

LITURGY OF HOLY EUCHARIST

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2025

C – Celebrant D - Deacon A - Assistant L – Lector R – Response

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GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*GATHERING HYMN “*Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*” Hymn #445

*INVOCATION

We make the sign of the cross in remembrance of our Baptism.

C: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

R: Amen.

*APOSTOLIC GREETING

C: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R: And also with you.

*PENITENTIAL RITE

C: 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.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

C: Most merciful God,

R: 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.

C: God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

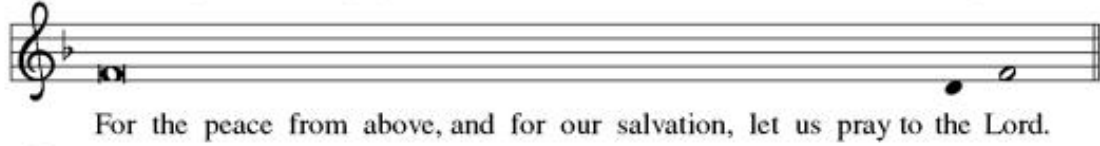
We make the sign of the cross as God forgives us this day.

R: Amen.


***LORD, HAVE MERCY**



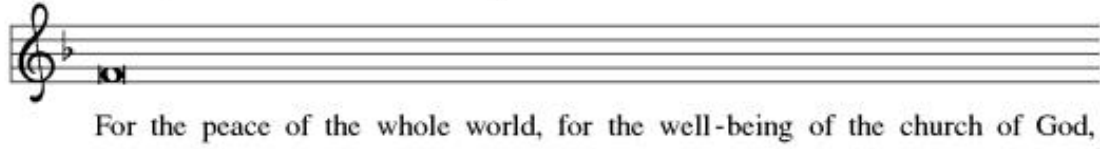
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



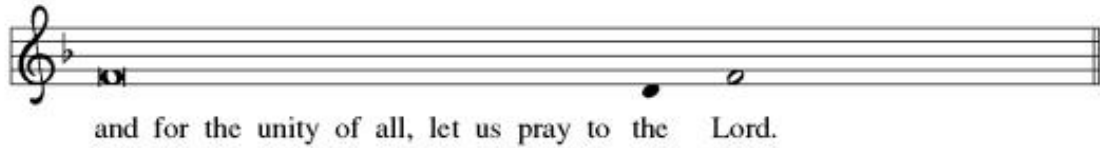
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



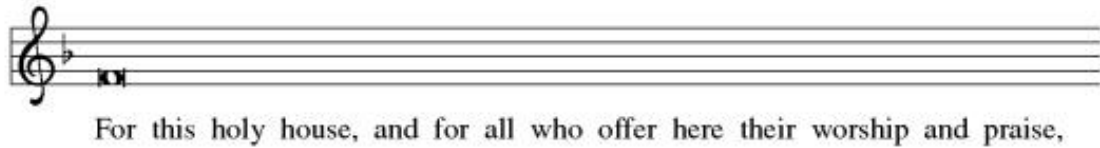
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



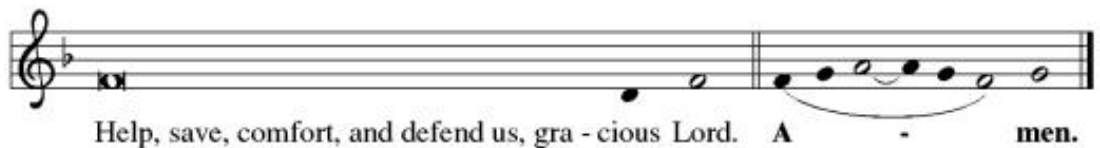
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.

*GLORY TO GOD

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

C: Let us pray. Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan 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 and inheritors with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

R: Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

L: A reading from Isaiah.

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."

This is the Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29 *(sung responsively)*

Ascribe to the ^lLORD, you gods,*

ascribe to the LORD glo- ^lry and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory ^ldue his name;*

worship the LORD in the beau- ^lty of holiness.

