

## PRAY

SONG: *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

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Three Prayers: Help, Thanks, Wow!

LORD'S PRAYER



MILESTONES "In the water and the witness, in the breaking of the bread, in the waiting arms of Jesus who is risen from the dead, God has made a new beginning from the ashes of our past; in the losing and the winning we hold fast."

## BLESS

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

**"You are a precious child of God."**

BENEDICTION

SONG: *Come, Join the Dance of Trinity*

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P: Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Pass On the Faith: May 12, 2024**

**CELEBRATING THE HOLY TRINITY**

Peace Lutheran Church, Barrett, MN



## GATHERING

The Holy Spirit Calls us together as the People of God.

WELCOME

Sunday School Children Singing

INVOCATION: We begin by knowing that God is with us.

P: We begin in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

SONG: *We Are the Church* (see insert)

GREETING

L: 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.**

SHARE

We share our lives and our resources.

What has been the highest point of your week? The lowest?

What are you thankful for?

SONG OF PRAISE: *Praise Him, Praise Him*

Praise Him, Praise Him all ye little children; God is love, God is love.  
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2. Love Him, 3. Thank Him, 4. Serve Him

We gather our offerings to serve God in the world.

OFFERING PRAYER:

**Blessed are You, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by Day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need. Amen.**

**READ**

The Spark Story for today is based on these gospels: Matthew 11:2-11; Mark 1:1-8; Luke 3:1-18; and John 1:6-8, 19-28

We praise God for the Good News of the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!* #172

SPARK STORY BIBLE: *Jesus' Baptism* pages 242-245

While Jesus was living in Galilee, his cousin, John the Baptist, was preaching out in the country of Judea. The people loved John and came to see and hear him whenever they could.

Sometimes crowds of people came to see John by the Jordan River. When the crowds came John would tell them, "Change what needs changing in your life! God's kingdom is here!" The people would promise to change their lives, and then John would baptize them to show that they were a new person in God's eyes.

"I baptize you on the outside with plain old water from the Jordan River, but this is nothing compared to what and who is coming!" John would exclaim. "The one who is coming will baptize you with God's own Spirit! With God's Spirit, you will be changed from the inside out!"

While John was saying this, Jesus appeared. He asked John to baptize him. But John wasn't so sure.

"What? Me baptize YOU? I think it should be the other way around!" John said.

But Jesus insisted. "Do it, John! God does amazing things in baptism!"

So John did what Jesus asked and baptized him. **All the way under the water in the Jordan River Jesus went.** When he splashed up out of the river, Jesus saw the skies open up and **he saw God's Spirit!** It looked like a dove gracefully floating down to land on him. There was a voice too. **The voice said, "This is my Son! He has been chosen and marked by my love! He is the great joy of my life!"**

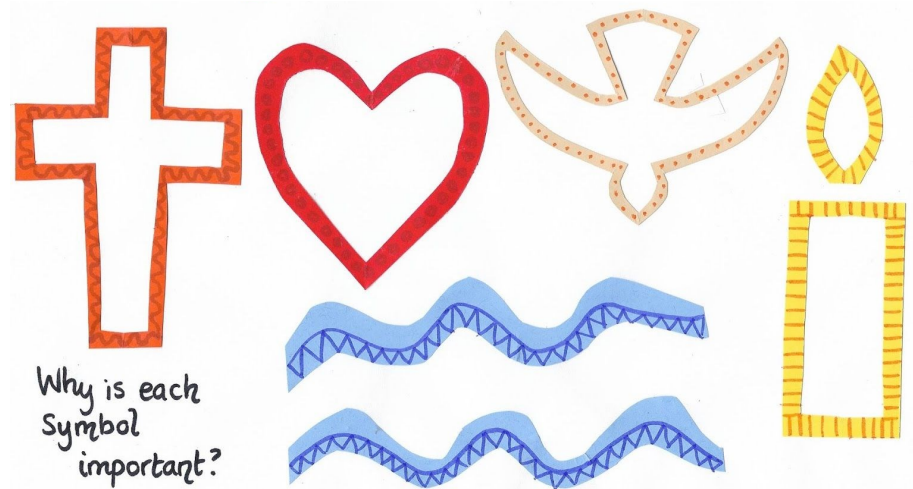
This is the good news of our Lord!

**Praise to You, O Christ!**

**TALK**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"The one who is coming will baptize you with God's own Spirit! With God's Spirit, you will be changed from the inside out!"



Our Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

**How are you the great joy of God's life?**

SONG: Jesus Loves Me

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