

First Lutheran Church

Tiffin, Ohio



The Baptism of
JESUS

January 12, 2025

Baptism of Jesus

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
JANUARY 12, 2025
BAPTISM OF OUR LORD, YEAR C

Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

KING'S LYNN

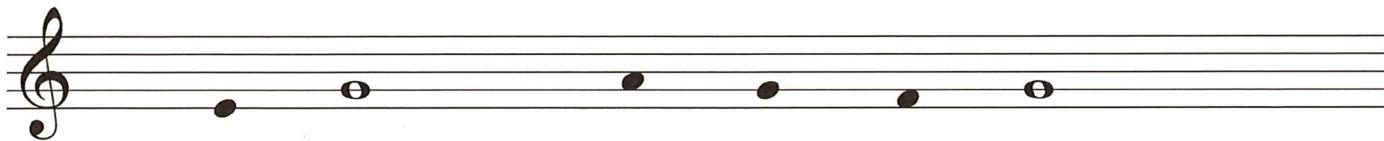
Wayne L. Wold

When Jesus Came to Jordan

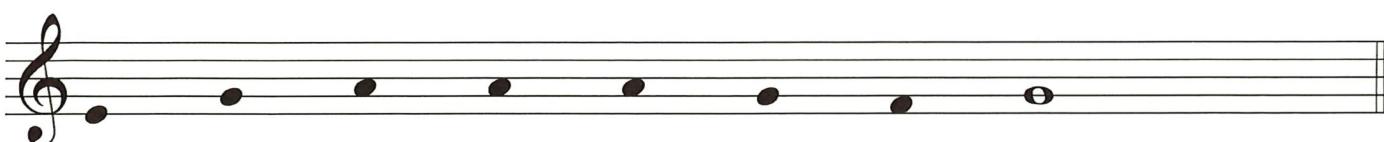
(Please stand)

MORNING PRAYER

OPENING DIALOGUE AND DOXOLOGY



Leader: O Lord, o - pen my lips,



and my mouth shall pro - claim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it:
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,
 and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

PSALMODY

INVITATORY

Give glory to God, our light and our life.
 Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.

MORNING PSALM OF PRAISE

PSALM 95:1-7

Come, Let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the
 rock of our sal - va - tion.

Repeat previous Invitatory

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

WORD

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 43:1-7

R: A reading from Isaiah, the 43rd chapter.

¹ 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.

² 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.

³ 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.

⁴ 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.

⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;

⁶ 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—

⁷ everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

ACTS 8:14-17

R: A reading from Acts, the 8th chapter.

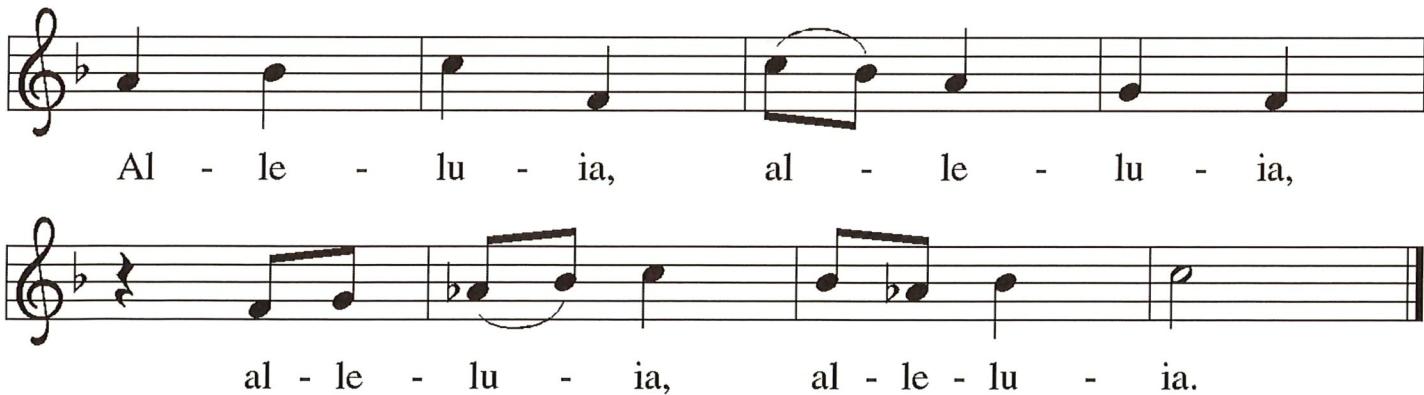
¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶ (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Cantor: A voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