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of ^lglory thunders;*

the LORD is upon the ^lmighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is a pow- ^lerful voice;*

the voice of the LORD is a ^lvoice of splendor.

The voice of the LORD breaks the ^lcedar trees;*

the LORD breaks the ce- ^ldars of Lebanon;

he makes Lebanon skip ^llike a calf;*

and Mount Hermon like a ^lyoung wild ox.

The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD ^lshakes the wilderness;*

the LORD shakes the wilder- ^lness of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD makes the ^loak trees writhe*

and strips the ^lforests bare.

And in the temple ^lof the LORD*

all are ^lcrying, "Glory!"

The LORD sits enthroned a- ^lbove the flood;*

the LORD sits enthroned as ^lking forevermore.

The LORD shall give strength ^lto his people;*

the LORD shall give his people the bless- ^ling of peace.

***NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven**

We bow our heads in honor of the mystery of the Incarnation.

**and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit
of the Virgin Mary and was made man;**

Our heads are raised.

**and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day he rose again
according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and Giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

C: On this day, the heavens opened as the Spirit descended upon Christ at his Baptism. In prayer, we ask Father to unseal the fountain of his blessings upon the world.

A brief silence.

A: For the Church, like her Lord, the Beloved of the Father, that his favor may always rest upon her, and his Spirit overshadow her with truth and power, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For those engaged in the Catechumenate Process here at Shells - Jordan, Lexi, Emma, Evelyn, Julia and Nora, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For our law enforcement officers, first responders, and service women and men, especially Matt, Nikolas, Crist, Sam, John, Dominic, Blake, Keegan, Michael, Stephen, Chris, and John, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For those entrusted with the work of the government, that they may serve the cause of right, and strive to establish true justice on earth, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For those who have become lukewarm in their faith, that the Spirit given in their baptism will rekindle faith and love in their hearts, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For ourselves and our community, that we may eagerly follow Christ's call at our baptism and establish true justice on earth, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For those who are seeking Christ, that they may find a faith community centered around Word and Sacrament, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For the outpouring of the Spirit of peace, that all people may know the forgiveness of their sins. We pray especially for our missionaries - Richard, Emily, Ben & Courtney, Stephen & Jodi, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For those who suffer in any way, especially – Linda D., Betty E., Don E., Mim F., Ed F., Herb F., Al G., Angie G., Nancy I., Keira K., Iva R., Lucas S., Larry S., Sandy M., Tom K., Terry K., Don W., Bev U. and Jack U., our homebound members and those we name out loud or in the silence of our hearts (*a brief silence*), let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For the departed whose memory we recall, especially - Barbara, Helen, Ray, Dorothy, Mildred, Thelma, Charlie, Edith, Ethel and Phyllis, that the power of God's grace may bring them to the fullness of glory, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

C: Almighty Father, by our baptism you adopted us as your sons and daughters. Hear our prayers through that favor which rests on your beloved Son, who is Lord for ever and ever.

R: Amen.

*Please be seated while the bread and wine are brought forward for consecration
and the offering is collected for the ministry of Christ's Church.*

MEAL

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

Please stand as you are able.

***OFFERTORY HYMN**

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

Hymn #302

***OFFERING PRAYER**

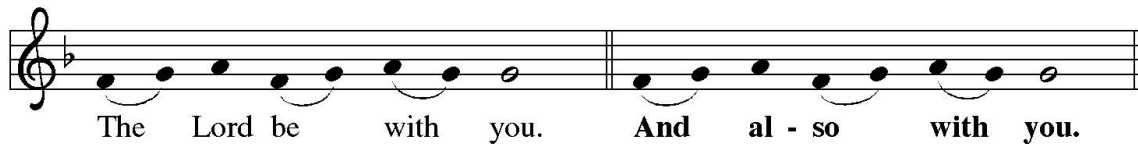
C: Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice of praise and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

