



Baptism of Our Lord Sunday
Sunday, January 10, 2021

PRELUDE

Prélude sur l'Introit de l'Épiphanie, Op. 13

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CALL TO WORSHIP

P All creation proclaims the greatness and love of God.

C God's love permeates even the deepest darkness.

P The light of God shines on us with new hope.

C We are called to be people of compassion and justice.

P Open our hearts, O Lord, to see your light and live in your hope.

C Prepare us for service to all your people and to this world. Amen.

WELCOME & PREPARATION

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose voice is upon the waters,
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,
whose goodness cascades over all creation.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy God,

C you search us and know us.

You are acquainted with all our ways.

**We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.**

**We turn inward, failing to follow
your outward way of love.**

We distrust those who are not like us.

**We exploit the earth and its resources
and fail to consider generations to come.**

**Forgive us, gracious God,
for all we have done and left undone.**

**Even before the words are on our tongues,
you know them;**

receive them in your divine mercy.

Amen.

P How vast is God's grace!

Through the power and promise of † Christ Jesus,

our sins are washed away
 and we are claimed as God's own beloved.
 Indeed, we are forgiven.
 In the wake of God's forgiveness,
 we are called to be the beloved community
 living out Christ's justice
 and the Spirit's reconciling peace.
C Amen.

HYMN

I Bind unto Myself Today

1 I bind un - to my - self to - day the strong name
 of the Trin - i - ty by in - vo - ca - tion
 of the same, the Three in One and One in Three.

2 I bind this day to me for - ev - er, by pow'r of
 3 I bind un - to my - self to - day . . . the vir - tues
 faith, Christ's in - car - na - tion, his bap - tism in the life -
 of the star - lit heav - en, the glo - rious sun's life -
 Jor - dan Riv - er, his cross of death for my sal - va - tion, his
 giv - ing ray, . . . the white - ness of the moon at e - ven, the
 burst - ing from the spic - ed tomb, his rid - ing
 flash - ing of the light - ning free, the whirl - ing
 up the heav'n - ly way, his com - ing at the
 wind's tem - pes - tuous shocks, the sta - ble earth, the
 day of doom, I bind un - to my - self to - day.
 deep salt sea, a - round the old e - ter - nal rocks.

4 Christ be with me, Christ with - in me, Christ be - hind me, Christ be - fore me,
 Christ be - neath me, Christ a - bove me, Christ in qui - et, Christ in dan - ger,

Christ be-side me, Christ to win me, Christ to com-fort and re-store me,
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and strang-er.

5 I bind un-to my-self the name, the strong name of the
Trin-i-ty by in-vo-ca-tion of the same, the
Three in One and One in Three, of whom all na-ture has cre-
a-tion, e-ter-nal Fa-ther, Spir-it, Word. Praise to the
Lord of my sal-va-tion; sal-va-tion is of Christ the Lord!

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GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you always.
C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray:

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

FIRST LESSON Genesis 1:1-5

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the 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. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

P The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

PSALM 29

Please chant the psalm.



- ¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- ⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- ⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- ⁷The voice of the LORD
bursts forth in lightning flashes.
- ⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- ⁹The 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!"
- ¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.
- ¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

SECOND LESSON Acts 19:1-7

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He 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." ³Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴Paul 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." ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

P The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Please stand for the reading of the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**Celtic Alleluia**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

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GOSPEL Mark 1:4-11

P The holy gospel according to Mark the 1st chapter.

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

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And 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. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He 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. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated

SERMON

Pastor Wesley Smith

HYMN**Baptized and Set Free**

Music next page.

Baptized and Set Free



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

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APOSTLES' CREED

P Gathered together by the power of the Holy Spirit we confess our common faith:

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

**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.**

**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. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence.

We pray for your church throughout the world and its leaders – pastors, deacons, teachers, and all who proclaim your Word of justice and peace, that guided by the Holy Spirit they would proclaim the forgiveness of sins, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

P We pray for wilderness and water, wind and wild beasts, and all living things on earth, that God's goodness is revealed through creation and we might be more faithful stewards of all God has made, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

P We pray for the nations of the world and their leaders, for laborers busy both day and night, and for peacemakers amid strife. Inspire all people to use their strength wisely in order serve their neighbors in times of need, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

P We pray for the sick and those who provide medical care, for the imprisoned and those who show them mercy, for the lonely and those who provide companionship, and for all who suffer. This day we pray *especially* for **the Chisholm Family, David, Barbara K, Marilyn, LuAnn and Dennis, Pat N., Martin, Candice, Rayce, Dorothy, and Phyllis**. Shower your compassion on these your faithful servants, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

P We pray for the congregation you have gathered here in our virtual worship space – continue to help us see blessings we are afforded. Guide students returning to school – keep them safe. Renew those seeking a change from the mundane in their daily work. Help all the beloved of God experience grace and peace, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

P We pray in thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their labors. Let their witness inspire us in our baptismal vocations as we inspire others in the ways of peace, mercy and justice. let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

P Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

GREETING OF PEACE

P The peace of the Lord is with you always.

C And also with you.

In this age of social-distancing, you are invited to leave a word of peace in the comment section of the worship broadcast. Send greetings to a church member, a person you don't recognize, or simply like or love someone else's post. In all things spread peace.

VOLUNTARY

Down to the River to Pray, Traditional

Tina Clayton, Soprano

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Even though we are unable to partake in the normal practice of offering, it is important to acknowledge that God's faithful people are supporting the mission of Christ Lutheran Church and as such it is important to give our thanks and praise to God.

P Let us Pray

O God,
receive these gifts as you receive us:
like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide.
Nourish us anew in your tender care,
and empower us in faithful service
to tend to others with this same love,
through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.
C Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-*One Minute with Wes*: Beginning in January, submit your theological question to Pastor Wes. He will attempt to answer it in a one minute video!

-2021 offering envelopes are available for pick-up in the narthex.

-There is an online sign-up for in-person sanctuary Prayer time and communion

BENEDICTION

P God the creator strengthen you;
Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter ☩ keep you in peace
C Amen.

HYMN

Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God

1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing be to God our
 2 Not our own ho - li - ness, nor that we have
 3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come in vis - i -
 4 Praise to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

mak - er, source of all bless - ing, prod - i - gal cre -
 striv - en brings us the peace which you, O Christ, have
 ta - tion; you are the truth, our hope, and our sal -
 Spir - it: one Lord, one faith, one source of ev - 'ry

a - tor. Bap - tized and made your own, now we come be -
 giv - en. Bap - tized and set a - part, strength - en us, O
 va - tion. Bap - tize with joy and pow'r, give, O Dove de -
 mer - it. Here now re - new your church through this sym - bol

fore you, and we a - dore you.
 Sav - ior, with grace and fa - vor.
 scend - ing, life nev - er end - ing.
 giv - en; grant peace from heav - en.

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SENDING

P God is God.

C We Aren't.

P What we aren't Jesus is.

C What Jesus is we get (as a free gift of grace).*

P Go in peace. Share that Good News.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fugue in E Major, BWV 566

Johann Sebastian Bach

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