Baptism of Our Lord with the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Elizabeth Ann McSherry

January 9, 2022



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Friends & Family Prayer List: The prayer list for family & friends has been updated. Any names submitted will be kept for <u>4 weeks</u> unless a longer period is requested. Please let Bonnie Boyer <u>bonnie0879@verizon.net</u> or the <u>secretary@trinitylutheraneb.org</u> know if you need to have someone added to the list.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized" Johann S. Bach

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Children who are present for in-person worship may come to the front of the sanctuary for a time of faithful learning. The Children's Time takes place early in the service to accommodate those who are energetic and squirmy while worshiping online via the livestream.

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

- P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

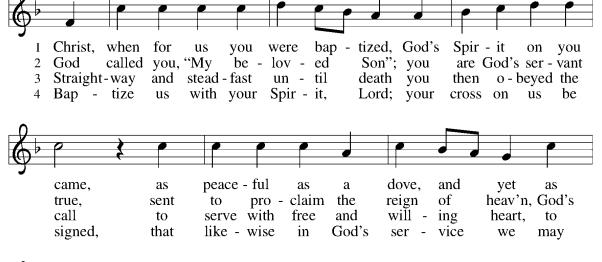
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

*OPENING HYMN "Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized" ELW 304





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

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

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* APOSTOLIC GREETING

- 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.





- 1 As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be hold;
- 2 As with joy ful steps they sped, Sav ior, to thy low ly bed,



as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on - ward, beam-ing bright; there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;



so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee. so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.

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

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray
- C 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.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 43:1-7

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.

¹But 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.

²When 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. ³For 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.

⁵Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;

⁶I 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—

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

L Word of God, Word of Life

C Thanks be to God

Psalm: 29

- ¹Ascribe to the [|]LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- ²Ascribe 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.
- ⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.
- ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon:
- ⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.
- ⁷The voice | of the LORD bursts forth in | lightning flashes.
- ⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 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!"

- ¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.
- ¹¹O LORD, give strength | to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

Here ends the Psalm.

SECOND LESSON: Acts 8:14-17

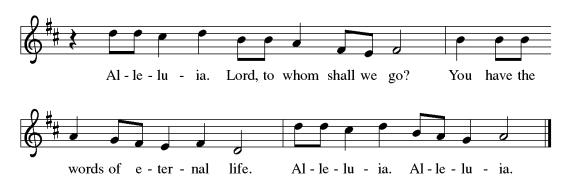
Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The 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). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

- L Word of God, Word of Life
- C Thanks be to God

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3rd chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John 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. ¹⁷His 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."

- ²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and 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.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Susan J. McCarthy

*HYMN OF THE DAY "Crashing Waters at Creation" ELW 455



- 1 Crash-ing wa-ters at cre-a-tion, or-dered by the Spir-it's breath,
- 2 Part ing wa ter stood and trem-bled as the cap-tives passed on through,
- 3 Cleans-ing wa ter once at Jor dan closed a round the one fore told,
- 4 Liv ing wa ter, nev er end ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.



first wit - ness day's be - gin-ning from the bright-ness of night's death. the chains of bond-age— chan-nel to wash - ing off life made new. o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old. Well-spring, source of e - ter - nal, drench our dry-ness, make us whole. life

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Please be seated.

PRESENTATION OF BAPTISMAL CANDIDATE

P: In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the Church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God. Who presents this child to God in the presence of these gathered?

PARENTS/SPONSORS: We do.

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

PARENTS: We do.

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

- to live with her among God's faithful people,
- to bring her to hear the Word of God and receive the Holy Supper,
- to teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creeds, and the Ten Commandments,
- to place in her hands the Holy Scriptures,
- and to nurture her in faith and prayer

so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help Elizabeth grow in the Christian faith and life?

PARENTS: We do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture this child in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the Church?

SPONSORS: We do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Elizabeth and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

CONGREGATION: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: I ask everyone gathered to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

ALL: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

ALL: 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.

P: Do you believe in God, the Holy Spirit?

ALL: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood, you delivered Noah and his family and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

BAPTISM (water is poured on the candidate's head three times as the minster says:)

P: Elizabeth Ann McSherry, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit **Amen.**

ALL: You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia!

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water, the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

(Laying both hands upon the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays)

Sustain Elizabeth with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

(As the sign of the cross is marked on the forehead of the newly baptized, the minister says:) Elizabeth Ann, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

ALL: Amen.

(As lit candle is presented to family):

AM: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

P: Let us pray. O God, giver of life, look with kindness upon Jennifer & Jordan, Sara & Brian. Let them rejoice in the gift you have given them as parents and godparents of this child. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for Elizabeth. Strengthen them in their own baptism so they may share eternally with her the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

ALL: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and in bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us take a few moments to share a sign of Christ's Peace with one another.

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so, we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

A brief silence.