R: May the Lord accept our sacrifice of praise for the glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

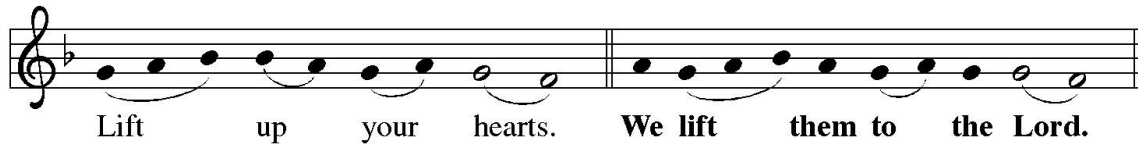
C: Lord, we celebrate the revelation of Christ your Son who takes away the sins of the world. Accept our gifts and let them be to your glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R: Amen.

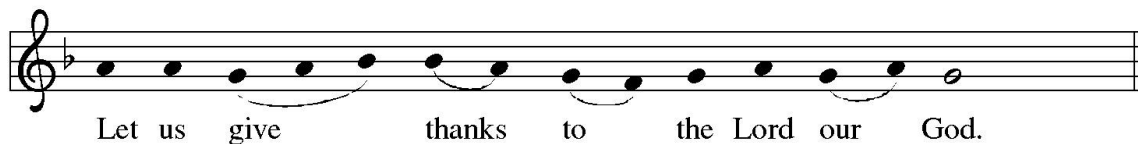
***DIALOGUE**



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

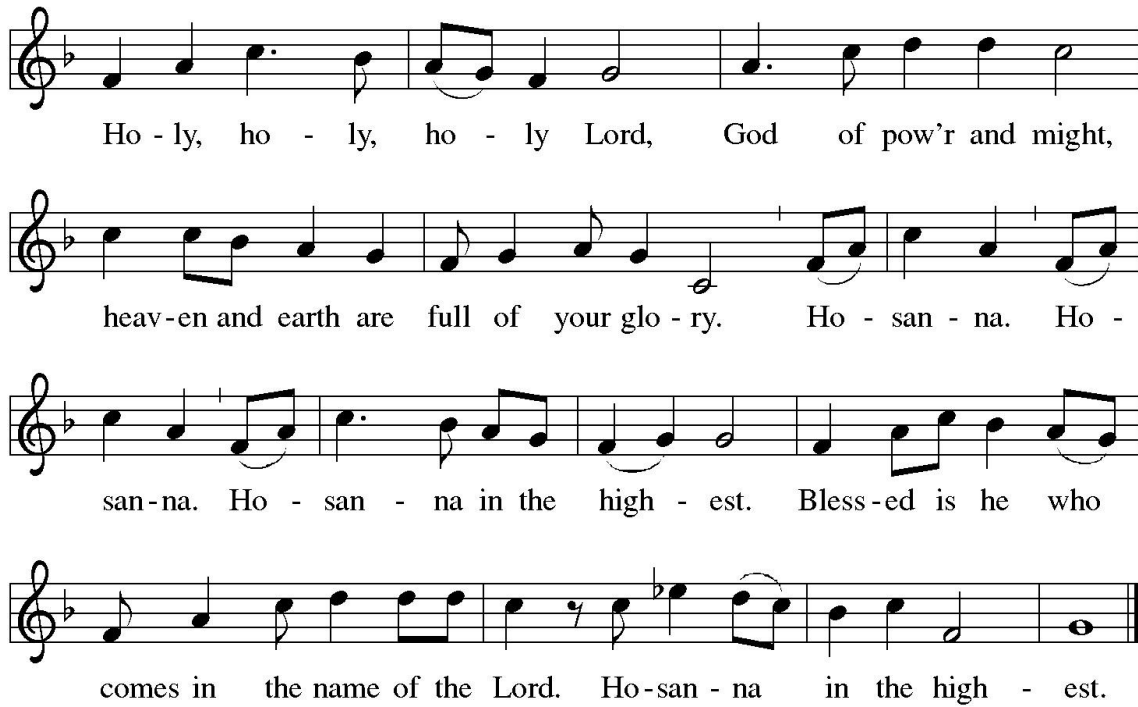


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***PREFACE**

It is indeed right and sal - u - tary that we should at all times and in all
plac - es of - fer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through
Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his
glorious res - ur - rection o - pened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life. And so,
with the Church on earth and the hosts of heav - en, we praise your name
and join their un - end - ing hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



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.

