

Baptism of Our Lord



"You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

MARK 1:11

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021—Baptism of Our Lord

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CONFESSION & 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. **Amen.**

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

GATHERING HYMN #302 ELW—Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.

"As with Gladness Men of Old"—Verses 1-4

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| 1 | As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led by thee. | 3 | As they offered gifts most rare
at thy cradle, rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king. |
| 2 | As with joyful steps they sped,
Savior, to thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet
ever seek thy mercy seat. | 4 | Holy Jesus, ev'ry day
keep us in the narrow way;
and when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds thy glory hide. |

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Assistant Minister

A. Let us pray...Holy God,

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

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-5**Assistant Minister**

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.

A. Word of God, word of life. C. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 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.

A. Word of God, word of life. C. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11**Pastor Steven Peeler**

P. The Holy Gospel according to St 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.**

MESSAGE**Pastor Steven Peeler**

HYMN OF THE DAY #451 ELW—Text © 1985 John C. Ylvisaker

“We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus”—All Verses

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 Glory be to God the Father,
glory be to Christ the Son,
glory to the Holy Spirit,
ever three and ever one;
as it was in the beginning,
glory now resounds again
in a song that has no ending. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

P Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, 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. Amen.**

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.

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 Let us pray.

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.**

**OFFERING
OFFERTORY**

Prayers of Intercession

Assistant Minister

Guided by the 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 the church and its leaders throughout the world. Guided by the Holy Spirit, may they proclaim the forgiveness of sins. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for wilderness and water, wind and wild beasts, and all living things on earth. May God's goodness be revealed through creation and may we be faithful stewards, caring for all that God has made. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the nations of the world and their leaders, for laborers busy both day and night, and for peacemakers amid strife. May God inspire all people to use their strength wisely. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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, for all who suffer. May God shower compassion upon them—*especially Lois Mae Helgason, Gloria Maisch, Clair Wilson, Bob Happold, Myrna Petzoldt, Michelle Lindsay, Joan Head, Marilyn Williamson, Bonnie Larsen, Jacey Yarns, Janice Sperling, Bonnie Olson, Kelly Keesecker, and Steve Kjar. We pray also for those we name aloud or silently in our hearts.*

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the congregation gathered here, for students returning to school, for those seeking renewal in their daily work. May all the beloved of God experience grace and peace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for the faithful departed who now rest from their labors. May their witness inspire us in our baptismal vocations. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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- A. The peace of Christ be with you all.
- C. **And also with you.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

BLESSING

Pastor Steven Peeler

- P. God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter \dagger keep you in peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN #671 ELW—Text: Graham Kendrick, b 1950

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

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 grace and mercy;
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

- 1 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

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 grace and mercy;
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

- 2 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

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 grace and mercy;
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

SENDING

Pastor Steven Peeler

- P. Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. C. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Meeting

Committee reports were due December 31, 2020.

If you have not turned in your committee report, please do so ASAP.

The deadline for Treasurer Reports is January 7th.

The Annual reports will be available 2 weeks before the Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting is set to take place Sunday, February 7, 2021.

Offering Envelopes

Your offering envelopes are here! They're in the library nook by the south entrance. Stop by the church at your most convenient time during office hours to pick them up.

Worship Ministers – 8:30 AM

Asst. Minister: Duane Witt

Projector Tech: Cheryl Harder

Sound/ Video: Carolyn Urbom

Organist: Jared Hansen

The bulletins are given to the glory of God.

SATURDAY SUPPERS 3:00-4:00

5th Saturday—Courtney Berg and the youth.

To donate, simply mark your gift "Saturday Supper."

Come join us! To volunteer, contact the church office.

840 food boxes on January 2nd

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS – December 31, 2020

	ATTENDANCE	UNIFIED OFFERING
Attendance Last Week:	101 views	\$5, 465.00
AVERAGE TO DATE 2020:	101	
AVERAGE TO DATE 2019:	88	

A prayer in time of sickness:

Almighty and merciful God, you are the only source of health and healing; you alone can bring calmness and peace. Grant to us, your children, an awareness of your presence and a strong confidence in you. In our pain, our weariness, and our anxiety, surround us with your care, protect us by your loving might, and permit us once more to enjoy health and strength and peace; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sunday, January 10, 2020

8:30 a.m.—Online Worship

10:00 a.m.—St. Stephen's Worship

7:00 p.m.—Faith 5 via Zoom

Monday, January 11, 2020

9:00 & 5:00—Quilting

7:00—Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 12, 2020

Wednesday, January 13, 2020

7:00 a.m.—Breakfast Club meets at Farmer's Daughter Café

Thursday, January 14, 2020

4:00-6:00—Volunteers serve meal at Salvation Army

Friday, January 15, 2020

Office Closes at Noon

Saturday, January 16, 2020

10:00 a.m.—Recording Sunday Service

3:00-4:00 p.m.—Saturday Supper, FOOD BOXES & MEALS TO GO

Sunday, January 17, 2020

8:30 a.m.—Online Worship

10:00 a.m.—St. Stephen's Worship

7:00 p.m.—Faith 5 via Zoom