

St. Mark's Lutheran Church Sunday, January 10, 2021 Baptism of Our Lord

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/ ANNOUNCEMENTS



PROCESSIONAL HYMN ELW 310, vs. 1 & 4

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

- Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise; manifested by the star to the sages from afar, branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem: anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.
- 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, present in thy holy word; grace to imitate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou; that we might become like thee at thy great epiphany, and may praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885, alt.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. **Amen.**

Psalm: Psalm 29

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

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 asking forevermore.

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

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.

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."



HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 838, vs. 1 & 4

Beautiful Savior

- Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- Beautiful Savior,
 Lord of the nations,
 Son of God and Son of Man!
 Glory and honor,
 praise, adoration,
 now and forevermore be thine!

Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904

NICENE CREED We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven. was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the Living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped And glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and Apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

God of grace and glory, we praise you for your servant Erica Bryer who makes the good news known in Japan. Raise up, we pray, in every country, heralds of the gospel, so that the world may know the immeasurable riches of your love, and be drawn to worship you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Have mercy, O God.**

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

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.

For the church throughout the world and its leaders, that guided by the Holy Spirit they proclaim the forgiveness of sins, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For wilderness and water, wind and wild beasts, and all living things on earth, that God's goodness is revealed through creation and faithful stewards care for all God has made, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the nations of the world and their leaders, for laborers busy both day and night, and for peacemakers amid strife, that God inspire all people to use their strength wisely, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

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 (*especially*), that God shower compassion, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the congregation gathered here, for students returning to school, for those seeking renewal in their daily work, that all the beloved of God experience grace and peace, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their labors, that their witness inspire us in our baptismal vocations, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

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.

Amen.

COMMUNION

LORD'S PRAYER

RECESSIONAL HYMN ELW 300, vs. 1 & 5

The First Noel

 The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

5 Then entered in those wise men three, full rev'rently upon their knee, and offered there in his presence their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. *Refrain*

BLESSING

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

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. Thanks be to God.



PRAYER REQUESTS & CONDOLENCES

Contact Janet Anderson at 913.780.6408 to add names to the prayer chain or to join the prayer chain. Please contact the church office to make changes to this list.

St. Mark's members:

Dave and Janie Best, The Westbrook family, The Tuley family, Shane Paulson, Pete Cagle, Jeanette Cain, Ron & Ann Gardner, Darrell Strampe, Janet Schmidt, Susan Roberts, Phyllis Dettmer, Madison Young

Family & friends:

Pastor Christopher Yanker, Brother-in-law of Mary Mindrup, Catherine Tietjen, Mary Mindrup's sister, Evie Whitehill, friend of the Andersons, Nell, Sister of Joyce Johnson, A.E. Krievins, Father of Janis Krievins, Steele McLaren, friend of the Luins, Leo Patton, Grandfather of Jason Howe, Gary Stepenson, Uncle of Jason Howe, AJ, Son-in-law of the Andersons, Rowan Espey, family of Barbara Strampe, Bruce Campbell, Brother-in-law of Joni Benz, Steve Nelson, cousin of Louise Easterberg, McKenna, Granddaughter of the Johnsons, Family of Olathe Mayor, Mike Copeland, Lena Shelton, friend of the Schmideskamps, Crissy, cousin of Tom Bryer, Caroline, aunt of Nancy Bryer, Neil Wray, Son of Lynn and Tom, Brian Lynn, cousin of Amy Hackler, Jeff Needham, friend of St. Mark's, Peggy Hinkle, Step-Mother of Kathy Hinkle, Stephanie Herndon, friend of Kathy Hinkle, Tim Eiter, Father of Todd Eiter, Rebeka Gillette, friend of Janet Nichols, Jackie Warriner, Sister-in-law of Linda Good-

heart,

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Those in the Military:

A.J. Simons, nephew of Stan and Karen Thompson, Logan Peck, nephew of Karen and Stan Thompson,

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