

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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BAPTISM OF OUR LORD, JANUARY 10TH, 2021

GREETING

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

People: **And also with you.**

GATHERING HYMN

ELW#828

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.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come from the demands of everyday life, to experience peace.

People: **We will experience peace as we worship the Holy One.**

Pastor: Come from the routine of everyday life, to experience community.

People: **We will experience community as we support and encourage one another.**

Pastor: Come from the predictability of everyday life, to experience challenges.

People: **We will experience a challenge as we respond to the ministry of Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: Come from the uncertainty of everyday life, to experience security.

People: **We will experience security as we put our trust in God, who loves us beyond limits.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: We gather to welcome the beginning of Jesus' ministry.

People: Like the crowds on Jordan's banks, we come humbly, for we have much to confess.

Pastor: We gather expectantly, for we are ready to hear the prophetic Word.

People: God calls us to listen carefully, plan enthusiastically, and to respond practically.

Pastor: We gather to make a new start that baptism symbolizes.

People: With that Jordan crowd, we confess our fear of change, but affirm our willingness to turn our lifestyle around.

Pastor: We gather to witness the awesome power of the Holy Spirit.

People: We will be inspired to renew our relationships and to work in community to enliven our neighborhood.

Pastor: God's pardon and peace are yours.

People: Thanks be to God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Holy God, 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.

People: Amen.

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.

²**Ascribe 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.

⁴**The 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;

⁶**the 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.

⁸**The 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!"

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;**

the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

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

GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the first chapter.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S TIME (*in place*)

Jesus Loves Me!

Jesus loves me this I know, for the bible tells me so
Little ones to him belong, we are weak and He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me. The bible tells me so.

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This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
everywhere I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
everywhere I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
don't let Satan blow it out I'm goin' - a let it shine;
don't let Satan blow it out I'm goin' - a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

African American Spiritual

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Lord Listen To Your Children Praying

Lord listen to your children prayin'
Lord send your spirit in this place
Lord listen to your children prayin'
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.
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SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

You Are Mine

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"I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice.
Be still and know I am here."

"I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light.
Come and rest in me.

Refrain: "Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine."

"I am strength for all the despairing,
healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free,
and all will know my name. *Refrain*

"I am the Word that leads all to freedom,
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain.
Stand up, now walk and live! *Refrain*
Text: David Haas

With the baptized of every time and place we profess the faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

APOSTLES' CREED

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 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

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Reader: 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.

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

People: **Have mercy, O God.**

Reader: 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.

People: **Have mercy, O God.**

Reader: 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.

People: **Have mercy, O God.**

Reader: 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.

People: **Have mercy, O God.**

Reader: 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.

People: **Have mercy, O God.**

Reader: Accept our thanksgiving for the people you surround us with, especially:

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enrich them with a sense of your grace and comfort. Let us pray,

People: Have mercy, O God.

Reader: We pray for the Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod, our Bishop, and First Lutheran in Hobart, OK, that together we will boldly proclaim your Good News in Jesus Christ. Let us pray,

People: Have mercy, O God.

Reader: For those fighting cancer and other serious illnesses, grant strength and grace. We pray for doctors, nurses, technicians, researchers and all who work toward treatments and cures. Let us pray,

People: Have mercy, O God.

Reader: For those we know and love who serve in our military and their families. We pray that you watch over them and keep them safe bringing them home safely, especially: Evan Bias, Robert Marulli, Kaitlyn Tschida, Adam Shepherd, David Powell, Robert Woodrey, Nick Coleman, Mark Pritchard, James Wagoner, Jonathan Wagoner, Shawn Werchan, Kevin Spurgin, Daniel Picazo, Michael Morton, Daniel Mock, Dustin Miller, Rudy Palomares, Tyler Starkey, Jonathan Young, Austin Watlington, Yahola Jones, John Winsworth, James Winsworth, Justin Smith, Kobe Coker, John Burns III, Garrick West, Logan West, Brenden Salvador, and Jordyn Scott. Let us pray,

People: Have mercy, O God.

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

People: Have mercy, O God.

Reader: 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.

People: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord... Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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**

OPEN COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The blessings and body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting.

People: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Spirit of Gentleness

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Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:

"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." *Refrain*

You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. *Refrain*

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. *Refrain*

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. *Refrain*

Text: James K. Manley, b. 1940

BLESSING

Pastor: May God grant you grace and peace at the dawn of this new year.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: May God who is eternal keep you in the hope of the resurrection.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: May God guard your coming in and your going forth this new year and forevermore.

People: **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

Pastor: Go forth into the new year with hope and courage. God is with you.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**