

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

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Baptism of Our Lord
Sunday, January 10, 2021
Worship 9:00 am

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION *

In the name of the Father,
and of the † Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
we confess
that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you

**with our whole heart;
we have not loved
our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake
God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister
of the church of Christ,
and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE *

OPENING HYMN* *"Brightest and Best of the Stars"*
Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid.
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant redeemer is laid.

ELW #303

Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining;
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
angels adore him in slumber reclining,
maker and monarch and savior of all.

What shall we give him, in costly devotion?
Shall we bring incense and offerings divine,
gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
vainly with gifts would His favor secure;
richer by far is the heart's adoration,
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid.
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant redeemer is laid.

APOSTOLIC 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.**

The Word

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 1:1-5

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. ***Response: Thanks be to God.***

PSALM: Psalm 29 (read responsively)

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,

ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**²Ascribe 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.

**⁴The 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;

**⁶the 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.

**⁸The 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!"

**¹⁰The 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.

SECOND LESSON: Acts 19:1-7

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. **Response: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

GOSPEL * Mark 1:4-11

The holy gospel according to St. Mark. **Response: 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 our Lord. **Response: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY * *"Shall We Gather at the River"*

ELW #423

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain:

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day.

Refrain:

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.

Refrain:

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

Refrain:

NICENE CREED*

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION * **Response: Your mercy is great.**

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.**

Sending

BLESSING * **Response: Amen, Amen, Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN * *"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"*

ELW #310

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord to thee we raise;
manifested by the star to the sages from afar,
branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest, and king supreme;
and at Cana wedding guest in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in power divine, changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

Manifest in making whole weakened body, fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill:
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, present in thy holy word;
grace to imitate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we might become like thee at thy great epiphany,
and may praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.

DISMISSAL *

Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus, the Word of God.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

***We again welcome back Mitchell Sensenig to our organ console
this morning and thank him for providing our music.***

The altar vase today are presented to the Glory of God in memory of Henry Heberle, Sr. by his family.

Congregation Meeting - Per our By-Laws and Constitution a Congregational Meeting is scheduled for January. This meeting will be held after our worship service on January 24th, with a snow date of January 31st. As of now, with our church doing only “live streaming” worship services there is a great possibility that this meeting may have to be held via Zoom. We will keep you updated on this. In order to meet our quorum of 30 people we are asking those that have Zoom capabilities to let the office know if you will be “attending” that morning. You may let us know by calling (717-545-9992) or by email (ossec@comcast.net). Thank you. **Reminder to all committee chairs:** Please get your annual reports to the office no later than Sunday, January 17th. I know with Covid, most committees only met for 2 or 3 times. A short report reflecting that would be greatly appreciated so we have "officially" a report on file with the office. Also, in your reports please list all committee members. Submission via email is preferred. Thank you.

Your 2021 offering envelopes are now in your church mailbox ready for you to pick up. **Please note:** a few people have different envelope numbers than they had in 2020.

Manna Food Pantry – Our “2nd Sunday” food collection is still ongoing. During the winter, around the holidays and during this time of the pandemic food pantries are seeing a greater demand of their services. If you would like to make a donation you may bring your items into the church & place them on the table in the Narthex at any time. If you are not comfortable with coming into the church building we would be happy to offer "curbside drop-off" during regular office hours. Pastor Joel & Barb are keeping their regular hours during this current shut-down. Just let us know & will be happy to come out & get your donation from you. Thank you.

Help us keep an updated prayer list. If you have placed an individual on our prayer list, please remember to notify the office when that individual can be removed. Thank you.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Ed Digon (Malane's husband), Musser family (Carol Ranck's in-laws), Ann Wolf, Diane Trullinger (friend of Marcia Schreffler), Cheryl Digon (Ed & Malane Digon's daughter-in-law), Lorraine Brubaker (friend of Nancy Pinko), Kathy (friend of Andrea Faber), Carol Ranck, Alexa Phillips (Ed & Malane Digon's granddaughter), John Digon (Ed Digon's brother), Doris Balas, Linda Freed, Kelly Utter, Andrew H. (Carol Ranck's cousin), Daniel Barbuscio (Dottie Koppenhaver's son), Gertrude Gassner (friend of Merle Beachell), Julianna Stoner (friend of Eva Kunz), Linda Schreier, Chuck Walker (friend of Nadine & Otis Martin), Pastor Chuck & Shelley Lisse, Katie Nanov- Schwehr (Irene Nanov's daughter), Bruce MacMurtrie (brother of Hope Bowling), Kathy Dare, Bob Sheetz (Bill's brother), Lisa McManuels, Patsy Baumann, Linda Brittelli (Tara Beachtel's step-mom), Lee Wheeler (friend of Kathy Dare), Makwan Sayed (friend of the Flemings), Christy Silvers (friend of Nedda Pollock), Helen Kester (friend of Malane Digon), Veronika Lenker (friend of the Flemings), Candy Evans, Millie Horvath, Romayne Leedy (Marion Tosheff's sister), Veronica Malesic (Mindy Grace's mother-in-law), Jesse (neighbor of Kathy Dare), Michael Zorek (Mindy Grace & Melanie Trea's brother), Corine Harold (friend of Kathy Dare), Joe Newman (friend of Kathy Dare), Pastor Sharron Blezard (assistant to the Bishop), Betty Giovaninello (friend of Linda Schreier), Don Bolonif (friend of Kathy Dare), Sondra Andrews (Bob & Jean Lisse's daughter), Marsha Randel (Bob McIntyre's cousin), Connie Johnson, Barbara Hammell (Betty's daughter), Bob & Jean Lisse, Kenly Underkufler (relative of Tom & Wendy Snyder), Vernel Brown (friend of the Flemings), Bishop Dunlop.

Pray for missionaries, especially Tonya Starner in Mongolia.

Pray for our military, especially Ian Bowling, Jason Nunez, Noel Sanchez & George Schreffler, III .

Pray for our shut-ins, especially Shirley Kaltreider, Diane Lehrman, Irene Nanov, Miriam Reinard, Ellavene Rutter, Alta Shadel, George Sheleman, Tom & Wendy Snyder.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Saviour Lutheran Church, a caring congregation dedicated to the word of Christ welcomes all people to worship and grow with us as we share His love and salvation with our neighbors, our children and ourselves.