



The Waters of Baptism

Redeemer Lutheran Church
Baptism of Our Lord
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GATHERING

Prelude: Shout for Joy

Verse 1

Pour out your fervent praise
There's a song to raise
Like a banner high
Lift up your grateful heart
To the Morning Star
He's alive and here with us

Chorus

Shout for joy
For the Son of God is the Saving One
He's the Saving One
Shout for joy
See what love has done
He has come for us
He's the Saving One

Verse 2

We stood on sinking sand
He reached out His hand
Pulled us to His side
We turned our hearts away
He was strong to save
Now our Savior reigns in us

Chorus

Interlude

Oh oh oh oh
Oh oh oh oh

Bridge

There is no other God like You
We sing the praises that You're due

Jesus You have saved us
Oh whoa
There is no other God who reigns
You are the Name above all names
Jesus You have saved us
Whoa whoa and shout for joy.

For the Son of God is the Saving One
He's the Saving One
Shout for Joy
See what love has done
He came for us
He's the Saving One

Welcome to Worship

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. **Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice,
you call us to life in community,
but we have served our own interests
at the expense of our neighbors.

We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.

We say the right words,
but our hearts are far from you.

Turn us to seek your face.

Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,
that we may do justice, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

The former things have passed away,
and new things God now declares:
Like a spring of water that never fails,
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
and forgives your sin in ⁺ Jesus' name.
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
and bless you with the gift of peace.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn: All the People Said Amen

Verse 1

You are not alone if you are lonely
When you feel afraid you're not the only
We are all the same in need of mercy
To be forgiven and be free
It's all you got to lean on
But thank God it's all you need

Chorus

And all the people said amen whoa
And all the people said amen
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends
And all the people said amen

Verse 2

If you're rich or poor well it don't matter
Weak or strong you know love is what we're after
We're all broken but we're all in this together
God knows we stumble and fall
And He so loved the world
He sent His son to save us all

Chorus

Bridge

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart
Blessed are the people hungry for another start
For theirs is the kingdom the kingdom of God

Chorus x 2

Greeting

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.**

Prayer of the Day

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through 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

Pastor Lisa

WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 42: 1-9

¹ 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.

² He will not cry out or lift up his voice
 or make it heard in the street;
³ a bruised reed he will not break,
 and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth,
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵ 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:

⁶ 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,
⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸ I am the LORD; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

⁹ See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

The word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading:

Acts 10: 34-43

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:

³⁸ 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. ³⁹ 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, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ 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. ⁴² 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. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 3: 13-17

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the third chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

¹³ Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: *The River*

Verse 1

I know a place where we can go
To lay the troubles down eating your soul
I know a place where mercy flows
Take the stains make you whiter than snow

Pre-Chorus

Like a tide it is rising up deep inside
A current that moves and makes ya come alive
Living water that brings the dead to life
Oh oh

Chorus

We're goin' down to the river
Down to the river
Down to the river to pray
Let's get washed by the water
Washed by the water
And rise up in amazing grace
Let's go down down down to the river
You will leave changed
Let's go down down down to the river
Never the same

Verse 2

I've seen it move in my own life
Took me from dusty roads into Paradise
All of my dirt all of my shame
Drowned in the streams that have made me born again

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Remembrance of Baptism Milestone

Today we honor all those who were baptized this past year and we all recommit ourselves to live from the identity God has given each of us in baptism.

Renewing the Baptismal Promises

In baptism you heard the words of Jesus, who says to you and all who are baptized, “You are the light of the world; let your light shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your father who is in heaven.” Today we celebrate your life in Christ and ask you to renew your baptismal covenant. We, the congregation, renew our promise to support and equip you to use your gifts to follow Christ in daily life.

A voice from heaven declared, “You are my son, my Beloved.”

John the Baptist baptized Jesus in the Jordan River and declared, “I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

The Spirit, descending from heaven like a dove, came upon him.

With a splash of water and a promise, we are called children of God. We are gathered together to remember our baptism as we say...

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

When you were baptized, the pastor spoke the same words and also made the sign of the cross on your forehead. Receive the sign of the cross as a sign that you have been redeemed by Christ who died on the cross for us.

For those baptized in the last year, the parent/s of a child and the sponsor of an adult may make the sign of the cross on the forehead of the one who was baptized. For everyone else, either make the sign of the cross on your own forehead, or mark the sign of the cross on the forehead of those with whom you are worshipping.

