

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia

The Baptism of Our Lord ☩ January 10, 2021 ☩ 11:00 A.M.

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☐ = Pastor ☒ = Lector [reader] ☑ = Congregation *ELW* = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (hymnal, if you have one at home)

PRELUDES

Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion, so please prepare ahead of time wine/grape juice and bread appropriate to the number in your family. Our liturgy declares we celebrate with "the church on earth and the hosts of heaven." So in these days of required distancing, longing to share the Lord's Supper again soon physically together at one table of the Lord, we acknowledge communion always connects us "remotely" and powerfully with the Church through time and space. This will be another form of that connection. We understand no precedents are being set in these unique times.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Miriam

GATHERING CAROL: *When Jesus Came to Jordan*

ELW Hymn 305

- 1** When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,
he did not come for pardon but as the Sinless One.
He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,
to speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.
- 2** He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss,
for us and our salvation to die upon the cross.
So when the dove descended on him, the Son of Man,
the hidden years had ended, the age of grace began.
- 3** Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make;
this very day invade us, and ev'ry bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most:
to share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.

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GREETING

- ☐ 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.**

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.**

READING: Acts 19:1-7

- ☒ Today's Reading is from Acts, the nineteenth chapter.

While 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Wade in the Water*

ELW Hymn 459

Refrain:

**Wade in the water, wade in the water, children,
wade in the water, God’s a-goin’-a trouble the water.**

**4 If you don’t believe I’ve been redeemed,
God’s a-goin’-a trouble the water.
just follow me down to Jordan’s stream.
God’s a-goin’-a trouble the water. Refrain**

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GOSPELS: John 3:28-30; Mark 1:9-10

P Today’s Gospel Lessons are from the Gospels according to John and Mark.

JOHN 3: 28-30

You yourselves are my witnesses that I (John the Baptizer) said, ‘I am not the Messiah, but I have been sent ahead of him.’ ²⁹He who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom’s voice. For this reason my joy has been fulfilled. ³⁰He must increase, but I must decrease.”

MARK 1:9-10

In 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.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Fritz

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized*

ELW Hymn 304

**1 Christ, when for us you were baptized, God’s Spirit on you came,
as peaceful as a dove, and yet as urgent as a flame, as urgent as a flame.**

**2 God called you, “My beloved Son”; you are God’s servant true,
sent to proclaim the reign of heav’n, God’s holy will to do, God’s holy will to do.**

**4 Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord; your cross on us be signed,
that likewise in God’s service we may perfect freedom find, may perfect freedom find.**

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OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES’ CREED

P Let us confess our baptismal faith together.

C 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 THE CHURCH

When the petition concludes "Let us pray." please respond, "Have mercy, O God."

The prayers are ended with these words, "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." Please respond, "Amen."

INVITATION TO OFFERING: *Link to give:* <https://coslutheran.org/give/>

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P 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; In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P 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

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.**

SHARING COMMUNION WITH YOUR HOUSEHOLD

*As the pastors and worship team commune, please join them and the whole Church remotely by communing each other/yourself with these ancient words of promise:
"The body of Christ for you" and "The blood of Christ for you."*

HYMN DURING COMMUNION: *Baptized in Water*

ELW Hymn 456

1 **Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praise we sing.**

3 **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.**

PASTORAL BLESSING

BENEDICTION

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

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: *We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus*

ELW Hymn 451

- 1 **We are baptized in Christ Jesus, we are baptized in his death;
that as Christ is raised victorious, we might live a brand new life.
And if we have been united in a dreadful death like his,
we will all be reunited, for he lives.**
- 2 **In the water and the witness, in the breaking of the bread,
in the waiting arms of Jesus who is risen from the dead,
God has made a new beginning from the ashes of our past;
in the losing and the winning we hold fast.**
- 3 **Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son,
glory to the Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one;
as it was in the beginning, glory now resounds again
in a song that has no ending. Amen**

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, martyr, died 1968

Friday, January 15, 2021

An American prophet of justice among races and nations, King was an eloquent preacher, a leader of the nonviolent resistance to race-segregated society, and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.

Born on this date, he was assassinated on April 4, 1968.