



***January 9, 2022 11:00 am***  
***Baptism of Our Lord***

As the prophets foretold, "*They shall name him Emmanuel, which means, God is with us.*" (Matthew 1:23) Yet Jesus comes among us not only as "*God with us*" but as one of us, in every respect. He enters fully into human experience. He says that his baptism by John fulfills God's righteousness in him just as he calls for the fulfillment of God's righteousness in all people. Today, we embrace our own baptismal heritage as people claimed by God, washed in the water of life and sent forth for the sake of the world.



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**PRELUDE**

**"Down in the River to Pray"**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**"Jesus, Messiah"**

**Jesus, Messiah  
Name above all names.  
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel  
The rescue for sinners  
The ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.**

**WELCOME**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **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.

**Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.**

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.

**Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah, his family, and the animals survive the flood. Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.**

Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this sacrament. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all your beloved creation.

**Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin that is within us and drown the evil that surrounds us.**

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **SONG OF CELEBRATION**

## **"Blessed Be Your Name"**

**1 Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name**

**2 Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name**

**Every blessing You pour out  
I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in  
Lord still I will say**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name**

**3 Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be Your name**

**4 Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name**

**Every blessing You pour out  
I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in  
Lord still I will say**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
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**You give and take away  
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My heart will choose to say  
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## GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The love and affection of the angels, the love and affection of the saints,  
the love and affection of heaven, and the blessing of God Almighty be with you.

**And also with you.**

Creating God, in the waters of baptism you claim us as your own. Help us each day to renew and refresh ourselves in the water of life. Set us free to live as your people and to proclaim in all the world the gift of life that is your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## ISAIAH 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup>He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. <sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup>I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, <sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup>I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. <sup>9</sup>See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

And the Word was with God. **And the Word was God.**

## PSALM ANTIPHON

W.P. Sterneman III



## PSALM 29

- <sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. <sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor. **Antiphon**
- <sup>3</sup> The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters. <sup>4</sup> The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. **Antiphon**
- <sup>5</sup> The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon. <sup>6</sup> He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. **Antiphon**
- <sup>7</sup> The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. <sup>8</sup> The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. <sup>9</sup> The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!" **Antiphon**
- <sup>10</sup> The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever. <sup>11</sup> May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace! **Antiphon**

## ACTS 10:34-43

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

And the Word was with God. **And the Word was God.**

*Please stand as you are able for the Gospel.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**“This Little Light of Mine”**

**This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

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

**MATTHEW 3:13-17**

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.  
<sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup> And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

**TIME OF REFLECTION**

**SONG OF THE DAY**

**“Baptized and Set Free” #453**

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| <p><b>1 We are people created,<br/>chosen by God.<br/>Then we're washed, ever gently,<br/>in mercy and love.<br/>Sin has power no more.<br/>Jesus opened the door<br/>to a fountain bringing healing,<br/>and wholeness and more.</b></p> | <p><b>2 We are fed and we're nourished,<br/>filled and refreshed.<br/>Then our hunger returns and<br/>again we are blessed.<br/>For whatever the need,<br/>God is greater indeed:<br/>endless ocean, always deeper<br/>than all of our need.</b></p> |
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**3** We are nourished by water,  
all living things,  
and by life that the Spirit  
abundantly brings.  
As we journey toward home,  
may your presence be known:  
precious river, ever-flowing,  
now carry us home.

**4** Now with praise and thanksgiving,  
we join the song.  
All are welcome! We gather  
to sing loud and strong.  
Not enslaved, but set free!  
From now on, all will be  
one in Jesus, one in water,  
baptized and set free!

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH FOR THE MODERN WORLD**

We believe in God,  
The Creator of all that is,  
All that has been,  
And all that will be;  
We believe in the Living Christ,  
The embodiment of God in our world  
Come to create a world of Love and Compassion:  
The Fellowship of God's New World  
Residing within us all;  
Who sacrificed his life for the sake of this world,  
His body broken and risen again,  
Who continues to live today through his teachings  
And the works of all—the Body of Christ—  
Who strive to live by those teachings  
And who work to carry out that mission;

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The breath of life and creation,  
Carrying God's love throughout the world;

We believe in the Grace of God,  
The blessing of love and peace,  
Given freely with no qualifications, restrictions, or requirements  
To all of God's creation and to all the Peoples of this world. Amen

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

**"Behold He Has Come"**

## OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God, in wisdom you provide every gift needed to build up your people and your church. By the power of your Spirit, you continually call us to ministry in your name. The light of your Christ shines like a star, guiding us in the way and truth that leads to life in you.

