

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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Welcome to worship at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Rev. John Freidheim will be leading us in worship today. Welcome, Pastor Freidheim!

Pre-service Music-Bring this service folder, a lighted candle and maybe a bowl of water in remembrance of your baptism to your place of worship.

We will be sharing Communion today! Please bring bread or a cracker/wine or juice so that we may all share in God's gift together.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

♪ Baptized and Set Free (elw 453)

We are people created, chosen by God.

Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.

Sin has power no more, Jesus opened the door
To a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.

Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.

All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.

Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be

One in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

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We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life. Above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love even as we confess our failings as a people.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

♪BAPTIZED IN WATER (ELW #456)

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ our king:
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
Joyfully now God's praise we sing.

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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.

Sharing of the Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

Word

A reading from Genesis

Genesis 1:1-5

In 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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God

♪ Christ, Be Our Light

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

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A reading from the 1st chapter of Mark

Mark 1:4-11

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.

☺ **Children’s Message**

Sermon

Response to the Word

♪ I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off

to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the word
I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk 'til rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.

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Prayers

On this Sunday of the baptism of our Lord, let us offer our prayers for all in need, responding to each petition with words from today's psalm, "Give us your blessings of peace."

A brief silence.

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.
Give us your blessings of peace.

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.
Give us your blessings of peace.

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.
Give us your blessings of peace.

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 gives resilience to everyone in the search for education, let us pray...

O God, give strength to your people.

Give us your blessings of peace.

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 for those we name in our hearts. . . .: that God grant health and wholeness to a world so filled with pain, let us pray...

O God, give strength to your people.

Give us your blessings of peace.

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.

Give us your blessings of peace.

In gratitude for our beloved dead, especially those we name in our hearts, 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.
Give us your blessings of peace.

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.
Amen.

Offering: Times are confusing. We are transitioning to a brave new world, trying to live with covid19. We pray that we act wisely. Meanwhile, the work of God's church does not stop because we are the church. Your offerings of financial resources, your creativity, your support for each other and the people of the world are the church at work. Your concern for your families and neighbors is the church at work as well. We want to thank you for your continued support and offerings as we continue to do God's work in our community and in the world.

What have we to offer? What have we to give? Lives, we will live.

Meal

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and offer our love and devotion to you.

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying; Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**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.

Invitation to Communion

Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus. Come and be fed.

(Open your bread packet)

The body of Christ given for you.

(Open your wine cup)

The blood of Christ given for you.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus strengthen you and keep you in his peace.

Amen

Let us pray.

Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name. **Amen.**

Sending

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

Amen.

♪ Go My Children, With My Blessing

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

I the Lord will bless you and keep you and give you peace.
I the Lord will smile upon you and give you peace.
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter and Brother.
Go My children, I will keep you and give you peace.

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

Postlude

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[“My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness”
https://www.youtube.com/watch?
v=RzlqsFMhUOk&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RzlqsFMhUOk&feature=youtu.be)

[“Borning Cry”
https://www.youtube.com/watch?
v=HRwcXAzD6Q8&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HRwcXAzD6Q8&feature=youtu.be)

[“Spirit of the Lord”
https://www.youtube.com/watch?
v=b9qvgM7UZ4Q&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b9qvgM7UZ4Q&feature=youtu.be)

Readings for the Week:

Monday Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36. **Tuesday** Acts 22:2-16. **Wednesday** Isaiah 41:14-20. **Thursday** Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18. **Friday** (commemoration of Martin Lutheran King, Jr., renewer of society martyr, 1968) Acts 13:16-25. **Saturday** 1 Samuel 2:21-25. **Second Sunday after Epiphany:** (commemoration of Antony of Egypt, renewer of the church, c. 356; Pachomius, renewer of the church, 346) 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51.