***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

C: Father, you are holy indeed,
and all creation rightly gives you praise.
All life, all holiness comes from you
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
by the working of the Holy Spirit.
From age to age you gather a people to yourself,
so that from east to west a perfect offering may be made
to the glory of your name.

And so, Father, we bring you these gifts.
We ask you to make them holy by the power of your Spirit.
that they may become the body and blood
of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
at whose command we celebrate this eucharist.

On the night he was betrayed,
he took bread and gave you thanks and praise.
He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take this, all of you, and eat it:
this is my body which will be given up for you.

When supper was ended, he took the cup.
Again he gave you thanks and praise,
gave the cup to his disciples, and said:
Take this, all of you, and drink from it:
this is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.
It will be shed for you and for many so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.



C: Father, calling to mind the death your Son
endured for our salvation,
his glorious resurrection and ascension into heaven,
and ready to greet him when he comes again,
we offer you in thanksgiving our sacrifice of praise.

Look with favor on your Church,
and see the Victim whose death has reconciled us to yourself.
Grant that we, who are nourished by his body and blood,
may be filled with his Holy Spirit,
and become one body, one spirit in Christ.
May he make us an everlasting gift to you
and enable us to share in the inheritance of your saints,
with Mary the virgin Mother of God;
with the apostles, the martyrs, and all your saints.

Strengthen in faith and love your pilgrim Church on earth;
you servant Elizabeth our Presiding Bishop,
James our Bishop, and all the bishops,
with the clergy and the entire people
your Son has gained for you.

Father, hear the prayers of the family you have gathered here before you.
In mercy and love unite all your children wherever they may be.

Welcome into your kingdom our departed brothers and sisters, and all who have left this world in your friendship, especially - *Barbara, Helen, Ray, Dorothy, Mildred, Thelma, Charlie, Edith, Ethel and Phyllis.*

We hope to enjoy forever the vision of your glory, through Christ our Lord, from whom all good things come.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours,
almighty Father, forever and ever.



***LORD'S PRAYER**

C: Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us.