We gather to remember that baptism is not just an event.

We affirm that these individuals are on a journey of faith that continues today and every day. I ask you who are marking the anniversary of baptism, and the whole congregation, will you practice your faith when you rise and when you go to bed, when you are at home and when you are away? If so, say, "Yes, with the help of God and the support of this Christian community."

All: Yes, with the help of God and the support of this Christian community.

The following were received by God as God's children through baptism this past year:

As the name of those present are read, you may light your baptismal candle.
Daxyn Ohnemus, Katie Cook, Liam and Madeleine Miller, Charlotte Aldinger and Avery Bozell.

As we see your light burning, let it remind us all to reflect the light of Christ and let Christ's light shine through us in our homes and in our daily lives.

Let us pray. Gracious God, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful in their calling to be your children. Help us to serve you, cherish your forgiveness and grace and always live in honor of you. **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence.

Steadfast God, give courage to your servant church. Heal our divisions and unite us in mission. Send us out, washed in your love, to proclaim the good news of Jesus.

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Restoring God, cleanse the life-giving waters of rivers, seas, and springs. Create in us an urgent desire to preserve the beauty and bounty of your good creation.

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Righteous God, you guide the nations. Direct leaders to act on behalf of their people, seeking peace, supporting the vulnerable and promoting freedom.

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Compassionate God, you care for all in distress. Provide safety and support for those seeking asylum or in need of shelter. Be near to the dying, and comfort all who are grieving or ill we pray especially for Caden, Monica, Cecil, Paul, Angie, Brad, Laurie, Elvin, Linda, Julianna, David, Bill and Doreen.

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Loving God, awaken the gifts of the Spirit in this congregation, that we may serve Christ by loving one another, our neighbors, and our enemies. We pray for travelers and those who are homebound.

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Promising God, in baptism we die and rise with Christ. We give thanks for those who have gone before us, and we trust that we will join them in your everlasting peace.

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you

MEAL

Offering

As a response to God's goodness, Christians offer their gifts and their very lives to God. Your offering may be placed in the plates as they are passed by the ushers, or you may support the ongoing ministry of Redeemer by making your offering electronically, online from our website or through our Simply Giving program.

Offertory: *In the River*

Verse 1

There is a river
Where goodness flows
There is a fountain
That drowns sorrow
There is an ocean
Deeper than fear
The tide is rising rising

Verse 2

There is a current
Stirring deep inside
It's overflowing
From the heart of God
The flood of heaven
Crashing over us
The tide is rising rising

Pre-Chorus

Bursting bursting
Up from the ground we feel it now
Bursting bursting
Up from the ground we feel it now

Chorus

We come alive in the river
We come alive in the river
We come alive in the river
We come alive in the river

Repeat Verse 2

Pre-Chorus

Chorus x 2

Offering Prayer

God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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 God thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

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.

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.**

Communion

All are welcome at the Lord's table. We believe Jesus is truly present in the bread and the wine, and we invite all to partake of God's grace and forgiveness through Jesus' body and blood. If gluten-free bread is needed, please ask the server. White grape juice is available in the center rings of the tray. Please come forward at the direction of the usher. Children who are not yet communing may come forward for a blessing.

Communion Hymn: *Revelation Song*

Verse 1

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Holy holy is He
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat (repeat)

Chorus

Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty

Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You

Verse 2

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor, strength and glory
And power be to You, the only wise King

Chorus

Verse 3

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power, breath and living water
Such a marv'lous mystery

Chorus x 2

Communion Hymn: You are my King (Amazing Love)

Verse

I'm forgiven
Because You were forsaken
I'm accepted
You were condemned
I'm alive and well
Your Spirit is within me
Because You died
And rose again (*Repeat*)

Chorus

Amazing love
How can it be
That You my King

Would die for me
Amazing love
I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You
In all I do I honor You

Ending

You are my King
You are my King
Jesus You are my King
Jesus You are my King

Chorus

Prayer after Communion

Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

Announcements

Benediction

May the triune God,
who has put a new song in your mouth
and tuned your heart for praise
☩ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn: *My Lighthouse*

Verse 1

In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out

Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Verse 2

In the silence You won't let go
In the questions Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Chorus

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness
I will follow You oh
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore

Verse 3

I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Chorus

Bridge

Fire before us
You're the brightest
You will lead us
Through the storms (hey)
(Repeat 3X)

Chorus

Dismissal

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *My Lighthouse*

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