



The Baptism of Our Lord, Jesus Christ ~ January 10, 2021

Prelude *Christ, our Lord, to the Jordan came.* J. S. Bach Dr. Steven Gray

Gathering Hymn ***Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized ELW 304 (vs. 1,2&4)***

Christ, when for us you were baptized, God's Spirit on you came,
as peaceful as a dove, and yet, as urgent as a flame, as urgent as a flame.

God called you "My Beloved Son"; you are God's servant true,
sent to proclaim the reign of heav'n, God's holy will to do, God's holy will to do.

Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord; your cross on us be signed,
that likewise in God's service we may perfect freedom find, may perfect freedom find.

Welcome and Announcements

The Greeting

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, +one God, who was in the beginning, who makes a dwelling among us, who covers us with justice and mercy.

C Amen.

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

P Brothers and sisters in Christ, it is appropriate on this day of the Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ, that we remember and renew the vows once spoken at our baptisms. Recalling that time when we were washed of our sins and received the Holy Spirit to dwell within us. Let us boldly make our confession of faith before God, renouncing the sinful life of godless men and women and embracing the godly life of the Spirit-filled Christian. I ask you to profess your faith in Jesus Christ, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

C 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?

C 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.

P You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

C I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

At this time let us make the sign of the cross on ourselves or on someone with us with water.

As we do this say the words: "You are a beloved Child of God."

P People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

C We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P Together let us pray.

C We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people 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. Amen.

Hymn of Praise *We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus ELW 451 (vs. 1&2)*

We are baptized in Christ Jesus, we are baptized in his death;
that as Christ is raised victorious, we might live a brand new life.
and if we have been united in a dreadful death like his,
we will all be reunited, for he lives.

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.

Prayer of The Day

P The Lord be with you, **C and also with you.** P Let us pray.

Lesson: Acts 19:1-7

Psalm: 29

Gospel Acclamation

Go Tell It on the Mountain (refrain)

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

Gospel Mark 1:4-11

Sermon Pastor Cyndi Jones

Hymn of The Day

Baptized and Set Free ELW 453 (vs.1,3,4)

We are people created, chosen by God.
Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.
Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door
to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.

We are nourished by water, all living things,
and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.
As we journey toward home, may your presence be known:
Precious river, everflowing, now carry us home.

Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.
All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.
Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be
one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

Prayers

P Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

After each portion of the prayers

P Let us pray. **C Have mercy, O God.**

The prayers conclude:

P the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **C Amen.**

Song of Prayer

Lord, Be Glorified ELW 744 (vs.1&4)

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

The Peace

*While we cannot share the peace in person,
we live each day knowing the gift of God's peace is with us always.*

Of the Father's Love Begotten. arr. by John Erickson Katy Lundeen

The 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 our thanks and praise.

The Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive
those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

P God the Creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter
+keep you in peace.

C Amen.

P Go in peace. Be the light of Jesus.

C Thanks be to God.

Sending Hymn

Shine, Jesus, Shine ELW 671

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;

Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with love and mercy;

send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us.

Shine on me, shine on me. *Refrain*

As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.

Shine on me, shine on me. *Refrain*

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Serving Us Today

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Remember in prayer: Virginia Mecina, Carol Nass, Bev Covey, Myra Brandt, Bill Reed, Evelyn Salvog, Merle Flattum, Ken Doolittle, Nadine Anderson, Margaret Volkmann, Wanda Boyce, Kal Kaltenborn, Delores Huston, Jasmine Stivers, Josefina Cruz, Jorge Enriquez, & Gaby Oregon.

We continue to pray for all those affected by Covid-19. For doctors and nurses, teachers and students, pastors and congregants, our friends and families, the first responders, and the multitude of people in all sectors of life. Give them strength to continue to care for those who are ill, and provide for them peace of knowing they are doing all they can.

We rejoice with the family of Leon Atedor Kovarik Bell-Gam who is being batized today. We welcome him into the Lord's family.

Lutheran Disaster Response: On December 25th a bomb built in an RV exploded in the streets of downtown Nashville. Approximately 400 people lost their homes and an additional 1,200 people lost their jobs as at least 40 businesses were damaged. LDR is supporting the Southeastern Synod of the ELCA as they deploy chaplains to help with spiritual and emotional care to those affected by the bombing. LDR is asking for help from ELCA congregations. You can help by praying for people who have been affected by the bombing in Nashville. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need. You can also give by donating online directly to LDR on their website, or through the church by writing LDR on your memo line. Thanks to generous donations, Lutheran Disaster Response is able to respond quickly and effectively to disasters around the globe. Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response (General Fund) will be used where they are most needed.

Offering Envelopes for 2021: We will not be using numbered envelopes this year. Our system for tracking giving is name based. If you wish to use envelopes we will have prepared bundles of pew envelopes to hand out at drive thru communion. We are ordering the new "Raise the Roof" envelopes for the building fund and will have them available when they arrive. If you have any questions, please talk to Angela in the office.

Your year-end statements should be finalized in the next few weeks. If you need a statement printed and mailed to you, please let Angela know.

Pastor Cyndi is looking to start a Tuesday conversation focusing on "My Struggle to Become Human" by Walter Wink via Zoom from 3:00-4:30 p.m. You can purchase the book from Amazon for \$20. This book study will begin this coming Tuesday (January 12) and continue for 4 weeks. ***Please email Pastor Cyndi directly if you are interested in participating*** so she can send you the Zoom link via email. She can also help you learn how to log on to Zoom if you haven't done so before. The link is also in the Friday email!