GOSPEL

LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22

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



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. 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 granary; 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 heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

When Jesus Came to Jordan

1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John,
 2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,
 3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;

he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.
 for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.
 this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - 'ry bond-age break.

He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,
 So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,
 Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:

to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.
 the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.
 to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000
Music: KING'S LYNN, English folk tune
Text © 1980 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

REVEREND MARK SCHURING

(Please stand)

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Refrain

In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God the

dawn from on high shall break up - on us.

APOSTLES' CREED

L: Living together in trust and hope, we profess our faith as expressed in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

(Please be seated)

OFFERING AND ORGAN MEDITATION

BEACH SPRING

Dale Wood

Crashing Waters at Creation

(Please stand)

OFFERING SONG

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters



1 Wash, O God, our sons and daugh-ters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
2 We who bring them long for nur-ture; by your milk may we be fed.
3 Oh, how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-im-ag-ined, all your ways!



Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a-go.
Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of bless-ing, liv-ing bread.
To your name be glo-ry, hon-or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.
God, re-new us, guide our foot-steps; free from sin and all its snares,
We your peo-ple stand be-fore you, wa-ter-washed and Spir-it-born.



Fill, a-noint them; send your Spir-it, ho-ly dove and heart's de-light.
one with Christ in liv-ing, dy-ing, by your Spir-it, chil-dren, heirs.
By your grace, our lives we of-fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans-form!

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

Text © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House, admin. The Copyright Company, Nashville, TN.

All rights reserved. International copyright secured. Used by permission.

OFFERING PRAYER

L: 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.

C: Amen.

(Please kneel or remain seated)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

L: You call us by name and form us. We give thanks for the gift of baptism. Nurture the baptized and equip people sent to proclaim the good news, especially Young Adults in Global Mission and international congregations.

P: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Your voice sounds over the waters. Speak words of healing over the rivers and lakes, seas and oceans. Heeding your voice, lead us to care for water, and the land and creatures it nourishes.

P: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: You give strength to your people. Uphold all who serve the common good. Guide federal and state legislators, city and county officials, judges and juries. Strengthen our resolve to serve all in need.

P: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: You are with us in challenging times. Draw near to all who are ill, undergoing treatment, or recovering from surgery. Accompany individuals and families affected by addiction or mental health

challenges. Uphold each person as your beloved.

P: God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

L: You draw us into community. Embolden ministries of racial reconciliation, nurture work on behalf of immigrants and refugees, and equip each to use their gifts for the sake of neighbors near and far.

P: God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

L: You grant us peace. Comfort all who grieve. Dwell with us in this life and, at the last, join us with the saints whom you have created, formed, and named.

P: God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

C: **Amen.**

(Please stand)

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: **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.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

C: Oh God, your everlasting love for us is always trustworthy and sure. We are grateful for the goodness you have shown us through the years, and we ask now for confidence to go forward into the future. Bless our community of faith, bless our healing, bless the changes that are before us, bless our call process and the pastoral leaders who will shepherd us through this time of transition. We thank you now for the wisdom you will show us as we align with your will, and servant or servants you are already preparing to send us in your blessed time. Help us to keep looking to you to define our ministry and our future. In his name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen.

BLESSING

Musical notation for the text "Let us bless the Lord." The music is in G clef, common time, and consists of a single line of five notes. The notes are: a quarter note on the G line, a eighth note on the A line, a eighth note on the G line, a eighth note on the A line, and a quarter note on the G line. The text "Let us bless the Lord." is written below the notes, with a curved line connecting the last three notes to the word "Lord".

Let us bless the Lord.

