

January 12, 2025 10:00 am

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD CAMP SUNDAY

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We are blessed that you have joined us today.

Notes on worship:

BOLD type = people of God =You

Regular type = leader

Italic type = directions or explanations

Introduction to the Day



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. We also welcome leaders from Pinecrest Lutheran leadership Ministries to talk to us about camp!

WELCOME

Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Bellerose! We are so glad that you are here to worship with us either in person or online. If you are seeking a church to call home, welcome and we hope you find the comfort of Christ's Beloved Community here. If Pastor Analyse or the Prayer Team can provide any care for you at present, please reach out in person or at pastoranalyse@holytrinitybellerose.org or the church office at office@holytrinitybellerose.org.

~Please stand as you are able.~

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin. Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world.

Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In + Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ELW 532 vs 1, 2, 4 Gather Us In

1 Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face; we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

4 Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away—here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, and now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

GREETING

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

HYMN OF PRAISE W&P 70 I Will Call Upon the Lord

I will call upon the Lord (echo)
Who is worthy to be praised (echo)
So shall I be saved from my enemies (echo)

Refrain

The Lord liveth and blessed be the rock and may the God of my salvation be exalted

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.

Amen.

~Please be seated.~

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7 NRSV

Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring the people home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.

The first reading is from Isaiah, beginning at 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.

⁴Because 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."

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29

We will now read responsively from Psalm 29.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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!"

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

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

SECOND READING Acts 8:14-17 NRSV Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.

The second reading is from Acts beginning at 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. Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

~Please stand as you are able.~

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 NRSV

The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke beginning at the 3rd chapter.

Glory 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."

Praise to you, O Christ.

~Please be seated.~

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CAMP SPOTLIGHT

Pinecrest Lutheran Leadership Ministries

~Please stand as you are able.~

HYMN OF THE DAY TFF 257 I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy

1 I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy, down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart; I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy, down in my heart to stay.

2 I've got the peace that passes understanding, down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart; I've got the peace that passes understanding, down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.

3 I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus, down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;

I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus, down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.

THE NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith saying the words of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

~Please remain standing as you desire, otherwise please be seated.~

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

A brief silence.

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. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Your voice sounds over the waters. Speak words of healing over the rivers and lakes, seas and oceans especially the Atlantic Ocean, Long Island Sound, Jamaica Bay, Little Neck Bay, the East River, Harlem River, the Bayside Marina, and the Hudson River Heeding your voice, lead us to care for water, and the land and creatures it nourishes. God of grace, receive our prayer.

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. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

You are with us in challenging times. Draw near to all who are ill, undergoing treatment, or recovering from surgery especially. Bob Sarro, Janice Rajgopaul, Susan Henyan, Jackie Mercorelli, Peter Stiefel, Ruth Loomis Tony Triolo, Ginny Pietler, and Evelyn Kimmich. Accompany individuals and families affected by addiction or mental health challenges. Uphold each person as your beloved. God of grace, receive our prayer.

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. God of grace, receive our prayer.

You equip us to transform economic, political, and social systems that oppress vulnerable people, especially systems of structural racism and generational poverty. God of grace, receive our prayer.

You give us time for work and for play. Guide ministries of this synod that enrich the faith of youth and young adults, especially Pinecrest Lutheran Leadership Ministries. God of grace, receive our prayer.

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. God of grace, receive our prayer.

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

Amen.

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always! **And also with you!**

Let us share a sign of Christ's peace with one another. (In the method of your comfort level.)

~Please be seated.~

OFFERING

~Please stand as you are able.~

OFFERTORY HYMN ELW 692 We Are an Offering

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.

Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

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.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also 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, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might; Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest. EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the

forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his birth and life among us, his death and resurrection, we await his coming again when all things will be restored in him.

By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup, that, held and nourished by you, we may live as your children, shining with the light of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

~Please be seated.~

COMMUNION

All are welcome to the Lord's Table. We receive communion in the form of a wafer and a small cup of wine or grape juice.

Please tell the ushers if you need the bread and wine brought to you. If you are not yet receiving communion, or do not wish to receive today, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Follow the usher's directions.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

A child has been born for us, a Son given to us. Come, receive the gift of Jesus.

COMMUNION HYMN ELW 471

Let Us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees.

Refrain

3 Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees.

