



First English Lutheran Church

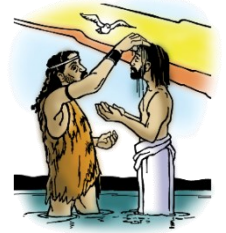
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Dr. Stephen and Jodi Swanson, Missionaries/Tanzania

Baptism of Our Lord

ELW SETTING FOUR



9:00 am

January 7, 2024

PREPARATION

Prelude

Bells

Welcome & Announcements

GATHERING

Greeting & Passing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

Confession and Forgiveness *All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters. **C: Amen.**

P: God, our rock and refuge, **C: we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**

P: The voice of the Lord is upon... You are God's beloved. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

'Rise, Shine, You People'

#665

Greeting

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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

'Angels, From the Realms of Glory'

#275

1. Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth; once you sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

2. Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night, God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant light. Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

3. Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar; seek the great desire of nations, you have seen his natal star. Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

4. All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son, evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One. Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt., sts. 1-3; Salisbury Hymn Book, 1857, st. 4. Music: Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879.

Prayer of the Day: P: Holy God, **C: creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-5

pg. 1

Psalm 29

L: ¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

C: ² Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

L: ³ The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

C: ⁴ The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

L: ⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

C: ⁶ the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

L: ⁷ The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes.

C: ⁸ The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

L: ⁹ The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

C: ¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.

L: ¹¹ O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

Second Lesson: Acts 19:1-7

NT pg. 106

Children's Message

Lisa Berdan

Special Music

'Holy Spirit, Come'
Words & Music by Ruth Elaine Schram

Senior Choir

Gospel Acclamation

'Alleluia. Lord to whom.....'

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

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Holy Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

NT pg. 27

P: The Holy Gospel according to... **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Lisa Berdan

Hymn of the Day

'Brightest and Best of the Stars' vs. 1, 4, 5

#303

1. Brightest and best of the stars of the morning, dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid. Star of the east, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant redeemer is laid.

4. Vainly we offer each ample oblation, vainly with gifts would his favor secure; richer by far is the heart's adoration, dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

5. Brightest and best of the stars of the morning, dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid. Star of the east, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant redeemer is laid.

Text: Reginald Herber, 1783-1826, alt. Music: James P. Harding, 1850-1911, adapt.

Apostle's Creed

p. 105

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.

Prayers for the People of God

P: God of Grace, **C: Receive our prayer.**

MEAL

Offering Collection and Presentation

Offertory Hymn 'As With Gladness Men of Old' vs. 1, 4, 5 #302

1. As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold; as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright; so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led by thee.

4. Holy Jesus, ev'ry day keep us in the narrow way; and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.

5. In the heav'nly country bright need they no created light; thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down; there forever may we sing alleluias to our king.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt. Music: Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872.

Offertory Prayer **C: Amen.**

Lord's Prayer pg. 154

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.

SENDING

Blessing

P: God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ☩ bless you and remain with you always. **C: Amen.**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

C: We Will! Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

'This Little Light of Mine'

#677

Bells

Postlude

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Psalm 139:14. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

In other words, "created to be..."

Thanks to Lisa Berdan for leading us today in worship.

Welcome to all visitors and guests! May the joy of Christ fill you as we worship today. Friendship Pads are at the ends of each pew (by middle aisle). Fill them out, pass them on to your neighbor(s), and send them back to the middle aisle.

KDIO Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Richard & Marla Strei and family in memory of their dad and grandpa Mick Boone on his birthday which was January 6th. [Radio broadcast cards are available on the information kiosk in the narthex; cost is \$100/week].

OFFERING UPDATE: Here are the expenses for December: \$23,905.11. Here is what we received: \$25,387.55. You're also encouraged to visit our webpage for Online Giving at www.firstenglish.net



Happy Birthday wishes go out to Judy Beckman whose birthday is this Thursday. **The annual meeting of the congregation** will be Jan. 21st at 10:30 am in the sanctuary.

Just a reminder we ask you to get your opportunity sheets & pledges in. If you haven't done so, please fill them out and place them in the box in the Narthex.

Coffee Fellowship needs volunteers to continue. Please contact the office or sign-up in the fellowship hall if you're willing to help to prepare & serve coffee. If no one volunteers to serve, we won't have coffee fellowship that Sunday.



PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT for Carol Barrett; Marcus Hanson, Arlen LaCombe; Gail Olson; Harris Selvig; Beth Swanson; Brandi Tweeter; Clara Zeek; Monty Athey, Paul Erdman; Beckett Foster; Rosie Frank; Larry Helgeson; Natalie Henneberg; McCoy Jipson; Zane Kilde; Brian Pribyl; Janice Redfield; David Scholberg; and Jerry Stotesbery. AT FAIRWAY VIEW NEIGHBORHOODS: Janet Anderson; Ricky Anderson; Arvilla Bergseth; Adeline Burgess; Ruth Hansen; Jim Hipple; Vivian Janssen; & Eleanor Nickolauson. ALL OUR MILITARY who are deployed to areas of conflict, especially Alexander Johnson (Ev Johnson's grandson). If you would like a name added/removed, please contact the church office.



REMINDER: Calendar and other important information is on our website, www.firstenglish.net & our bulletin boards. The church office number is (320) 839-2527.

This Week's Ministry Assistants—January 7th

Greeters: Sandy Brown & Justice Wittnebel **Acolytes:** Madilyn & Brooke
Organist: Amy Adelman **FWV:** Miley Block & Marilyn Chindvall
Tech Desk: Liz Ketz & Marina Thomson
Ushers: Ev Johnson, Rodney Torgerson, Jon & Kim Anderson

Next Week's Ministry Assistants—January 14th

Greeters: Marilee Haukos & Brianna Jones **Acolytes:** Liam & Mikaela
Coffee Servers: NEED VOLUNTEERS **FWV:** Barb Wiese & Liv Wollschlager
Tech Desk: Marge Dragseth & Marina Thomson **Organist:** Carol Ydstie
Ushers: Glenn Henningson, Ron Athey, Art Vollmer, and Larry Dahle

Weekly Calendar

Sun – 1/7 9:00 am Worship (w/Lisa Berdan) – KDIO & FB Live
10:00 am Sunday School
10:30 am Fairway View Worship Pre-Recorded
Mon – 1/8 7:00 pm Council Meeting
Tues – 1/9 8:30 am Day of Love
4:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (Fairway View)
Wed – 1/10 9:30 am Channel 3 broadcast
3:30 pm Confirmation (7-8th grade)

4:30 pm Confirmation (9th grade)

5:30 pm Youth Group (7-12th grade) & Channel 3 broadcast.

7:00 pm Senior Choir

Fri – 1/12 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Sun – 1/14

9:00 am Worship (w/Rev. Hans Sacrison) – Communion –

Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live

10:00 am Coffee Fellowship, Caring Friends Meeting, & Sunday School

10:15 am WAM meeting

10:30 am Fairway View Worship (pre-recorded)

