

Baptism of Our Lord

Sunday, January 12, 2025
9:30 a.m.

"And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'"

– Luke 3:22b

Welcome!

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about St. Philip the Deacon and its ministries, please stop by one of the Hospitality Desks, located near Fellowship Hall (upper level) and the east church entrance (lower level), visit our website: spdlc.org, or call the church at 763-475-7100.

Professional Childcare

Childcare is available at this service. The Childcare Center is located on the lower level near the East entrance. Families may use the Childcare Center for the needs of young children (such as diapering or nursing).

New Member Class

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Thursday, Jan. 16 at 6:30 p.m.

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The following resources are available in the Narthex:

- Large print worship bulletins
- Williams Sound System hearing devices
- Reading glasses
- Children's worship bulletins & Rainbow Activity Bags
- Coloring pages/crayons

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During this weekend's Baptism of our Lord services, we are celebrating baptism in several ways. First, we hear about the Baptism of Jesus in our Gospel reading. Second, we each remember our baptism with words from Luther's Small Catechism during the Confession. Third, we will pray a blessing over our Confirmands, who will affirm their baptism in the Rite of Confirmation during a special service one week from now. And fourth, we give thanks for all those baptized at St. Philip the Deacon during 2024.

Prelude

An Wasserflüssen Babylon, BWV 653

J.S. Bach

Welcome

Please stand

Opening Hymn

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Red Hymnal #310



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;
4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

Today's Worship Participants

Musicians

Celina Kobetitsch, organ
Norah Long, soloist

Reader

Ann Schulte

Altar Guild

Kris Bransford
Nicole St. John
Beth Shoen
Cathy Wilson

Altar Flowers Given by

The SPD Staff, in honor of our confirmands and all who were baptized in the last year

Notes on the Notes

Given that there is a very small repertoire of organ music written to celebrate the baptism of Jesus Christ in the Jordan river, I decided to feature another, much less celebratory river, in today's prelude piece. The Lutheran hymn "By the rivers of Babylon," upon which Bach bases his chorale prelude, is a paraphrase of Psalm 137. This psalm is a lamentation for Jerusalem from the Israelites in exile. May we find joy in knowing the entire story: that God, hearing and answering these cries, saved and redeemed the Israelites. May we find further joy in knowing that through baptism, we too are saved and redeemed.

Invocation

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved. **Amen**

Remembrance of Baptism | Confession of Sins and Absolution

(based on Luther's Small Catechism)

P: What benefits does God give in baptism?

C: In baptism God forgives sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives everlasting salvation to all who believe what he has promised.

P: What does baptism mean for daily living?

C: It means that our sinful self, with all its evil deeds and desires, should be drowned through daily repentance; and that day after day a new self should arise to live with God in righteousness and purity forever.

P: Let us take time to silently examine our hearts and confess our sins to God.

(Silence for reflection and confession.)

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we have not lived in the promises of our baptism, as your children in the world, but have sinned against you and our neighbors in many ways. Grant once again today, dear Lord, that our sinful selves may be drowned and that we may arise again as new creations in Jesus Christ. Amen

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has through baptism given us forgiveness and full pardon for all our sins, adopted us as his beloved children, and bestowed on us the Holy Spirit. Your sins are forgiven. Remember your baptism.

C: Amen

Prayer of Blessing for the Confirmands

Hymn of Praise

We Know That Christ Is Raised

Red Hymnal #449



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray. . . **Amen**

Please be seated

Lesson

Acts 8:14-17

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

The Holy Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

After the announcement, the people stand and say, “Glory to you, O Lord.”

At the conclusion, the people say, “Praise to you, O Christ!”

Please be seated

Children’s Message

Trish Arndt, Children’s Ministry

Please stand

Hymn of the Day

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

Red Hymnal #304



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.

Homily

Pastor Valerie Strand Patterson

Prayers of the People . . . God of grace, hear our prayer.

The names mentioned in the prayers represent a much longer list. If you have made a prayer request and do not hear the name mentioned here please know that the Healing Prayer Group prays daily for each and every person brought to our attention.