By the Holy Spirit, inspire your faithful people to be fervent in prayer and service so that all people witness that they are precious in your sight. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

By the Holy Spirit, inspire your faithful people to be protectors of land, water, and air so that all people have access to your creation's blessings. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

By the Holy Spirit, establish among the nations the blessings of peace for the sake of mercy and justice for all. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

By the Holy Spirit, comfort and assure all who are in need, especially those on our prayer lists and everyone we name before you now aloud and, in our hearts, (*pause*). God of grace,

hear our prayer.

By the Holy Spirit, we are joined in baptism to Christ and to one another. Bless Elizabeth McSherry and all the newly baptized, helping us to be faithful disciples. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

By the Holy Spirit, you created each of your saints. We give thanks for those you have called by name into your eternal embrace. Comfort us all in grief and release us from fear. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

*OFFERING

Many thanks to you for your faithful participation in giving at Trinity. Your offerings of time, talent, and treasure are what make our work in God's name possible. Thank you for supporting Christ's mission together here in this place!

*OFFERTORY

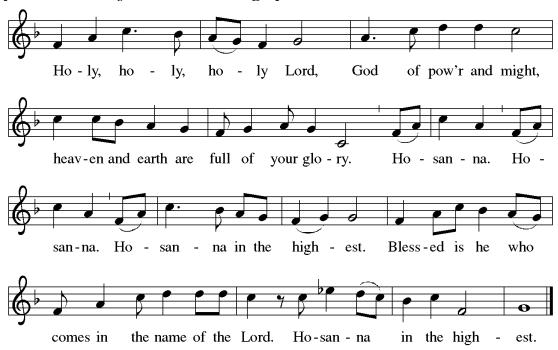


*OFFERING PRAYER

- **A** Let us pray.
- Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give God thanks and praise.
- P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. In him you have received us as your children, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us your Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and 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 preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance 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.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready!

Thanks be to God!

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We are all invited to the Lord's Table; please make yourself at home. The pastor will offer direction for the distribution of the sacrament. Please note the following elements are available: pre-blessed, sealed wafer and grape juice packages, wheat wafers, gluten-free wafers, poured grape juice, poured wine. You are welcome to visit and remain at the chancel rail during the meal as you wish.

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

- A Let us pray.
- C We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance you provide. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

- P God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, + bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.
- C Amen.

*DISMISSAL

- A Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Let Our Gladness Have No End" John A. Behnke

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To Serve God And His Church During The Coming Week

Sunday	10:15a.m.	Christian Education
Sunday	6:30p.m.	AA Meeting
Monday	6:00p.m.	Bible Study
Monday	6:30p.m.	Girl Scouts
Tuesday	5:30p.m.	Laundry Love
Wednesday	10:00a.m.	Prayer Service
Wednesday	2:00-4:00p.m.	Knotty Knotters
Wednesday	7:00p.m.	Zoom Cocktail Hour
Thursday	6:30p.m.	AA Meeting
Thursday	7:00p.m.	Council Meeting
Sunday	9:00a.m.	Worship

Assisting in the Service Today: Assisting Minister: Bob King; Lector: Noelle Kline; Ushers: Louise Haugh, Kathy Kuhn; Hymn Leader: Mary Jacobs

Holy Baptism: This morning we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism for Elizabeth Ann McSherry. Elizabeth is the daughter of Jordan & Jennifer McSherry. Please welcome the McSherry family and their guests as Elizabeth is claimed as a child of God!

Bible Study will be held <u>Monday evening at 6:00pm</u> via Zoom. Watch your email for the link. See Pastor Susan for details and please consider joining in.

Wednesday's at 10am Prayer Service will be held in the chapel and will also be available live on Trinity's Facebook Fellowship Group page.

Zoom Cocktail Hour with Pastor Susan will be held on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>January</u> 12 at 7:00pm. A link to zoom will be sent in Monday's email.

Pie Sale Canceled for the month of January. Stay tuned for the next pie sale!

HOMELESS MINISTRY AT TRINITY

We have recently learned of an opportunity to make mats for the homeless out of plastic store bags. The bags are cut into strips, tied together, and then crocheted to form a plastic mat that is waterproof and provides some protection from the cold winter elements. Watch for coming details about this exciting ministry! In the meantime, **Pastor Susan and Karen Sheaffer are planning to attend this Free Zoom Webinar, sponsored by the Lower Susquehanna Synod, to learn more about homelessness in Central PA and what churches can do about it.** Please click the link (or type it into your browser), register, and **join us** on <u>Tuesday evening</u>, <u>January 11th</u>, from 7pm-8:30pm. If you have questions, please contact the church office. Here's the link: https://www.lss-elca.org/about-us/justice-ministries/homelessness-task-force/

The Mission-in-Motion ministry here at Trinity would like to invite all of you to participate in our support of a community wide and ecumenical partnership to assist a possible refugee family from Afghanistan relocating in our area in the coming months. The type of and size of the family and exactly where they will be living is still to be determined. But we have an opportunity to help stock up their household with non-food household items. If you are able please bring to the church in the coming weeks various paper goods or household cleaning supplies, detergents and similar items that one would need when setting up a household. Thanks as always for your generous help, and for your prayers for this and all our ministries. If you have any questions, please contact Pr. Terry McCarthy or Dona Lerew.