

# Baptism of Our Lord

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## Luke 3:21-22

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

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## Worship Participants

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## God Gathers Us for Worship

Welcome

### \*Call to Worship

The light of God's love pushes back the darkness.  
 We come to that light from the four corners of the earth,  
 from north and south, from east and west,  
**yet we are one in Jesus Christ.**  
 We come from many nations and many cultures,  
**yet we are one in Jesus Christ.**  
 We come seeking the light that guides us to life.  
**We lift up our many voices and praise the God of all people.**

\*Gathering Song: "Gather Us In" LUYH 529:1-3

\*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

\*Song: "Here I Am to Worship" LUYH 567

## We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Call to Confession: I John 1:5-7 p.1898

### Prayer of Confession

God of our salvation, we marvel that you sent your Son into the world,  
 that we might become your children.  
 Yet, we confess that we often rebel against you and your ways.  
 We turn toward false saviors.  
**Forgive and heal us, we pray.**  
**Help us, once again, to turn away from all that is false,**  
**and to turn toward you.**  
**Help us to hear and embrace**  
**the identity, the promise, and the calling**  
**you give to us in our baptism as your dearly loved children. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon: John 1:9,12 p.1646

## Offertory Prayer and Offering of our Gifts

Each week at Covenant we receive a monetary offering to support the mission and ministry of the church. This morning's offering will support the Christian Education Fund which provides funds for the education of our children at one of our local Christian schools to help keep tuition down to a level that is affordable for most of our families. Our gifts to Covenant's Compassion Fund provide monetary support to our members who have financial needs.

## We Are Sent with God's Blessing

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song: "My Friends, May You Grow in Grace" LUYH 938

## Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

...Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to sing:

Song: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

LUYH 538:1

## The Institution

## The Consecration

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**Dying, he destroyed our death;**

**rising, he restored our life.**

**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

## Prayer of Consecration (concluding with 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## The Invitation

## The Communion:

"Before the Throne of God Above"

LUYH 682

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

LUYH 693

## The Thanksgiving: Psalm 103:1-4

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**Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.**

**Praise the Lord, my soul; and forget not all his benefits—**

**who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,**

**who redeems your life from the pit**

**and crowns you with love and compassion.**

## Song of Assurance: "No Longer Slaves"

**1. You unravel me with a melody. You surround me with a song  
of deliverance from my enemies till all my fears are gone.**

**Chorus: I'm no longer a slave to fear; I am a child of God. (repeat)**

**2. From my mother's womb You have chosen me;  
Love has called my name. I've been born again into Your family;  
Your blood flows through my veins.**

**Bridge: You split the sea so I could walk right through it.  
My fears were drowned in perfect love.**

**You rescued me so I could stand and sing: I am a child of God.**

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## We Share Our Joys &amp; Concerns and Pray for Each Other

## God Speaks to Us Through His Word

## Children's Blessing: "The Lord Is My Light"

LUYH 431:1

Children ages 3 years old through Kindergarten are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary to receive a prayer of blessing before going downstairs to the Multi-Purpose Room for a time of worship designed especially for young children. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service.

Scripture: Luke 3:15-22

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Sermon: "Beloved, Baptized, and Begun"

Pastor Joel Kok

\*Song of Response: "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"

LUYH 111:1-3,6

## We Are Reminded of Our Salvation in Christ

We invite all who believe in Jesus as their Lord and Savior to come to the table to be fed and nourished. We also believe that this is a family meal. If your children have shown an interest in taking communion, please contact your elder who would be happy to talk through that with them. This morning the elements will be passed through the rows. Please hold them until all have been served and we will eat together. If you are in need of gluten-free bread, please indicate that to the servers.