Offering

Down by the Riverside

arr. Mary McDonald

Your offerings can be left in the offering plates at the entrance to the sanctuary, mailed to the church, given electronically at spdlc.org/give, or by scanning the QR code located on the back of the bulletin. Thank you for your generous support of God’s mission and ministry at St. Philip the Deacon. Remember: Your gifts make a difference.

We Remember in Prayer . . .

Mike Windsor
Lorna Anderson
Gloria Luedtke
Leah Leeper
Corvin Anderson
Amy Moon
Jane Suhr
Mark Lauffenburger
Ron Armstrong
Bob Engelstad
Kitty Anderson
Dennis Haux
Jeanine Landswerk

Those Grieving

Dale Rohwer & family,
mourning the death of his
mother, Laverna Rohwer

Those Rejoicing

Jeff & Heather Larson,
celebrating the birth of their
granddaughter, Clara Isabelle
Kronzer, born on Dec. 19.
Parents are Britta & Joey
Kronzer. Great-grandmother
is Renae Larson.

A Rose on the Font

As an expression of our life
together, a red rose on the
baptismal font indicates that
we have received news of a
birth and a white rose that
we have received news of a
stillbirth or a miscarriage. As
Paul writes, we “rejoice with
those who rejoice and mourn
with those who mourn.”
(Romans 12:15)

*To make a prayer request,
send an email to
prayers@spdlc.org.*

Next Week's Scriptures

To prepare for worship next week, please read the following scripture passages:

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalms 36:5-10

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11

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Please stand

Offertory

Red Hymnal #186

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Offertory Prayer

God of grace, **your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen**

Please know that all are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Jesus said that the body and blood are given "for you and for all people." We will bless the bread and wine in the Sanctuary. After the Lord's Prayer, the pastor will say, "the body and blood of Christ are given and shed for you." At that time, we invite you to serve yourself or share bread and wine (or juice) at home with one another.

The Great Thanksgiving

Red Hymnal page 152

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

The 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

Reception of Communion

Red Hymnal page 154

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Music

Down to the River to Pray

arr. Ken Medema

Post Communion Blessing

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever. **Amen**

Post Communion Hymn

Red Hymnal #207

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done. Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and bear the name of Christ. Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Post Communion Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn

Crashing Waters at Creation

Red Hymnal #455



1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered by the Spir - it's breath,
2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the cap - tives passed on through,
3 Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a - round the one fore - told,
4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.



first to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.
wash - ing off the chains of bond - age— chan - nel to a life made new.
o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.
Well - spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Processional

Jean Sibelius

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Your Gifts Make a Difference

Our ninth grader students will affirm their baptisms in the Rite of Confirmation this coming week. As we celebrate this important milestone for them and their families, we also give thanks to everyone who has served as a Confirmation Guide. You have devoted yourselves to our young people each week—teaching them about God, our Lutheran traditions, and what it means to be a faithful Christian in God's world. Thank you for your commitment to this important ministry here at St. Philip the Deacon, and for the lasting impact you have had on our students and their families. Remember: Your gifts make a difference. Thank you.

Did You Know

As we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord in this weekend's worship services, we also celebrate all of the baptisms conducted at St. Philip the Deacon during the last year. In 2024, we welcomed one adult and 39 children into the Lord's family through baptism. Each of these newly baptized were welcomed with a gift of a hand-knit prayer shawl and an age-appropriate Bible. Today's service gives us a chance to remember these baptisms, and also to remember that each of us has an important role to play in supporting one another in our baptismal promises. Through baptism, as Luther writes, "God has adopted us as his beloved children, and bestowed on us the Holy Spirit. Remember your baptism."

Pastors

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Valerie Strand

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Program Staff

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Jen Galley

Adult Education

Renee Putnam

Engagement & Service

Beth Dudycha

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Amanda Berger

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This Week at St. Philip the Deacon

SUNDAY, January 12—Baptism of Our Lord

8:15 a.m.

Worship with

Holy Communion

Confirmand Reception

8:45 a.m.

9:30a.m.

Worship with

Holy Communion

Sunday School/Sunday Friends

10:30 a.m.

Baptism Brunch

10:45 a.m.

Worship with

Holy Communion

Sunday School

MONDAY, January 13

9:45 a.m.

