Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Baptism of Our Lord

10:00 AM Worship Service • January 8, 2023



In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

Welcome members and guests to our worship service today. If you are visiting, we encourage you to sign the guest register located in the narthex. Please include your home address, email address and phone number. In each pew, there is a card that you can fill out if you wish to have a consult with the pastor and/or leave us more information.

The nursery is available, however since there are no attendants at this time, feel free to use it as needed.

Trinity offers an induction loop for the benefit of hearing impaired worshippers. To use, please switch your hearing aid to "T." If you are unsure if your hearing aid is compatible, please contact your audiologist.

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

6812 River Road, Newport News, VA 23607 (757) 245-7861 – http://trinitylutheran-nn.com Church Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



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PASTOR MELUSKY'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday 9am-12pm; Tuesday 9-10:30am, 11:30am-12:15pm;
Wednesday 9:30am-12pm; Thursday 9am-12pm
Times are flexible with monthly meetings, but feel free to call for an appointment or drop in.

Pastor's Cell: (734) 239-4013

Trinity is a partner church with Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center, LINK, THRIVE, and The Simple Sunflower.

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CARILLON CAL TO WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prelude

Prelude on *Salzburg*

Michael Burkhardt

GATHERING

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

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 and through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

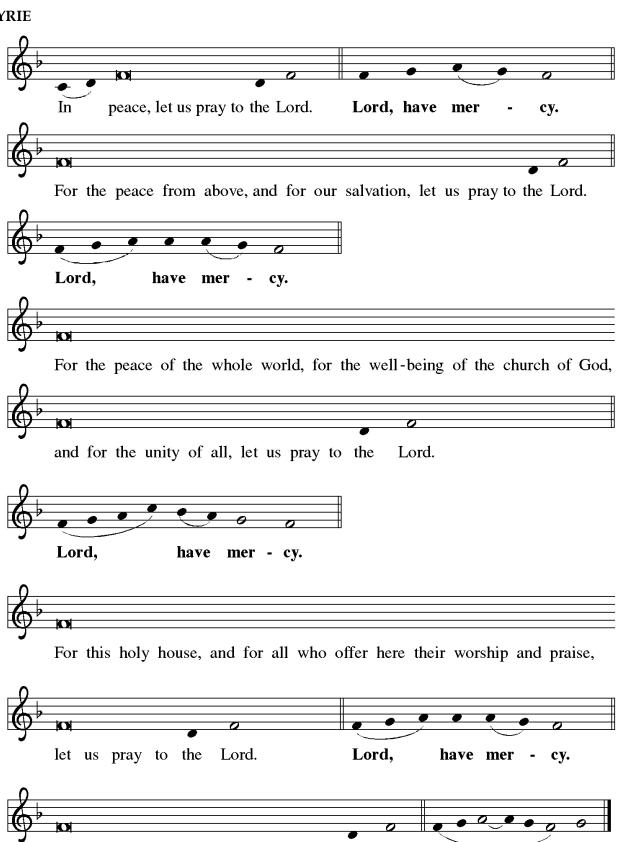
Songs of Thankfulness and Praise SALZBURG

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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.

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Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A

men.

HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 42:1-9

God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever

prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth,

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

I tell you of them.

PSALM 29 (read responsively)

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 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!"

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 LESSON: ACTS 10:34-43

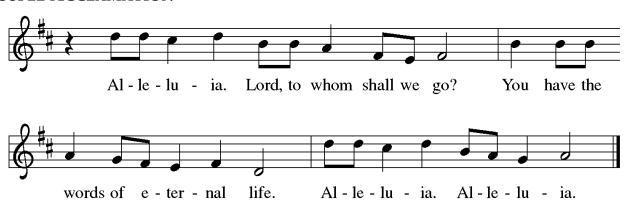
Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and his household: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 3:13-17

Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3rd chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Baptized and Set Free BAPTIZED AND SET FREE

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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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Prelude on King's Lynn Charles Callahan

OFFERTORY HYMN Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful ELW 181

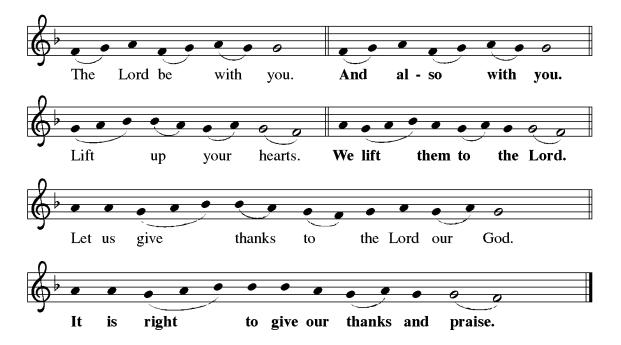
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Liberating God,

you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior. Amen.

