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**Lector: Wanda Rosten**  
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**Media Center: Bruce Buehner**  
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**Council Steward: Kay Carter**  
**Organist: Diane Nicklas**

**NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS**

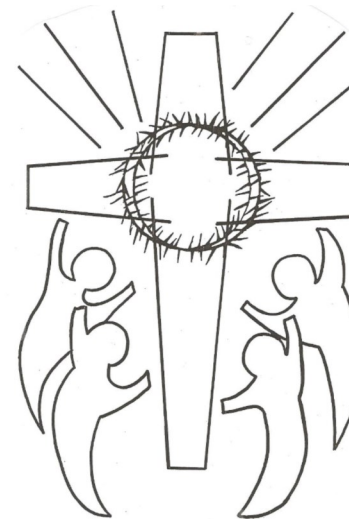
**Lector: Margie Dorn**  
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**Altar Guild: Wanda Rosten**  
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**Fellowship Host: Terresa Lauck**  
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**THIS WEEK AT OUR REDEEMER**

**Sat January 6 @ 10 am Bible Study**  
**Sat Jan 6 @12-1:30 Grief Group**  
**Sun Jan 7 @ 10 am Worship Service**  
**Sun Jan 7 After Service "Undecorate" the Church**  
**Sun Jan 7 Church Council & EIL Retreat**



*Baptism of Our Lord*  
*Sunday January 7, 2024*



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer  
1100 West Platte Avenue  
Fort Morgan, CO 80701

Pastor Liliana Stahlberg  
Worship Service  
10:00 a.m.

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**WORSHIP**

PRELUDE                      Organ music                      Diane Nicklas

**+GATHERING+**

**BRIEF WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Welcome to the Sunday of Jesus' Baptism in the River Jordan. The Gospels trace the Life and Teaching of Jesus as a path for us to follow in our own lives. The Path or the Way of Jesus gives us followers of Jesus, trust, confidence, certainty and happiness in knowing we are on the right track.*

**CHOIR CHANTING**—Sit comfortably in the pew and close your eyes. Let the sacred chanting permeate your mind, heart and whole being. Let go and let God.

**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.**

**AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us new birth into a living hope through the sacraments of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from guilt and shame and raises us to new and transformed life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world. **Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Remember us into your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**C: 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.**

**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.**

**SENDING SONG** "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters".....# 445

**DISMISSAL**

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PEACE SONG**—My peace I give unto you; it's the peace that the world cannot give, it's the peace that the world cannot understand; peace to know, peace to live, my peace I give unto you.

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HYMN OF THE DAY "Jesus Shall Reign"...vv. 1,2..... # 434

STATEMENT OF FAITH

**C: We believe God, a divine presence, gentle and loving, the ground of our being. We believe Jesus, who embodied the love of God, and who urged his followers to express that same love in their daily lives. We believe the Holy Spirit, as God's continuing presence in our world, surrounding us with compassion. We believe the church is the Body of Christ where people gather to praise and learn about Christ, to share our concern for one another, and to bring justice and healing to all of God's Creation. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: God, in your compassion

**C: receive our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

OFFERING *We are now invited to praise God with our offering!*

OFFERTORY SONG "GIVE THANKS"

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given, Jesus Christ, his son. And now, let the weak say I am strong, let the poor say I am rich, because of what the Lord has done for us, give thanks, give thanks.**

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you.

In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another (silence is kept for reflection).

**God, our rock and refuge, 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.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters of creation.

God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved. **Amen.**

BLESSING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

Pour out Your Holy Spirit O God upon this water and sanctify it with Your Grace. May this water remind us of the promises and commitments we made when we were baptized, to live a life worthy of our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

Pastor sprinkles the congregation with the baptismal waters, saying: Remember your baptism, recommit your life to the Lord of the whole Universe, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

BAPTISMAL HYMN "Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading".....#401

**+THE WORD+**

FIRST READING GENESIS 1:1-5

*Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the formless void, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for us. God created and continues to create new life.*

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from

God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 29**

**Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
ascribe to the Lord the glory due God’s name;  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

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

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

**The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;  
the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

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

**The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness**

**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!”**

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

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

**SECOND READING Acts 19:1-7**

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied,

“No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

R: Word of God, Word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Change My Heart O God”..... # 801

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK 1:4-11

**C: Glory to you O, Lord.**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

**C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

P: This is the Gospel-the Good News— of Jesus Christ

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**