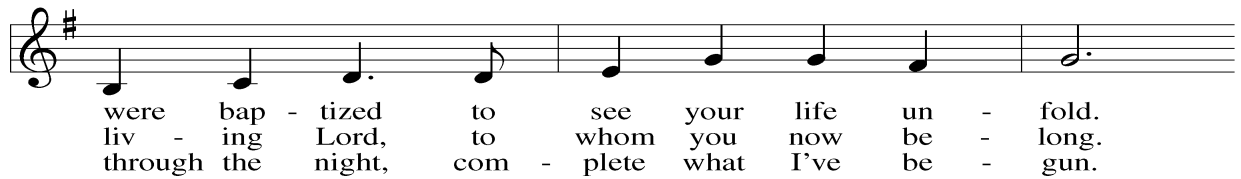
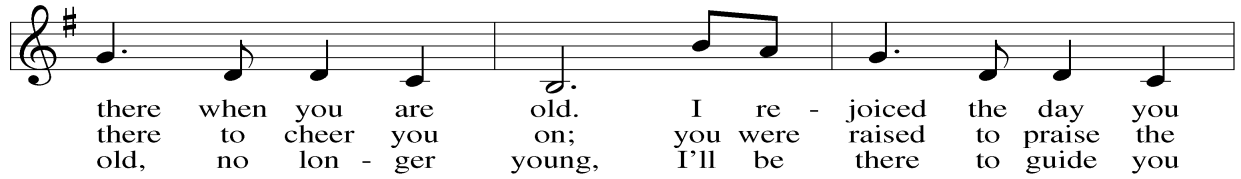
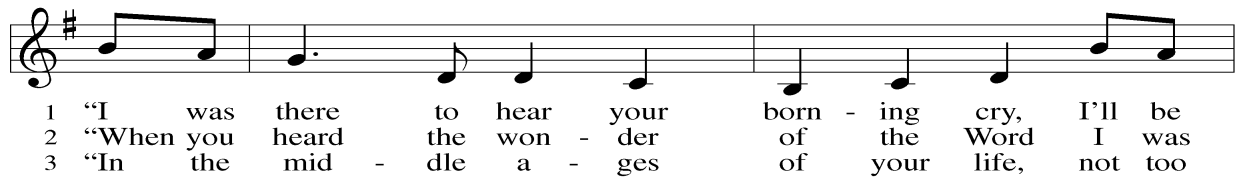


In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.



then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

"I was There to Hear Your Boring Cry"



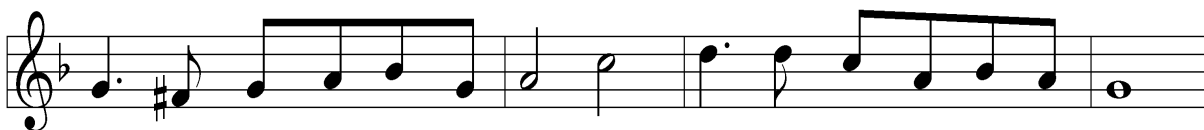
"What a Friend We have in Jesus"



- 1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER and BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you, and keep you in His grace. *Amen.*

Let us pray together...We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you, and in fervent love toward one another, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

BLESSING

"Go Now in Peace"

NBLCC CHOIR

SENDING SONG

“Wings of a Dove” (Bob Ferguson)

When troubles surround us - When evils come
The body grows weak - The spirit grows numb
When these things beset us - He doesn't forget us
He sends down His love - On the wings of a dove

*Chorus: On the wings of a snow-white dove
He sends His pure sweet love
A sign from above
On the wings of a dove*

When Noah had drifted - On the flood many days
He searched for land - In various ways
Troubles, he had some - But he wasn't forgotten
He sent him His love - On the wings of a dove *Chorus*

When Jesus went down - To the river that day
Well, He was baptized - In the usual way
And when it was done - God blessed His Son
He sent Him his love - On the wings of a dove *Chorus*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

Rob Aaron – piano ~ Nancy Martin - choir ~ Pr. Gary Heltsley – presiding

TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Greeters: Norm Clark & Shelley Marion

Ushers: Jerry & Char Pedersen

Reader: Joyce River

Sacristans: Char Pedersen & Deanna Smith

Communion Assistants: Carol Larson & John Indorf

Barista: Steve Dixon **Close Up:** Rosemary Wheaton

Altar Flowers: Linda Gaskins

Last Week's Attendance: 95 **Last Week's Offering:** \$9,592.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to North Bay Lutheran Community Church! We hope you are blessed today as we worship the Lord together. If you are a visitor, please feel free to fill out an attendance card located in the slot in front of you and drop it in the offering plate. We also invite you to stay for fellowship following our service. We are glad that you're here!

Fellowship time – Today – Finger sandwiches & chips. *January 19th* - Grilled cheese and tomato soup (please bring your delicious grilled cheese sandwiches and/or tomato soup to share).

Neighborhood Bible Study – will meet on **Tuesday, January 14th at 12:45 pm.** For more information, please contact Sue Nichols or call the church office.

Dementia Support Group will meet on **Wednesday, January 15th at 10:00 am.** For more information, please contact Patty or call the church office.

The Chosen Viewing - You are invited to join Pastor Gary to view Season 1 of *The Chosen* on **Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 6:00 pm.** We will gather in the Fellowship Hall to watch Episode 2 and then have an informal discussion and time to share our thoughts. ***All are welcome!***

Evening with Friends Planning – We will be planning for February's gathering on **Thursday, January 16th at 10:00 am.** We would love to have your participation and ideas; we will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Contact the church office if you have any questions.

Women's Bible Study will meet **Friday, January 17th at 11:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, please contact Shari Stormo or the church office.

Men's Bible Study - will meet this **Saturday, January 18th at 8:00 am** as we continue our study of the Book of Genesis.

Gideon Visit – Next Sunday we will be welcoming a representative from the Gideons International to give us an update on their powerful Bible ministry.

Annual Donation Reports - The North Bay Annual Donation Reports to the congregation are complete and ready to be picked up by each member. They are in envelopes for security and alphabetized for your convenience. The box containing the reports are on the table in front of the church office. Other days of the week they will be in the office workroom, where they can be picked up at your convenience. In February, any that have not been picked up will be delivered to you or mailed.

Fellowship Help – We are so grateful for all of you who attend Fellowship time after service; what a blessed time to get to know each other and share delicious food. Your generous food offerings keep us all “well fed”. As this ministry has grown, Rosemary and her team are seeking help with clean-up. Depending on the amount of clean up needed, we are looking for people who might be willing to come on Monday morning for an hour or so. If you would like to help, there is a sign-up sheet for two helpers each week.

Office Hours this week are 9:00 am to 1:00 pm – Wednesday through Friday.

Pastor Gary is in the office Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9:30 am to noon.

Prayers – Please call the church line with your prayer requests, or if you need pastoral care (360) 275-3390.

READINGS FOR JANUARY 19, 2025

Isaiah 62:1-5 ~ Psalm 36:5-10 ~ 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 ~ John 2:1-11

FEAR NOT,
FOR I HAVE REDEEMED YOU;
I HAVE CALLED YOU BY NAME,
YOU ARE MINE.
Isaiah 43:1

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