**In gratitude, we offer our gifts to support the mission and ministry of this congregation, and of the church at large in the wider world. May they be signs of our whole lives committed to share your goodness and grace with a world in need. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

W.P.Sterneman III



The grace of God be with you. **And al - so with you.**\_\_\_\_

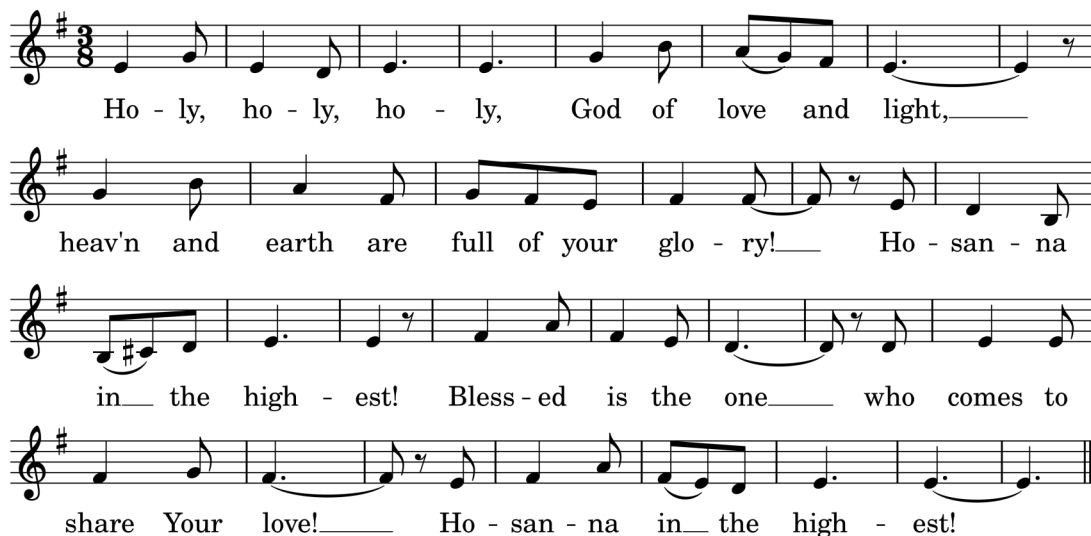
Lift up your hearts. **We lift up our hearts to God.**\_\_\_\_

Let us give thanks to God. **It is right to give thanks and praise**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

W.P. Sterneman III



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God of love and light,\_\_\_\_

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry!\_\_\_\_ Ho - san - na

in the high - est! Bless - ed is the one\_\_\_\_ who comes to

share Your love!\_\_\_\_ Ho - san - na in the high - est!



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

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

*All are welcome to celebrate communion at Abiding Love. Hold out your hands to receive the bread. Take a cup of wine (red) or grape juice (white) from the tray. Children and adults not communing are welcome to receive a blessing. Please follow the direction of the ushers.*

### COMMUNION SONG

**"Spirit Song"**

O let the Son of God enfold You  
With His Spirit and His love  
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul  
O let Him have those things that hold You  
And His Spirit like a dove  
Will descend upon your life  
And make you whole

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your Lambs  
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your Lambs

O come and sing this song with gladness  
As your hearts are filled with joy  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name  
O give Him all your tears and sadness  
Give Him all your years of pain  
And you'll enter into life  
In Jesus' name

## COMMUNION SONG

**"Holy Spirit"**

- 1 Holy Spirit living Breath of God  
Breathe new life into my willing soul  
Bring the presence of the risen Lord  
To renew my heart and make me whole  
Cause your word to come alive in me  
Give me faith for what I cannot see  
Give me passion for your purity  
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me**
- 2 Holy Spirit come abide within  
May your joy be seen in all I do  
Love enough to cover every sin  
In each thought and deed and attitude  
Kindness to the greatest and the least  
Gentleness that sows the path of peace  
Turn my strivings into works of grace  
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do**
- 3 Holy Spirit from creation's birth  
Giving life to all that God has made  
Show your power once again on earth  
Cause your church to hunger  
for your ways  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise  
Lead us on the road of sacrifice  
That in unity the face of Christ  
Will be clear for all the world to see**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of life and all creation, you prepare a table for us in the midst of the world and bid us come. In the gift of this Sacrament, you reveal your Christ present with us, nurturing us and strengthening us for the days ahead.

