

A Mission Congregation of the ELCA
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Baptism of Our Lord
January 10, 2021

- **Prelude** “As With Gladness Men of Old; Brightest and Best;
I Cannot Tell; Lord, We Praise You” **Roxanne Groff**

- **Office of the Acolyte and Ringing of the Bell**

- **Welcome** **Pr Mel**

- * **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

P: We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: God of light,

C: You light a fire within us and ask us to shine, but we are quick to hide and make excuses. We shrink from challenges, avoid responsibility, and deny the goodness of your creation. We seek hollow praise and then don’t believe it. Forgive us for hiding our God-given light and remaining self-absorbed.

P: Children of God, never fear, for you have always lived in the mercy of your creator. Hear the words of absolution and believe them: you are forgiven, you are made whole, you are restored to God. Hallelujah!

C: Amen.

- * **HYMN OF PRAISE** “On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry” **LBW 36**

1 On Jor - dan's banks the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and hear - ken,
for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!

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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: God of truth, through John you challenged your people to repent. Move us also to put aside the things that get in the way of truly serving you, for the sake of Jesus our savior,

C: **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 3:1-22

P: Our scripture reading for this morning is from Luke, Chapter 3.

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was ³ governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’” ⁷John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.” ¹⁰And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” ¹¹In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” ¹²Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” ¹³He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.”

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¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” ¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother’s wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ** (*Spoken*)

• **SPECIAL MUSIC**

Larry Harter

• **SERMON**

Dean Thompson

Silence for reflection may follow

* **APOSTLES’ CREED**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

➤ *Or, He descended to the dead.*

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*** PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need...

A brief silence.

L: You invite us to open our hearts to your message of transformation, but it is still up to us to do so. Give us courage to take the plunge into a life of service, with all its surprises and challenges. God of power,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Show us how to serve you in our jobs, responsibilities and leisure so that our daily lives reflect the restored relationship which we have with you. God of power,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Your creative might could raise children from stones. Teach us to regard all that you have made with awe, and likewise to care for it with diligence and love. God of power,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Not every disease or ailment is visible, nor is sickness always a physical experience. Heal those things which plague our minds and spirits as well as our bodies, and restore us to wholeness in you. Be with those whose names we bring before you today... God of power,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: With all your saints we praise you, in this life and the next, remembering the amazing things you have done for us. God of power,

C: Hear our prayer.

Here other petitions may be offered.

L: Receive our prayers and shed light on our path as we seek to walk in your ways and bring glory to you through your son Jesus, our Lord.

C: Amen.

* **OFFERING PRAYER**

P: You taught us that whoever has two coats can share with those who have none. Bless these gifts which we offer and multiply them so that no one needs to go without basic necessities, and so that all may thrive in your love,

C: Amen.

* **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

(The Sharing of the Peace that began when the congregation arrived is now shared with the Pastor at this time...)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

* **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Jesus is the “tie that Binds us together”, let us pray as Jesus taught... I'll lead the prayer and invite you to pray silently, trusting God hears what is on your heart...

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.

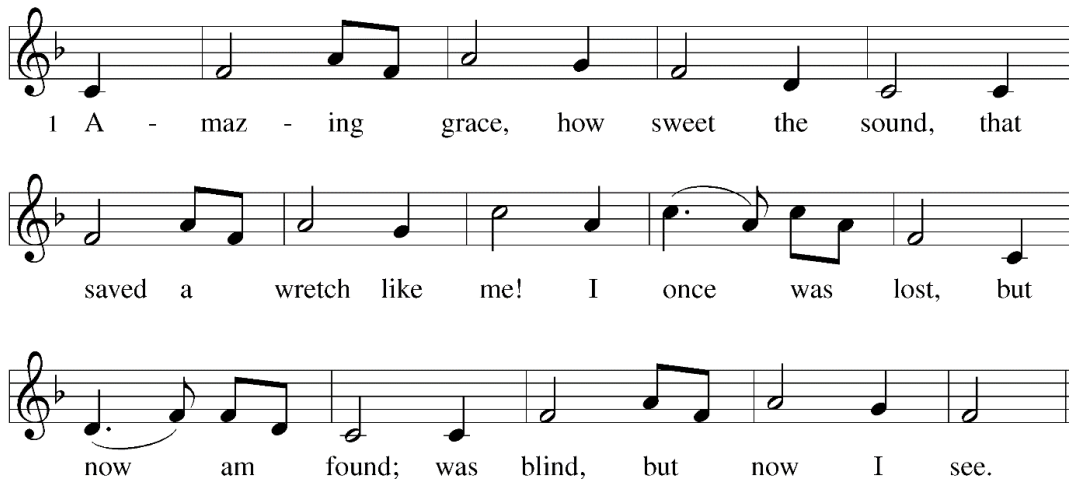
• **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

* **SENDING BLESSING**

P: God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✝ keep you in peace.

C: Amen.

* **SENDING HYMN** “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” **LBW 448**



1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
now am found; was blind, but now I see.

* **DISMISSAL**

P: Depart in Christ’s Love.

C: **Seeking, welcoming, and serving all. Amen!**

Postlude “There Is Sunshine in My Soul Today” **Roxanne Groff**

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<p style="text-align: center;">Health Tips for the Week BODY: Start each morning with 10 deep breaths MIND: Learn to say hello or thank you in a foreign language SPIRIT: Memorize a Bible verse</p>
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Scripture readings for next Sunday, January 17th
Luke 4:14-30



Trinity is on the Air at FM 88.3

If you are near the Church on Sunday morning, you can tune in to FM 88.3 at 10:30 AM and hear the sermon from your car.



To Mark & Roxanne Groff for the loan of the Christmas tree in the sanctuary this year – it was much more manageable and safer to assemble during this Covid time.

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This Week @ Trinity –January 10 thru January 17, 2021

Sun, January 10

10:30 am Worship Service

Fri, January 15

12:00 pm Community Blood Drive at Trinity

3:30 pm FISH Choice Food Pantry

Sun, January 17

10:30 am Worship Service

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is Tuesday, January 19.

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