



***Baptism of the Lord  
January 9, 2022  
Service of Word and Baptismal Renewal***

## **Prelude**

*I Adore You* – arr. Fred Bock

## **Invitation**

O Christ, by your epiphany, light has shone on us to assure us of the fullness of salvation: grant your light to all whom we shall encounter today:

**Lord, have mercy.**

O Christ, you humbled yourself and received baptism at your servant's hands, showing us the way of humility: grant us to serve humbly all the days of our life:

**Lord, have mercy.**

O Christ, by your baptism you washed away every impurity, making us children of the Father: grant the grace of adoption as God's children to all who are searching for him:

**Lord, have mercy.**

O Christ, by your baptism you sanctified the creation and opened the way of repentance and new life to all who are baptized: make us instruments of your gospel in the world:

**Lord, have mercy.**

O Christ, by your baptism you revealed the Trinity, your Father calling you his beloved Son, through the Spirit descending upon you: renew a spirit of true worship in the royal priesthood of all the baptized.

**Lord, have mercy.**

O Christ, made manifest as the true light of God:  
gladden our hearts on the joyful morning of your glory,  
call us by our name on the great Day of your coming,  
and give us grace to offer unending praise with all the hosts of heaven to the Father in whom all things find their ending,  
now and ever. **Amen.**<sup>1</sup>

**\*Hymn of Praise: No. 277**

***The Church's One Foundation***

**\*The Collect**

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<sup>1</sup> Webber, R. (1994). *The services of the Christian year* (Vol. 5, p. 212). Star Song Pub. Group.

But now thus says the LORD,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
    he who formed you, O Israel:  
“Fear not, 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,  
    Cush and Seba in exchange for you.  
4 Because you are precious in my eyes,  
    and honored, and I love you,  
I give men in return for you,  
    peoples in exchange for your life.  
5 Fear not, 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 up,  
    and to the south, Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from afar  
    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.”<sup>2</sup>

**Spiritual Song: No. 265**

***Father, I Adore You***

**Psalm 29**

Responsively

1 Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
    ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.  
2 **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
    worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**  
3 The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

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<sup>2</sup> *Revised Common Lectionary*. (2009). Faithlife.

the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD, over many waters.

**4 The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

**5** The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**6 He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

**7** The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

**8 The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

**9** The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth  
and strips the forests bare,  
and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

**10 The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

**11** May the LORD give strength to his people!  
May the LORD bless his people with peace! <sup>3</sup>

## Morning Prayer

### Our Savior's Prayer [using debts and debtors]

**\*Gospel Acclamation: Bulletin Page**

***Baptized in Water***

**\*Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ**

**St. Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

<sup>15</sup> As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ,

<sup>16</sup> John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened,

<sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove;

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<sup>3</sup> *Revised Common Lectionary*. (2009). Faithlife.

and a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”<sup>4</sup>

## Proclamation of God’s Word

“PD”

### *I Am Being Baptized*

## Remembrance of Baptism

Brothers and sisters in Christ,  
we are united by a common faith in Jesus Christ.  
The power at work in this community  
does not come from our own strength  
but from God’s Spirit working in us.  
Claiming God’s promises,  
we remember again God’s gracious love for us  
and recommit ourselves to joyful life together in Christ.

Hear again the gracious promises of God, and know that all of  
God’s promises are brought to completion through Jesus Christ!

*If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin,  
the Spirit is life because of righteousness.  
If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,  
he who raised Christ from the dead will give life  
to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.  
So then, brothers and sisters,  
we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—  
for if you live according to the flesh, you will die;  
but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will  
live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.  
For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,  
but you have received a spirit of adoption.  
When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness  
with our spirit that we are children of God,  
and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ  
if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with  
him.* —Romans 8:10-17, NRSV

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<sup>4</sup> *Revised Common Lectionary*. (2009). Faithlife.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, our baptism is the sign and seal of our cleansing from sin and of our being grafted into Christ. Through the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Christ, the power of sin was broken and God's kingdom entered our world. Through our baptism we were made citizens of God's kingdom and freed from the bondage of sin. Let us celebrate that freedom and redemption through the renewal of the promises made at our baptism. I ask you, therefore, once again to reject sin, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we were baptized.

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of evil that rebel against God?

**I renounce them!**

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

**I renounce them!**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ?

**Yes! I trust in him as my Lord and Savior.**

Do you intend to be Christ's faithful disciple, trusting his promises, obeying his Word, honoring his church, and showing his love, as long as you live?

**Yes! God helping me.**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

***The Apostles' Creed***

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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 into hades.**

**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 quick and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Eternal and gracious God. . .now and forever. **Amen.**

By the Holy Spirit,

all who believe and are baptized receive a ministry  
to witness to Jesus as Savior and Lord,  
and to love and serve those with whom they live and work.

**We are ambassadors for Christ,  
who reconciles and makes whole.**

**We are the salt of the earth;  
we are the light of the world.**

Remember your baptism and be thankful. In the name of the  
Father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

You are disciple(s) of Jesus Christ.

Live in love, as Christ loved us  
and gave himself for us.

Rejoice always; pray without ceasing;  
give thanks in all circumstances;

for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your  
heart and your mind in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

—based on Ephesians 5:2; Philipians 4:7; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NRSV

**\*Song of Grace: Bulletin Page**

***You Are Mine***

**\*Dismissal and Blessing**

**\*Response**

***Go Now In Peace***

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.**

**God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.**

**Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.**

**Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

**\*Going Forth**

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**“Souper Bowl” Competition – 5 Sundays in January**

It is time for our annual “Souper Bowl” Competition. In January 2022 we will again be competing with one another for the “Souper Bowl” certificate. There will be two winners again this year. One for larger churches (over 100 families) and a second for smaller churches (under 100 families). The four quarters of the competition will be the five Sundays in January. Food items should be taken to the fellowship hall and placed in the designated location. Monetary donations should be given in an envelope marked “Souper Bowl” competition (checks should be made out to Trinity UCC).

