

FIRST READING. Isaiah 43:1-7

The poem from Second Isaiah is chosen because of its imagery of water, its proclamation of the love of God, its familial language, and the reference to being called by God’s name. In baptism, we are washed, we receive God’s love, we become sons and daughters, and we are called by the name of Christ. These ideas are echoed in Luke’s account of Jesus’ baptism.

SECOND READING. Acts 8:14-17

Although Christians have not agreed about the scheduling of baptism in the life of the Christian, all speak of the water as including a proclamation of the word and as conferring the Holy Spirit, that is, the very presence of God, onto the candidate. The practice at baptism of naming the infant or of conferring a baptismal name developed from the idea that at baptism the candidate has been named a Christian.

GOSPEL. Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

At the beginning of the year we commemorate both Jesus’ baptism and our own. The images of the Holy Spirit as fire and as dove balance each other, and both illumine the meaning of baptism. This gospel is yet another Trinity Sunday, summing up the Christmas cycle, calling us into life with the triune God.

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Baptism of our Lord



Sunday January 12, 2025

“In response to God’s love, St. Matthew’s is a faith community welcoming all to grow in faith, to worship Christ and to reach out to everyone.”

Welcome!

We hope our worship will be a blessing to you. Our Lord’s Supper is being celebrated today. Everyone is welcome to receive this Holy Sacrament.

Today’s Order of Worship and hymns are both located in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship and from sundaysandseasons.com.

If you missed last week’s sermon, it is available on our website.

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Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glo-ry and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God’s name;
worship the Lord in the beau-ty 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 pow-erful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the ce-dars 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 wilder-ness 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 a-bove the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for-evermore.**

O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the bless-ings of peace.

Offering Prayer
God of heaven and earth,
from the beginning, you have called forth life,
in which you take delight.
The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy.
Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty,
that we may join the chorus of creation
to tell of your salvation from day to day.

Amen.

St. Matthew’s continues to mourn the death of Morley Yungblut, a longtime member and friend of the congregation. Our prayers are with Dianne and the Yungblut family as they grieve. “Rest eternal grant him, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.” In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to St Matthew’s Lutheran Church of Welland, or the Niagara Alzheimer’s Society.

Online condolences and donations may be made
at www.budgellfuneralhome.ca

Upcoming Dates & Things to Remember

Next Church Council Meeting is Sunday January 19th, after the Service.

Our Annual General Meeting will be Sunday, Feb. 2nd, 2025, after the Church Service.

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“Thanks be to God”