**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.**

***PEACE**

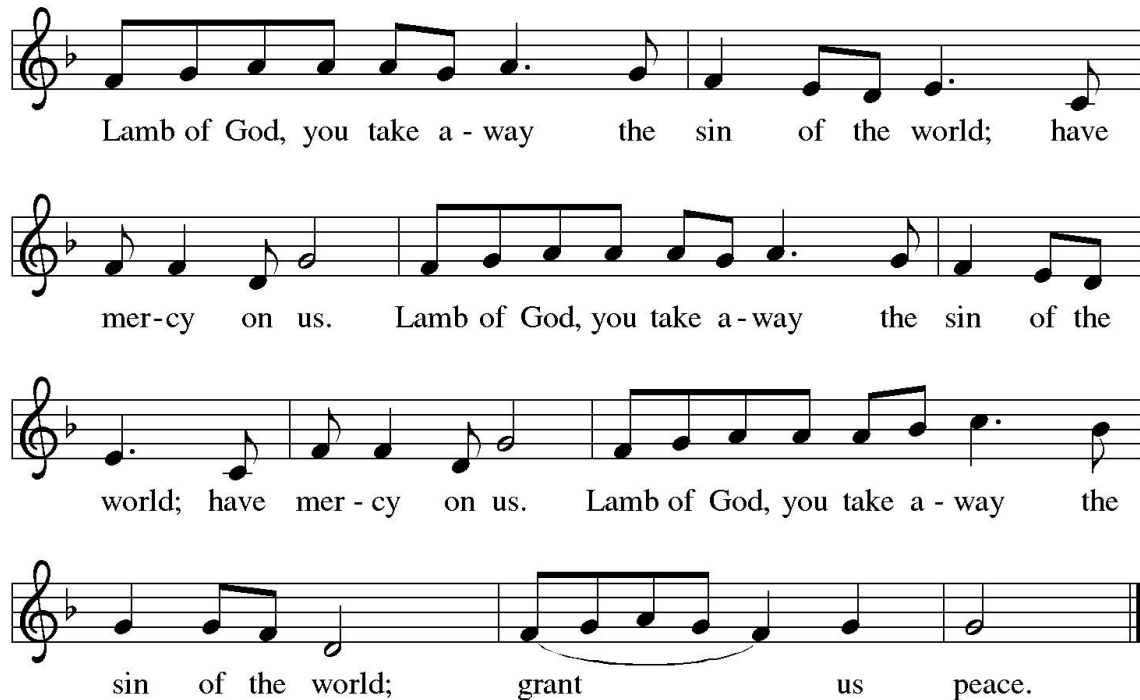
C: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R: And also with you.

C: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Please remain standing after sharing the Peace.

*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.

*INVITATION

C: This the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

R: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Please be seated.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER *(for those viewing via live-stream)*

A: My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*All baptized Christians who acknowledge the Real Presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Bread and Wine are welcome to receive the Sacrament. If you would prefer a blessing come forward and cross your arms over your chest. Beginning with the front pews, form one line and make your way down the center aisle. Please pick up a communion glass from the tray on your right. Receive our Lord Jesus' Body from the Celebrant and, according to where you are seated, receive his Precious Blood from the Assistant and consume both elements. Upon receiving our Lord's Body and Blood, respond **Amen**. Please place your used communion glass in the tray on the table and return to your seat by the side aisle. Taste and see that the Lord is good!*

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

Hymn #800

"Baptized in Water"

Hymn #456

"Shall We Gather at the River"

Hymn #423

Please stand at the direction of the Celebrant.

***POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**



☩ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

C: Let us pray. Lord, you feed us with bread from heaven. May we hear your Son with faith and become your children in name and in fact. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

R: Amen.

SENDING

***BLESSING**

C: The Lord be with you.

R: And also with you.

We make the sign of the cross as God blesses us this day.

C: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

R: Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

“Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized”

Hymn #304

***DISMISSAL**

C: The Worship is ended, go in peace.

R: Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Celebrant/Homilist	The Rev. W. L. Barnes, III, <i>STS</i>
Assistant	Karlene Jaggan
Lector	Brenda Frye
Acolyte	Julia O'Brien
Communion Assistant	Louise Murphy
Greeters/Ushers	Bert & Karen Gussler
Organist	Barbara Dupler
Altar Guild	Diane Suhr & Terry Kamerzel

THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK

Celebrant	The Rev. W. L. Barnes, III, <i>STS</i>
Assistant	Sherry Ulsh
Lector	Steve Espenshade
Acolyte	Evelyn Mende
Communion Assistant	Audrey Neiusender
Greeters/Ushers	Rick & Linda Blair
Organist	Janice Mills
Altar Guild	Steve, Kathy & Bethany Espenshade

STEWARDSHIP/GIVING (*December 31, 2024*)

2024 Approved Budget \$277, 995

Income: \$282,450.26	Love of Family Contributions: \$5,565
Expenses: \$272,802.53	Local Food Pantry Contributions: \$4,523.81
Capital Improvement Contributions: \$39,625	Abiding Memorial Fund: \$1,405
Adult Forum: \$409.51	Emily Lingle, Friends in Action: \$1,195
Richard Sarker, Missionary: \$1,050	Lutheran Campus Ministry at WVU: \$5,122
World Vision (VBS): \$1,050	ELCA World Hunger: \$1,362.01
Anonymous Donation: \$1,000	Lutheran Disaster Response: \$23,410

This month's special offering will go to benefit the Abiding Memorial Fund. Please pick up an envelope in the narthex.