Holy Grounds

11:30 a.m.

Chair Yoga

11:30 a.m.

Healing Prayer

6:30 p.m.

Abide

7 p.m.

Hope Circle

TUESDAY, January 14

8 a.m.

Men's Discussion Group

1 p.m.

The Conversation

6:30 p.m.

AA Group

7 p.m.

House United (Zoom)

7 p.m.

SPD Ringers

7 p.m.

Church Council

WEDNESDAY, January 15

6:30 a.m.

Men's Bible Study and Fellowship

9 a.m.

Elizabeth Circle

9:30 a.m.

Bible Study Fellowship

9:30 a.m.

SPD Bible Study

11 a.m.

Miriam Circle

1 p.m.

Caregivers Support Group

6 p.m.

Celebration of Passage

THURSDAY, January 16

9 a.m.

YogaFaith

9:30 a.m.

Moms in Prayer

9:30 a.m.

New Women's Circle Info Meeting

6:30 p.m.

New Member Orientation

7 p.m.

Sanctuary of Survivors

FRIDAY, January 17

9:30 a.m.

Ruth Circle

SATURDAY, January 18

11 a.m.

Rite of Confirmation

5 p.m.

Worship with

Holy Communion

SUNDAY, January 19

8:15 a.m.

Worship

9:30a.m.

Worship

Sunday School/Sunday Friends

10:45 a.m.

Worship with

Holy Communion

Sunday School

10:45 a.m.

Alpha

† *Livestreamed*

"Give up the struggle and the fight; relax in the omnipotence of the Lord Jesus; look up into His lovely face and as you behold Him, He will transform you into His likeness. You do the beholding—He does the transforming.

There is no short-cut to holiness."

—Alan Redpath

2025 Confirmands

Abby Britz
Griffin Brown
Madeleine Buckles
Drew Christopherson
Sophia Demo-Zylka
Ashlyn Dvorak
DJ Gibbs
Ellie Grocholski
Jake Haux
Dylan Ihrke
Jack Jacques
Lincoln James
Roenen King-Ellison
Emery Lang
Dillon Maas
Nolan MacMillan
Connor Mann
Jonathan Marshall
Cole McDonough

Alex McGarvey
Quinn Meyer
Faraja Mushi
Sammi Nelsen
James Neuenfeldt
Hunter Nordseth
Mya Otto
Joseph Ryan
Gavin Rydland
Piper Sargent
Leyton Scheil
Marit Schmid
Owen Schulze
James Smullen
Ben Tibesar
Charlie Watt
Easton Wendell
Griffen Wendell
Isla Wendell

2024 Baptisms

Leona Cheryl Abbott
Caden Larson Beach
Haven Olivia Bray
Cecilia Jane Chamberlain
Sylvester Nicholas Conzet
Cooper Kenneth Crawford
Parker Rose Danielson
Demi May Dittberner
Isla Grace Dittmer
Murray James Eaves
Jade Ava Ellis
Lina Audette Girardeau
Greta Myhre Grace
Marit Myhre Grace
Bennett Jon Hansen
Emmett Xander Hartnett-Collister
Claire Ellen Harvey
Sean Michael Heil
Weston Stanley Herring
Jaxon Hirsch

Camryn Kathleen Hovde
Zayden Desmond Johnston
Charlotte Clare Kleven
Blake Irene Leeper
August Keller Link
Maverick Michael Lucas
Theodora Roséphine Mathurin
Wyatt Ward Mees
Rosemary Mae Mohagen
John Joseph Prindl Jr
Emma Blake Sandvold
Sophia Vivian Schlangen
Greer Eileen Schwarz
Ryder Philip Soule
Nell Kushino Standbrook
Lily Jane Stranghoener
Calvin Kenyon Switts
James Thomas Mark Utter
Jamie Jo Wilton
Dylan Blake Zupfer

Worship Schedule

Saturday 5 p.m.
Sunday 8:15, 9:30⁺
& 10:45⁺a.m.

⁺Sunday School meets.

Childcare is available at all
Sunday services.

**Join us in Fellowship Hall
for refreshments following
8:15 & 9:30 a.m. services.**