

**Baptism of Our Lord** 

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# January 10, 2021



Service of the Word Readings, Hymns and Prayers for Worship at Home Trinity Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP THIS MORNING!** We invite you to join us regularly for worship and in a variety of activities and opportunities in our congregational life. If you are new here, we welcome you; if you are a member of longstanding, we celebrate your gifts and your ministry among us. Our order of worship is printed on the following pages of this bulletin.

**MISSION STATEMENT -** The Mission Statement of Trinity Lutheran Church is to nurture faith through proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ by word, sacrament, deeds and loving relationships, to ALL people.

**VISION STATEMENT** - As proclaimers of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Vision of Trinity Lutheran Church is to maximize our gifts and resources to reach out with God's love and serve the global community.

**NURSERY** - This congregation encourages ALL children to participate in worship. They learn more about worship and faith by being part of it than anything else. If you or your children need a break, a nursery is located in the lower level of the church building, and is accessible from either stairway. During worship, the nursery is self-service.

# FROM THE ELCA WORSHIP BLOG:

In this time of world-wide crisis, congregations throughout this church are not able to gather for worship as the body of Christ. While you cannot be together in person, we can hear the word of God and hold each other in prayer.

## **DEVOTIONAL MUSIC LINKS:**

For your individual or group devotion, you may choose to listen to the following choral recordings made available through Augsburg Fortress: "<u>My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness</u>;" "<u>Borning Cry</u>;" "<u>Spirit of the Lord</u>."

# Sunday, January 10, 2021

# INTRODUCTION

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

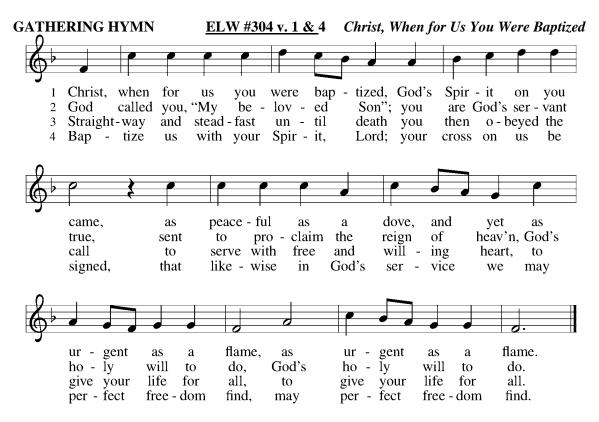
# **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Stand. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins.

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
- C Amen.
- P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P Gracious God,
- C Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
- P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
- C Amen.



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Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480-1561

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## GREETING

P 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.

## 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.

### A A reading from Genesis.

#### FIRST READING

Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the formless void, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for us. God created and continues to create new life.

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the 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. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God 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.

#### PSALM

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters. (Ps. 29:3)

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

Psalm 29

Genesis 1:1-5

# A A reading from Acts.

# SECOND READING

### Acts 19:1-7

In Ephesus, Paul encounters people who had received John's baptism of repentance but had never heard of the Holy Spirit or of baptism in the name of Jesus. After Paul baptizes them, the Holy Spirit comes upon them and empowers them with gifts of the Spirit.

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

- A Word of God, Word of life.
- C Thanks be to God.

# **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

- P Alleluia.
- C Alleluia. A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." Alleluia.
- P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

# GOSPEL

# Mark 1:4-11

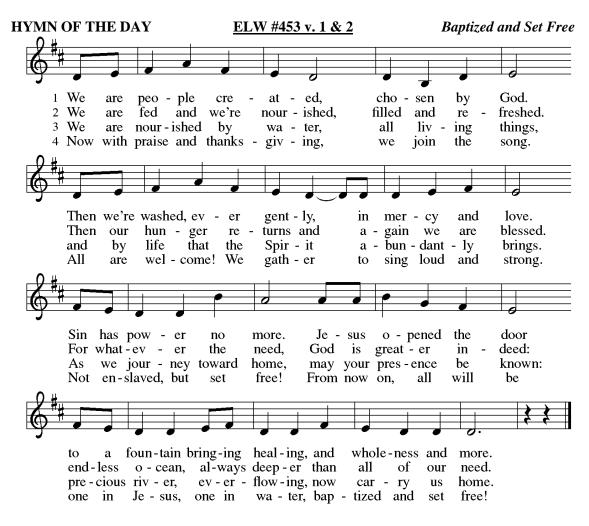
Mark's gospel reports the story of Jesus' baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.

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

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And 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. <sup>11</sup>And 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.

#### SERMON



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### **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

A On this Sunday of the baptism of our Lord, let us offer our prayers for all in need.