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Rich & Nadine Espenshade for good health and happiness for our family in 2025.

With thanksgiving, we remember the lives of those who have gone before us in the faith. This month we remember *Barbara DeMay, Dorothy Espenshade, Mildred Gussler, Edith Lingle, Helen & Ray Lingle, Ethel Lingle Ketner, Thelma Price, Charlie Reddinger, Phyllis Vogler.*

Prayers for healing of body, mind, or spirit: *Linda DeMario, Betty Espenshade, Don Espenshade, Mim Fake, Ed Fake, Herb Fisher, Al German, Angie Gonzales, Nancy Iachini, Keira K, Iva Rodemaker, Lucas Smith, Larry Suhr, Sandy Mader, Tom Kamerzel, Terry Kamerzel, Don Whitehaus, Bev Ulsh and Jack Ulsh.* To have a name added or removed to this Sunday Prayer List please contact the Church Office.

Please take home a piece of blessed chalk to inscribe the 2025 Epiphany Blessing on your front doors: 20 + C + M + B + 25. The 20 and 25 mark the year. The C, M, and B are the first letter of the traditional names of each of the Magi (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar) and the Latin phrase *Christus Mansionem Benedica* (May Christ bless this house). The + represents Christ himself.

Please contact Father Barnes to set up an Epiphany House Blessing during the months of January and February.

We will celebrate the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul at St. John Hoernestown on January 25 at 6:30pm. Food and fellowship will follow.

The 2025 Altar Flower chart is in the Narthex. The following dates are still available: January 19, February 9 & 23, April 27, May 11, June 22, July 20 & 27, August 10 & 31 and November 16.

Thank you to all of you who donated items, talents and time to help with the racetrack project this year. We pulled off a very big feat and I thank you all for all of your kindness towards this project. We will continue again this year to collect items each month of the year. **January & February** will be towels & wash clothes, March & April will be shave cream and razors (both men & women), May & June will be deodorant and shampoo, July & August will be toothbrushes and toothpaste, September & October will be bar soap & combs and November & December will be tissues and lip balm. Thank you all for all of your help and continued support of this worth cause.

~Louise Murphy

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Thank you for the generous Christmas gift and for your coming to worship the newborn King this Christmas Season. It is always a joy to gather with you around Word and Sacrament. Wishing you all a blessed and very happy new year.

Your servant in Christ,
Father Barnes

This week at Shells:

January 12 at 9am - Liturgy of Holy Eucharist

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

9am - Children/Youth Sunday School & Confirmation

Food and Fellowship after Worship

10:45am - Adult Forum

Lunch at Manada Hill Diner

6pm - Boy Scouts

January 13 at 6:30pm – Bible Study @ Shells

January 13 at 6:30pm – Card Ministry

January 14 at 6pm – Cub Scouts

January 14 at 6pm – Lion's Club

January 14 at 6:30pm – Parish Council Meeting

January 15 at 6pm – Girl Scouts

January 16 at 6pm – Cub Scouts

January 16 at 7pm – Choir Rehearsal

January 19 at 9am - Liturgy of Holy Eucharist

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am - Children/Youth Sunday School & Confirmation

10:30am – Hand Chime Choir

Food and Fellowship after Worship

10:45am - Adult Forum

Lunch at Manada Hill Diner

6pm - Boy Scouts

SHELLS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

“We are a community of the Triune God, nourished by Word and Sacrament, sent forth by the Holy Spirit into the Grantville community and beyond to share the life-changing news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed.”

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We have WiFi!

Network Name: **ShellsLutheran**

Password: **GodIsAwesome** (*case-sensitive*)