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

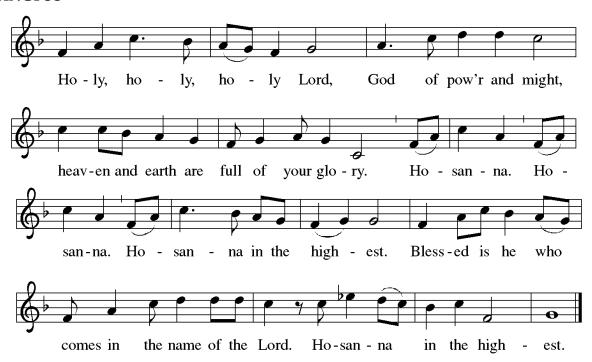


PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

ELW page 68

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

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 his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

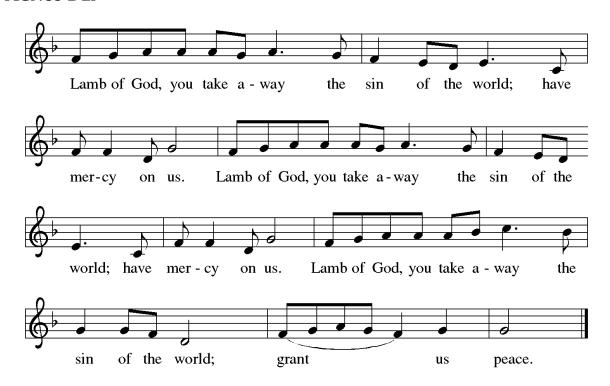
Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

AGNUS DEI



COMMUNION

Communion will be held around the table. The bread will be handed to you by the pastor. Please take a communion cup with wine from the outside edge of the tray or a grape juice cup from the center of the tray. Recycle baskets are located outside of the sanctuary doors for your plastic cups.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

When Jesus Came to Jordan KING'S LYNN

ELW 305

The assembly stands.

SENDING

TABLE BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

ELW 204

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod + bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

In Thee Is Gladness

ELW 867

IN DIR IST FREUDE

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the law of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

In dir ist Freude, BWV 615

J.S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Church Office Closed:</u>: On Monday, January 16, the Church and School offices will be CLOSED for the Martin Luther King Holiday.

<u>Installation of New Church Council Members</u>: Due to the illness of two of the three Council members who were to be installed this Sunday, installation will be postposed. We are hoping and planning that the installation will take place next Sunday.

<u>Please Note</u>: In accordance with the Worship and Music Committee's request, no announcement will remain in the bulletin for longer than one month. Please keep this in mind when writing your announcement. It would be immensely helpful if those of you who are not already doing so could please let the Admin. Asst. know when your announcement should go in and come out and this includes prayer requests. Thanks!

<u>A Note from the Treasurer</u>: The 2023 offering envelope boxes are in the church library for your pick-up. If you will be visiting any of our shut-in members, please feel free to deliver their boxes as well and save us the cost of mailing. Thanks!

Bible 365!!: Welcome to the journey!! Happy Bible 365!! Notify the office if you wish

to have a hard copy of the schedule we will follow. I pray that you will find this to be challenging but enjoyable and a rewarding journey worth taking! Remember – we are on this quest together!! If you get behind, don't give up. There is always time to catch up (or you can go back and read a section another time). Here are some resources that you may choose to use:

Overview of the Book of Genesis from The Bible Project:

Genesis 1-11: https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/genesis-1-11/

Genesis 12 – 50: https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/genesis-12-50/

Here are some general videos about reading the Bible that you may find helpful or interesting:

How to read the Bible Overview: https://www.youtube.com/watch?
v=plSNIwhAn5o

The Story of the Bible: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7_CGP-12AE0

Our **first zoom discussion** session will be **Thursday**, **January 26** @ **7:00** (I'll send more information about this closer to the date.) Please feel free to continue to invite others to join us. If anyone has questions/concerns/suggestions, please let me know.

<u>The TEAM (Trinity Endowment And Ministries) Foundation Committee</u>: Thanks to all who submitted request forms for recommendations for the disbursement of The TEAM Foundation money.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR ...

<u>Tuesday Morning Bible Study</u>: No Bible Study on Tuesday. Pastor Tina is out of town this week.

<u>Finance committee meeting</u>: On January 9, there will be a Finance Committee meeting, at 6:30 p.m., place or Zoom TBD.

COMMUNITY

<u>Sine Nomine and St Mark Lutheran Church</u>. . . . are delighted to present pianist Beckett Behel in concert on Sunday, January 29, 2023 at 4:00 PM. St Mark Lutheran Church is located at 118 Old York-Hampton Highway, Yorktown, VA 23692. 757-898-4395. Sine Nomine Presents | St Mark Online (smlconline.org) .

YOUTH

Bowling: Youth will meet today after church for an afternoon of bowling. Make sure you have \$20 for rentals, games and lunch. Meet at the glass doors ready to leave.

Winter Celebration Youth: You will receive your confirmation email from the Synod office shortly. Attached will be a packing list that you need to review. Remember we will be on the top of a mountain so please layer. Meet at the Rummel house at 1:30 on Friday, January 27. Make sure you pack money for dinner in the way up and lunch on the way back, as well as whatever money you plan to spend on ice-cream.