### A brief silence.

- A For the worldwide church; for those who minister in the church; for all who will be baptized this year; and for their godparents and sponsors: that the Holy Spirit will empower all the faithful for lives of service, let us pray. O God, give strength to your people.
- C Give us your blessings of peace.
- A For the waters of the earth; for the seas, the lakes, the rivers; for the wells that provide drinking water; and for the water that is piped into our homes: that God provide clean and nourishing water for all living things, let us pray. O God, give strength to your people.
- C Give us your blessings of peace.
- A For the nations of the world and their leaders; for international efforts to prevent war and reduce violence; for the armed forces; for police officers; and for peacemakers: that God inspire all people to work for the harmonious well-being of others, let us pray. O God, give strength to your people.
- C Give us your blessings of peace.

- A For students; for teachers and school administrators; for parents assisting their children in home schooling; and for young people who are finding a way toward graduation: that as the academic year resumes, God give resilience to everyone in the search for education, let us pray. O God, give strength to your people.
- C Give us your blessings of peace.
- A For all who are in trouble, want, or sickness; for the countless who are suffering with COVID-19; for medical workers; for people who are hungry or homeless, imprisoned or lonely; (*and especially those in need of strength and healing...*) that God grant health and wholeness to a world so filled with pain, let us pray. O God, give strength to your people.
- C Give us your blessings of peace.

# Here other intercessions may be added.

- A For ourselves: that we rejoice in our adoption as members of God's family, and that now in this silence we bring to God our heart's requests, let us pray. O God, give strength to your people.
- C Give us your blessings of peace.
- A In gratitude for our beloved dead, (*especially...*), we offer our praise for all the baptized who have accompanied us and supported us and taught us throughout our days; that at our end we join with them in everlasting joy, let us pray. O God, give strength to your people.
- C Give us your blessings of peace.
- P Almighty and most merciful God, you are the mighty Voice from heaven, you are our beloved Savior, you are the descending Dove. We give you thanks for all your goodness and tender mercies, and we ask you to accept our prayers for the sake of your mercy, today and forever.
- C Amen.

# **OFFERING**

# SECOND SUNDAY: Barnyard Boxes for ELCA Good Gifts

Each week, our congregation collects a general offering for the church and our ministries. Additionally, we collect an offering for special projects.

Offerings can be mailed to the church while in-person services are suspended. You may include a note for what you would like your offering to support, or simply write it on the memo line of your check. All checks need to be made out to Trinity Lutheran Church, as required by our bank.

# THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

P Let us pray.

Holy God, Light of the universe, Teacher of truth, Giver of goodness, we hear your Word in the scriptures, proclaiming to us your wisdom and inviting us to follow your call. For speaking this Word, we thank you, O God.

- C We thank you, O God.
- P Your Word came among us in Jesus, our brother, who preached your righteousness, healed the sick, and revived the brokenhearted. For giving us this Word, we worship you, O God.
- C We worship you, O God.
- P By your Spirit, bless all who receive this Word, that upheld by the mystery of the body of Christ, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son. For sustaining us with your Word, we praise you, O God.
- C We praise you, O God.
- P Blessed are you, holy God, around us, with us, and in us, now and forever.

C Amen.

### LORD'S PRAYER (8:30 a.m.)

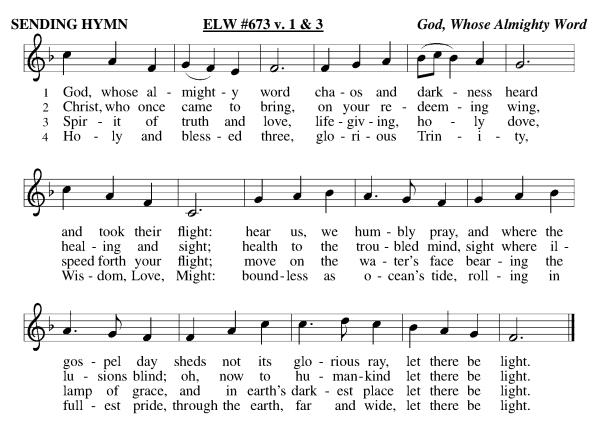
- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against 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.

### LORD'S PRAYER (11:00 a.m.)

- 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.

### BLESSING

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



Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt. Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

### DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Share the good news.
- C Thanks be to God.

# SERVING AT TRINITY

Ministers: Every member of the congregationCouncil President:Pastor: Rev. Jessica HahnVice-President: Suzanne LangstonPiano/Keyboard: Paul LucasTreasurer: Kristin LucasParish Secretary: VolunteersSecretary:

**Council Members:** Sandra Dufur, Johncie Langston, Norma Ludlow, Chris McNamara, Brad Otterbein, Joe Painter, Gene Stockford-Shively, and Tom Walworth.

# **SERVING TODAY:**

Assisting Minister: Kristin Lucas Cantor: Amy Otterbein Altar Guild: Tom Stockford-Shively

**<u>FLOWERS</u>** -- The flowers on the altar today are given by Phyllis Klingler in honor of Steven's  $36^{th}$  birthday.

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