Refrain

~Please stand as you are able.~

TABLE BLESSING & COMMUNION PRAYER

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

Amen.

Let us pray.
Nourishing God,
at this table you have refreshed us
with holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for service,
and send us out to embody your good news
of liberation and healing for the sake of the
world.

In the name of Christ we pray, **Amen.**

~Please be seated.~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~Please stand as you are able.~

BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God

+ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 543

Go My Children, With My Blessing

1 "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.

In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are
my own."

2 "Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.

Here you heard my dear Son's story, here you touched him, saw his glory. Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."

3 "Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.

Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

Here my Spirit's power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you. Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

DISMISSAL

What is our Mission?

Welcoming all to grow in faith; living Christ's message of serving and loving neighbors near and far.

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We are blessed by your presence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMING EVENTS

IN PERSON SERVICES every Sunday Live and via Facebook Live @ 10:00 am. You don't have to belong to Facebook to watch. Video will also be available on our interactive bulletin at: holytrinitybellerose.wordpress.com.

COUNCIL MEETING

Next meeting: January 14th @ 7:30 pm.

PIANO FUNDRAISER

Holy Trinity has a new Grand Piano! If you would like to donate towards the cost of paying it off, and invest in Holy Trintiy's music ministry please put your donation in a "Keys of Grace" envelope, located periodically in your bulletin and on the table in the narthex. We are about halfway to our \$6,000 goal!

HOLY TRINITY'S CENTENNIAL

Holy Trinity turns 100 in 2026! If you would like to be on a sub-committee to plan celebrations throughout the year, please sign up on one of the sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

CHURCH MERCHANDISE

We have a webstore! As a certified non-profit Holy Trinity receives money back for every item purchased. Purchase Holy Trinity shirts, hats, mugs etc. by visiting

https://www.bonfire.com/store/holy-trinitylutheran-church-merch/

CONFIRMATION

If your child is currently in Grade 5 or higher we are going to start Confirmation classes in January. Please let Pastor Analyse know if your child is interested in participating in once a month classes during coffee hour with the expectation of confirming in the spring or fall of 2026.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

The window to designate your Thrivent Choice dollars opens soon! Please remember to direct your *Thrivent Choice Dollars* to Holy Trinity between January 24th and March 31st. Please see the insert for a letter with instructions on how to do that. If you have any questions, please contact Ken Henyan.

BINGO!

Join us for Bingo on Sunday, January 26th at 1pm benefitting the Midnight Run in memory of Kara Innella. Drinks and hotdogs will be sold!

MIDNIGHT RUN

Midnight Run will take place on **Saturday, March 1**. See sign-up sheet for various volunteer opportunities.

YOUTH GROUP

The youth meet twice a month on the first and third Saturday's from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm for 2 - 8 grades and 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm for 9^{th} grade and up. Contact Diane Gilroy for more information.

ALTAR GUILD

Looking for volunteers to help Denice, Joe, & Pastor Analyse with Altar responsibilities.

WOMEN'S GROUP

This group is women getting together to discuss relevant topics and books, spend time uplifting and supporting each other. Meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month from 7-9 pm. All are welcome. Any questions contact Carol Robinson or Denice Watkins.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

All positions available. Learn a new skill. The video camera is really user friendly. See Pastor Analyse for additional information.

YOGA PRACTICE

Yoga, Thursdays, at 7 pm in the Friendship Hall. One hour for only \$10. Contact Carol Robinson, 917-208-7340, for additional information.

GIVING TREE

Our Giving Tree in the Narthex has some new foliage! As we give thanks for all that we have this month, it help us also give to *Midnight Run* up an ornament from the tree and help those in need celebrate the holidays.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Gabrielle Blom
- 4 Kavla Persad
- 5 Kathy Gallagher
- 8 Lorraine Scalice
- 14 Samantha Chell
- 15 Elise Hughes
- 17 Kristian Persad
- 19 Erin Robinson
- 20 Olivia Lu
- 21 Gabriel Lu Correa
- 24 Hannah Bakhsh
- 25 Denice Watkins
- 27 Barney Gallagher
- 29 Carol Robinson

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Jean Klarman Musician
Jean Klarman Assisting Minister

Carol Cannova Reader

Carol Cannova Usher & Communion Assistant

Denice Watkins

Usher

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