Our local food pantry continues to grow. We are serving approximately 100 families from the Berlin and Shanksville School Districts. In this time of economic stress and the pandemic it is so meaningful for all of those who can help the food pantry. We have a great group of volunteers that truly enjoy the fellowship at the food pantry. Nonperishable (non-expired) food, condiments, baking products, paper supplies, toiletries, cleaning supplies, and monetary donations are welcome.

Prayers are requested for our clients and volunteers. May God continue to share his blessing with each and every one of you.

“Berlin Area Food Pantry”

# *Secret Pals*

## **“Secret Pals” Program**

We are still looking for participants in the “Secret Pals” program. “Secret Pals” is a program started here at Trinity UCC in 2011.

**Purpose:** to provide a way for adults in our church family to encourage, support & affirm the youth of our congregation.

Please take your application from the church family bulletin board, contact Bobbi Robertson or the church office

**The deadline is January 30<sup>th</sup>.**

## The Saints In Action

TODAY – *Baptism of the Lord*

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

Next Sunday – *Second Sunday after Epiphany*

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

2:00 p.m. Jim & Kay Suder Memorial Service



### Giving From 1/2/2022

|                | Rec       | Budget    | Over/Under |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| <b>General</b> | \$2756.00 | \$2521.38 | \$234.62   |
| <b>Ben</b>     | \$315.00  | \$213.46  | \$101.54   |
| <b>Maint</b>   | \$175.00  | \$163.46  | \$11.54    |
| <b>Mem</b>     |           |           |            |
| <b>Total</b>   | \$3246.00 | \$2898.30 | \$347.70   |

Benevolence includes Food Pantry of \$120.00

**Worship Attendance: 68**

**Sunday School: 15**



**Those Remembered in prayer:**

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

**Shut Ins:**

Lew & Barb Berkley, Roy Bucher, Helen Diest, Mary Forespring, Janet Gindlesperger, Cynthia Kelly, Lois Krause, Deb Luteri, Lois Saylor.

**Healing Concerns:**

Sally Altfather, Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Carol Boyer, Jim Coughenour, Pam Crooks, Larry Custer, Dana Dawson, Dawn Gindlesperger, Andrea Shaulis Harris, Larry Hay, Barry Landis, Larry McCullen, Jennifer Miller, Bonnie Murphy, Nancy Schrock, Avis Specht, Kelly Tharp, Robin Walker, Harry and Jane Watkins, Heather Weighley, Nancy Weighley, Karen Will, Kimberly Kay Roos Zimmerman, Gerald Zorn

***Where You May Find . . .***

**The Nursery:** *is on the lower level for children and their parent. A big screen TV is mounted in the room so that you may watch the service.*

**At the Sanctuary Entrances. . .**

Large Print Bulletins

Hearing Amplifiers

Recycling Boxes for Bulletins

*These Days* – Devotional

## **Assisting in Worship**

**Sound:** Tom Croner, Jim Darr

**Acolyte:** Kaitlyn Miller

***The Flowers on the altar*** in memory of Richard and Helen Croner by the Richard Croner Family

**The Suder Family** invites the Trinity congregation to join them for a Memorial Service for Jim & Kay on Sunday, January 16 at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary. Following the service a light reception will be offered in fellowship hall. Rev'd Jay Schaffer will be the officiant.

**Confirmation Class Rescheduled to January 23** – due to the Suder Memorial service. Class will meet at 6:30 p.m.

### ***The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by***

*Pastor: Rev'd Dr. David A. Williams*

*Church Secretary: Pam Bush*

*Financial Secretary: Renee Gindlesperger*

*Chancel Choir Director Emeritus: Linda Gallick*

*Handbells: Jeanne Hillegas*

### ***Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday***

***9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.***

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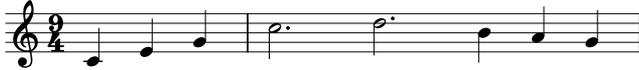
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# Baptized in Water

Michael Saward, 1981

Traditional Gaelic Melody



Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the  
Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the  
Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the

2



Spir - it, cleansed by the blood of Christ, our  
Spir - it, dead in the tomb with Christ, our  
Spir - it, marked with the sign of Christ, our

4



King; hers of sal - va - tion, trust-ing His  
King; one with His ris - ing, freed and for -  
King; born of one Fa - ther, we are His

6



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we  
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we  
chil - dren, joy - ful - ly now God's praise we

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# You Are Mine

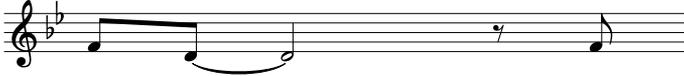
David Hass - Ps. 46:10, Isa. 43:1, John 14:27

David Haas



I will come to you in the  
I am hope for all who are  
I am strength for all the de -  
am the Word that leads all to

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si - lence;  
hope - less.  
spair - ing.  
free - dom,

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3



I will lift you from - all your  
I am eyes for all who long to  
heal - ing for the ones who dwell in  
am the peace the world can - not

4



fear. - You will hear my voice, I  
see. In the shad - ows of the night,  
shame. All the blind will see, the  
give. I will call your name, em -

6



claim you as my choice, be  
I will be your light,  
lame will all run free, and  
brac - ing all your pain, stand

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