

January 10, 2021
Baptism of our Lord
St. James Trinity Lutheran Church

Welcome

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
whose voice is upon the waters,
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,
whose goodness cascades over all creation. **C Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.
(Silence is kept for reflection.)

C Holy God,
you search us and know us.
You are acquainted with all our ways.
We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.
We turn inward, failing to follow
your outward way of love.
We distrust those who are not like us.
We exploit the earth and its resources
and fail to consider generations to come.
Forgive us, gracious God,
for all we have done and left undone.
Even before the words are on our tongues,
you know them;
receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.

P How vast is God's grace!
Through the power and promise of ✚ Christ Jesus,
our sins are washed away
and we are claimed as God's own beloved.
Indeed, we are forgiven.
In the wake of God's forgiveness,
we are called to be the beloved community
living out Christ's justice
and the Spirit's reconciling peace. **C Amen.**





1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust-ing his
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

C 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

Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the formless void, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for us. God created and continues to create new life.

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.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 29

- A ¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- C ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**
- A ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- C ⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**
- A ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- C ⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- A ⁷The voice of the LORD
bursts forth in lightning flashes.
- C ⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- A 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!"
- C ¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**
- A ¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

Second Reading: Acts 19:1-7

In Ephesus, Paul encounters people who had received John's baptism of repentance but had never heard of the Holy Spirit or of baptism in the name of Jesus. After Paul baptizes them, the Holy Spirit comes upon them and empowers them with gifts of the Spirit.

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.

- A The Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

P The holy gospel according to Mark.

C 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."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Rick Biedermann

Hymn of the Day: Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

ELW 304



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you
2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant
3 Straight-way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the
4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as
true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's
call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to
signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.
ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.
give your life for all, to give your life for all.
per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

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Apostle's Creed

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 Intercession

P 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.)*

P For the church throughout the world and its leaders, that guided by the Holy Spirit they
proclaim the forgiveness of sins, let us pray... **C Have mercy, O God.**

P 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... **C Have mercy, O God.**

P 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...
C Have mercy, O God.

P 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... **C Have mercy, O God.**

*Prayers: especially... Bruce Steinke and Mark Kaeding. We also pray for Dorothy Goble and family with the
recent death of Vincent as well as those we name aloud or in our hearts.*

P God, our refuge and strength, you have bound us together in a common and mutually
interdependent life. In all our conflicts, help us to confront one another honestly yet without
hatred or bitterness. Open our ears that we might listen for and heed your resolute voice amid
competing claims. Bring us quickly to that day when we might once more work together with
forbearance and respect, enjoying alongside our neighbors the justice and dignity that is your
gift for all peoples. Protect our elected leaders that they may be safe to govern with justice
and mercy. Let us pray... **C Have mercy, O God.**

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

P We pray for our nation and the world during this time of pandemic. Protect the most
vulnerable among us, and all who are currently sick or in isolation and health care workers. We
give thanks for the development and the beginning of the distribution of the vaccine. Give us
courage to face this time with compassion, concern, and acts of service, trusting that you
abide with us always, let us pray... **C Have mercy, O God.**

P In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their labors, that their witness inspire
us in our baptismal vocations, let us pray... **C Have mercy, O God.**

P 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. **C Amen**

Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.
C **And also with you.**

Offering

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Blessing

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

Dismissal

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

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- **FACEBOOK LIVE STREAM** – We encourage you to “LIKE” the worship live-stream that you just watched on Facebook. Also, please “SHARE” with friends and family to spread the word!
- **ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS** – If you have not submitted your Committee Report for our Annual Report, please submit ASAP. Digital format preferred and can be emailed to Laurel at admin@stjamestrinity.org.
- **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** – Has been postponed until April 18th due to Covid-19 concerns.
- **IN OUR PRAYERS** – We extend our sympathy and prayers to Dorothy Goble and family with the recent death of Vincent.