<u>Sunday School for Youth Group</u>: Come and hang out before church (8:45 - 9:45) and join us in conversation and movie watching. We will be watching *La La Land* for the month of January.

FROM THE ORGAN BENCH

<u>The Trinity Bell Ringers</u> ... will resume practicing after worship service on Sunday, January 22. Hope to see you there.

PRAYER LIST

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS: Nursing Homes/Assisted Living: Jeanette Cantrell (The Chesapeake, 955 Harpersville Road, AL302, Newport News, VA, 23601); Millie Christensen (Morningside: Rm. 131; Lucille Lebold (Williamsburg Landing, Memory Care Unit): Joan Johnston (The Newport – Rm 33); Shut-in at Home: Peggy Cash, Janet Edwards, Gerda Hudgens, Doris Moeser, and Dick Sallade.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS: The Ahlen Family, requested by Kathy Stevens; Hannelore Voss (Karoline's mother), requested by the Ardis family; Matt Adamo (Brother-in-law of Patricia) and the family of Lou Kressaty, requested by Patricia Fielding; friends and family of Donna Gauthier, requested by Laura Davis; Shirley Krause, requested by Anne Obara; Matt Eggar, requested by Don and Sandy Sniady; Bob Johnson, requested by Al Lebold; Janet Edwards, Sarah Green and the family of Frances Wallace Sizemore (grandmother of Ryan Michael Blake), requested by Bill Solomon.

Those Who Serve, Military and Civilian Duty: James Fielding, State Dept., Myanmar; Bryan Hunt, State Dept., Belleville, IL.; Eric Lindfors, Deputy Commander US Naval Forces - Korea; Tyler Obara, Virginia Air National Guard, LAFB; Josh and Ellen (Davis) Badgley, State Department, Bangkok, Thailand; Michael Titus, US Navy,

Naval Shipyard, Washington, DC and Elisabeth Bruce.

Greenery has been presented to the Glory of God.



- 1 Songs of thank-ful ness and praise, Je sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
- 2 Man i fest at Jor dan's stream, proph et, priest, and king su preme;
- 3 Man i fest in mak ing whole weak-ened bod y, faint ing soul;
- 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres ent in thy ho ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far, and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest; man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might; grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, man - i - fest in gra - cious will, that we might be - come like thee

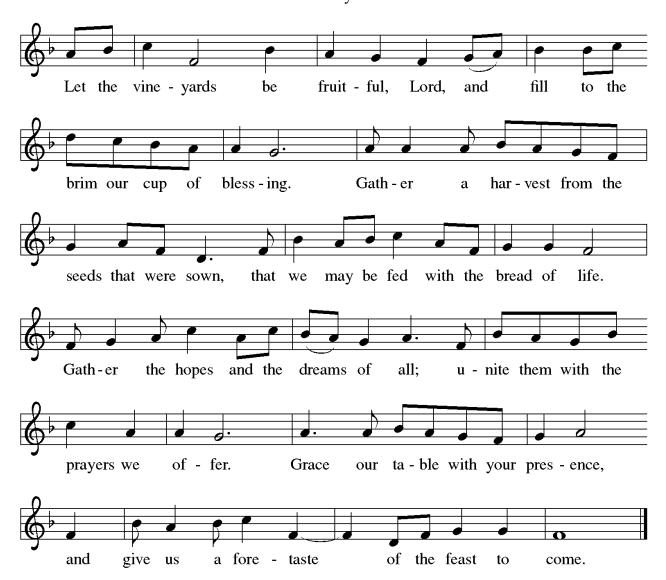
in thy birth at Beth - le - hem: chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine; ev - er bring-ing good from ill: at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



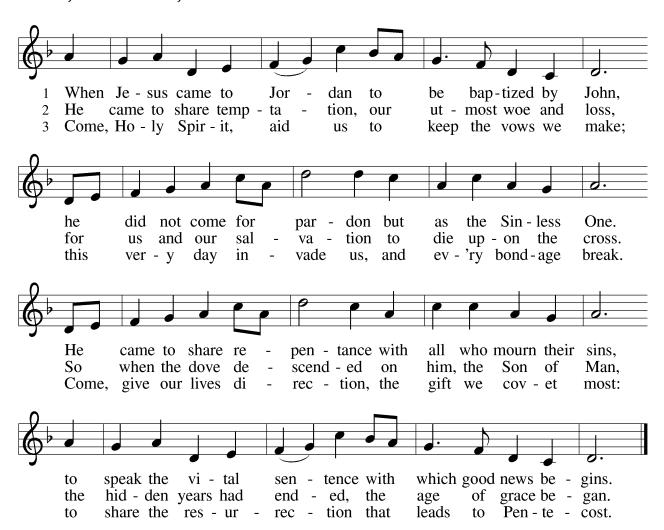
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

God in flesh made man-i-fest.





When Jesus Came to Jordan





Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom-is - es and lead your peo-ple forth in joy with



