

Baptism of Our Lord

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)
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GATHERING AND WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God, **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.**

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. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: *Oh, Love How Deep* (ELW 322)

GREETING (ELW p. 203)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE (ELW p. 203)

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 204)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Amen

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-5

A reading from Genesis.

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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 29

- ¹**Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.**
- ²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God’s name;
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.**
- ³**The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of | glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.**
- ⁴**The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.**
- ⁵**The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;**
- ⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**
- ⁷**The voice | of the LORD
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.**

⁸The voice of the LORD| shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness 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 a- | bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.

¹¹O LORD, give strength | to your people;
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace.

SECOND READING: Acts 19:1-7

A reading from Acts.

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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11

The holy gospel according to Mark.

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.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Baptized and Set Free* (ELW 453)

NICENE CREED (Back cover of hymn book or ELW p. 104)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray, **Have mercy, O God.**

SHARING THE PEACE

GIFT GATHERING AND SONG

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
 Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me
 with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
 and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING (ELW p. 206)

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 207)

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 208)

COMMUNION HYMNS:

Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart (ELW 800)

We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus (ELW 451)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal, we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG: *Go My Children with My Blessing* (ELW 543)

DISMISSAL

All who desire communion with Jesus and approach the sacrament with faith, are welcome at the Lord's Table. While both the common cup and individual glasses are offered, we encourage the use of the common cup to emphasize the unity we share in the Body of Christ, the church (please indicate your preference to the servers). A non-alcohol option is available in the tray. You may also partake of bread only, or come to the table for a blessing only.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

OTTAWA MISSION ITEMS: Today is the last day for donating items for Ottawa Mission residents. Thank you to all who gave so generously!

The next **MEN'S BREAKFAST** is on January 13th at the Chances R Restaurant at 9 a.m.

WORSHIP & MUSIC MEETING on Monday, Jan. 15 at 6:30.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING on Thursday, Jan 18 at 7:00.

Please send your **ANNUAL REPORT SUBMISSIONS** to the Church Secretary by Wednesday, January 24th. Thanks!

DAILY BREAD: The new 'Daily Bread' booklets for Dec/Jan/Feb are available near the mailboxes.

THANK YOU to our church council and committee volunteers and financial people who put in many hours of work during the week to keep the business of the church running smoothly and in accordance with the laws of our nation and province. What a blessing to have skilled members in our congregation who can do these things!

FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS: For altar floral arrangements in memory of a person or for an event, please contact Carole Koch at mc.koch@sympatico.ca or 613-224-7184, at least 4 weeks ahead.

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