Musical notation for the text "Thanks be to God." The music is in G clef, common time, and consists of a single line of five notes. The notes are: a quarter note on the G line, a eighth note on the A line, a eighth note on the G line, a eighth note on the A line, and a quarter note on the G line. The text "Thanks be to God." is written below the notes, with a curved line connecting the last three notes to the word "God".

Thanks be to God.

Musical notation for the text "Almighty God, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit,". The music is in G clef, common time, and consists of a single line of five notes. The notes are: a quarter note on the G line, a eighth note on the A line, a eighth note on the G line, a eighth note on the A line, and a quarter note on the G line. The text is written below the notes, with a curved line connecting the last three notes to the word "Spirit".

Almighty God, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

Musical notation for the text "bless and pre - serve us.". The music is in G clef, common time, and consists of a single line of five notes. The notes are: a quarter note on the G line, a eighth note on the A line, a eighth note on the G line, a eighth note on the A line, and a quarter note on the G line. The text is written below the notes, with a curved line connecting the last three notes to the word "us".

bless and pre - serve us.

Musical notation for the text "A - men.". The music is in G clef, common time, and consists of a single line of five notes. The notes are: a eighth note on the G line, a eighth note on the A line, a eighth note on the G line, a eighth note on the A line, and a eighth note on the G line. The text "A - men." is written below the notes, with a curved line connecting the last three notes to the word "men".

A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men.

SENDING SONG

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized



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 - obeyed 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.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984, alt.

Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561

Text © 1985 The Church Pension Fund, admin. Church Publishing, Inc. All rights reserved.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace.

P: Live in hope.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

LOBT GOTT IHR CHRISTEN

Johann Gottfried Walther

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

This Week's Calendar

Monday
10:00AM



January 13
Bible Study at
The Willows

5:30 pm

Council Meeting

Monday

1:30 Bookworms Anonymous

Thursday

1 PM-3 PM

January 23th



West Ohio Food Bank

Faith & Family Day

Looking Ahead! Toledo Walleye Faith & Family Day

Sunday, March 9, 2025

We need to reserve a block of tickets for this family event now! Tickets go fast for this event so we need an idea of how many seats to reserve. A final count will be taken in January. Before the hockey game, there will be a pregame Q&A session led by Walleye players and coaches. Fans will have any opportunity to hear about their experiences with their faith throughout their careers. The game will start at 5:15. Postgame will have a free open skate at the Huntington Center in Toledo. Tickets will be \$19 each. Please contact Shelley Ross and let her know how many tickets to reserve for you via email shelley.ross@systelco.com or text 419-618-4653.

Thanks!

Our Worship Leaders

Altar Guild: Donna Brueggemeier

Sharon Losey

Deb Hohman

Elijah Shiley

Tim Ross

Judy Kimmel

Shelley Ross

Shelley Ross

Curtis L. King

Cantor:

Facebook Camera:

Host:

Reader:

Worship Assistant:

Director of Music:

Sharing Kitchen

Dates for our participation in the Sharing Kitchen are

Feb. 24 & 27

June 9 & 12

Oct. 13 & 16

There is a sign up sheet located on the wall near the Dietz Room

Cookie Sign up sheets are located on the Dietz Room wall. Fellowship time is before and after Church Service. Approximately 4 dozen cookies are needed each week.



Announcement

We will be closed Monday, January 20, 2025 in Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day



**Martin
Luther
King Jr.
Day**



Contact Us

First Lutheran Church

300 Melmore Street
Tiffin, Ohio 44883

419-447-1323

www.firstlutherantiffin.com
firstlutherantiffin@gmail.com

Pastor Pastor Mark Schuring

Dir. of Music Curtis L. King
cking6876@gmail.com

Pre-School Dir. Jane Frederick
daycarejane@gmail.com



Mark your calendar for the Annual Report for
Sunday, January 26th, 2025

If you have an Annual Report, please submit
to the office in the near future.

Our Mission Statement

“God is among us!”
**“We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel,
forgive, reconcile and trust God for all that we need.”**

Copyright © 2024 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS003776.

Hymns reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE, license #A-735756