**Help us to live in the light of Christ. Help us to walk in the way and the truth he reveals. Lead us forth into the world, blessed to share the gift of your love and grace and forgiveness. Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSING

## SENDING SONG

“With All My Heart”

With all my heart  
I will follow after you  
With all my soul  
I will praise you, oh Lord  
With all the strength that you have given me  
I'll not be led astray  
With all my heart  
I will walk in your ways. *(Repeat)*

## PROCLAIMING OUR MISSION AND SHARING GOD'S PEACE

We go forth together, **sharing God's love!**

## TRAVELING MERCIES *Sung together*

Go in peace, live in grace  
Trust in the arms that will hold you  
Go in peace, live in grace  
Trust God's love

## POSTLUDE

“Salt and Light”

### ***Setting and Safety Measures UPDATE***

Abiding Love will continue to hold on-site worship at 8:30 and 11:00 am every Sunday. To protect your fellow worshippers, we **strongly** encourage masking, social distance, and frequent hand-washing and sanitizing, especially for those who are not vaccinated. Those not worshipping in person may worship via livestream, available at [abidinglove.org](http://abidinglove.org).

Godly Play classes will not meet onsite Sunday mornings through January. Links to a Godly Play story and song will be in the Saturday email and at [abidinglove.org](http://abidinglove.org).

Submerge will not meet onsite Sunday mornings through January. They will meet via Zoom on 1/16 and 1/30.

Confirmation and High School students will not meet onsite Sunday mornings through January but will meet via Zoom.

Adult Forum and Bible Boosters will meet as scheduled. Other Abiding Love and community groups will meet as scheduled, observing these same health and safety protocols.

The Abiding Love staff and council will continue to monitor and adjust what we do and communicate updates as quickly as possible. We wish all the best for everyone this new year and encourage all to worship and gather in a way you feel comfortable and safe.

## **SERVING SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022**

**Flowers in the worship space today** are given to the glory of God,  
in honor of Becky Matthys' birthday by Karin and Lloyd Matthys.

Preaching and Presiding Minister: Pastor Brad Highum  
Altar Guild: (8:30) Di Brophy, Greta Rymal (11:00) Barbara Tiedt, Anna Jones  
Assisting Minister: (8:30) Kurt Lowe  
Communion Assistants: (8:30) Diane McGowan (11:00) Garth Hilman  
Lector: (8:30) Audrey Lehman (11:00) Joyce Flachmeier  
Music Leaders: Gus Sterneman, Stephanie Morrison, Mixed Blessings  
Ushers: (8:30) Karin and Lloyd Matthys (11:00) Kurt Armstrong, Steve Essinger  
Sound: George Glaser      Tech: Karl Sterneman

## **ABIDING LOVE CALENDAR**

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 9**

8:30 & 11:00 am    Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)  
9:45 am            Faith Formation

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 10**

11:00 am           ALLC Food Pantry  
5:00 pm            Bread For All Food Pantry  
7:00 pm            AA (Music Room)  
7:00 pm            Scout Troop 555 (Activity Center)  
7:00 pm            Children's Outreach Ministries

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 11**

10:30 am           Tuesday Bible Study (Sanctuary)  
7:00 pm            Al-Anon (Music Room)  
7:00 pm            Ministry Round Table (Zoom)

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12**

9:00 am            Naomi (Classroom)  
10:00 am           Staff Meeting (Classroom)  
6:00 pm            Music Rehearsals (Music Room)  
7:00 pm            Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 13**

10:00 am           Quilters (UC)  
10:30 am           Chapel (Sanctuary)  
6:30 pm            Lion's club (Classroom)

### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 14**

5:30 pm            GS Troop 44630 (Activity Center)

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 15**

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 16**

8:30 & 11:00 am    Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)  
9:45 am            Faith Formation