

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 10, 2021

(Everything you need to follow the service is in this bulletin. The hymns are at the end. In preparation for Communion, place whatever food and drink you are using for the elements near your worship space. After the Lord's Prayer and Invitation to Communion, I'll invite you to serve yourself or each other using the following words: The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.)



PRELUDE

Children of the Heavenly Father / Baptized and Set Free
~ Anne Krentz Organ

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

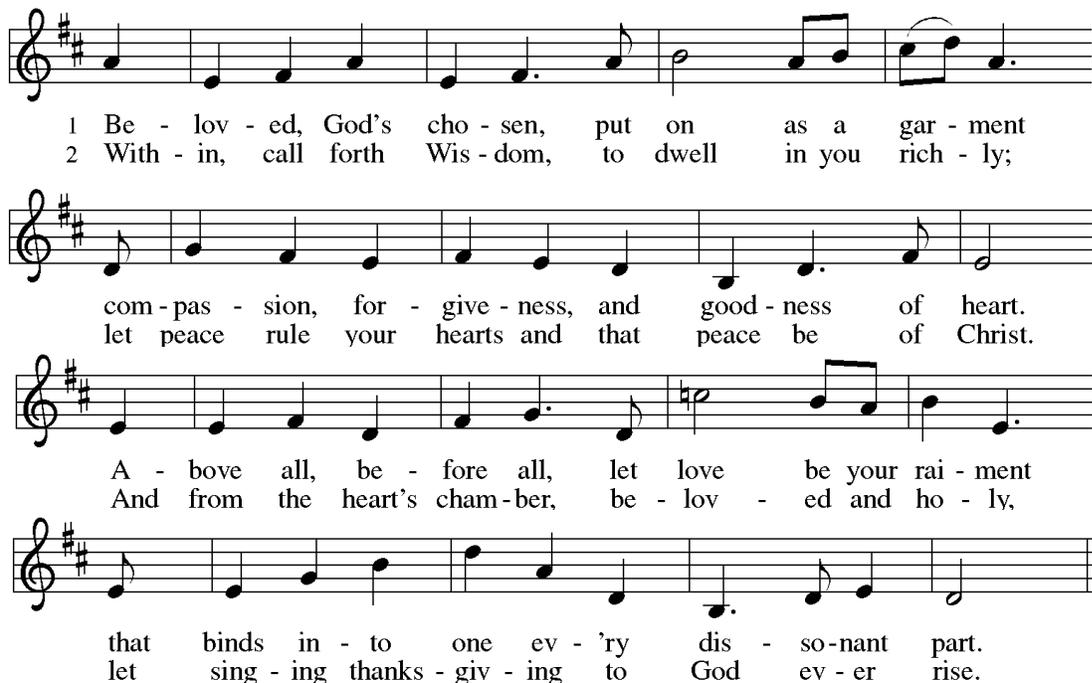
**We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.**

**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 your children,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and 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.
To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.**

RESPONSE

Beloved, God's Chosen



1 Be - lov - ed, God's cho - sen, put on as a gar - ment
2 With - in, call forth Wis - dom, to dwell in you rich - ly;

com - pas - sion, for - give - ness, and good - ness of heart.
let peace rule your hearts and that peace be of Christ.

A - bove all, be - fore all, let love be your rai - ment
And from the heart's cham - ber, be - lov - ed and ho - ly,

that binds in - to one ev - 'ry dis - so - nant part.
let sing - ing thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er rise.

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.

Amen.

First Reading: 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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Baptism
~ Michael Card

Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

The holy gospel according to Mark.

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.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Baptized & Set Free

(ELW 453)

PRAYERS

Let us pray for the church, the world, and all people in need.

We pray for the church and all its people, that, guided by the Holy Spirit, we might proclaim your creative and redeeming word to all the world. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for wilderness and water, wind and wild beasts, and all living things on earth, that we might be faithful caretakers for all you have made. Help us live with respect for the needs of creation. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the nations of the world and their leaders, for laborers busy both day and night, and for peacemakers amid strife, that God might inspire all people to use their strength wisely. We pray especially for the leaders of our nation as they respond to the events of this past week, that they may bring justice and peace to bear. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

In the face of the acceleration of the pandemic, we pray for the sick and those who provide medical care. Give a spirit of perseverance to those who are making do with too few resources. We pray also for the imprisoned and those who show them mercy, for the lonely and those who provide companionship, and for all who suffer, that God shower them with compassion. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for congregations gathered online, for students returning to school or continuing to try to learn virtually, and for those seeking renewal in their daily work, that all the beloved

of God might experience grace and peace. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We now lift to God the prayers on our hearts and minds. . . . Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray in thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their labors, that their witness might inspire us in our baptismal vocations. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

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.
Amen.

COMMUNION

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 God thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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 SONG

Lord of All Hopefulness

(ELW 765)

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning
~Wilbur Held

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Nola Baird, Carolyn Bauder, Leslie Bjornbak, Denise Blake (daughter of Billie Scott-Totress), Merry and Loran Burbank, Kathy Cantrell (mother of Heather McBride), Marge Churchill, David Crane (nephew of Carolyn Bauder & Judy Koppermann), Kirsten (daughter of Dave and Diane Paulson), Lauren Card (Nola Baird's granddaughter), Willard Grabofsky, Norm Gilman (mentor to Susan Harlow), Melissa (former daughter-in-law of Mary & Brian Hamilton), Elaine Herbison, Zair Khademian (uncle of Noah Kerr), Peter Kugler, Vern Laks (Susan Harlow's Sister), Valerie McCormick (grandmother of Charlotte Trent), Lorinne McKeeman (Marilyn Kalstad's sister), Mike Oberman (family friend of Suzanne Cavanagh), Linda Omar (friend of Nanci Strickland), Josh Peterson (Noah Kerr's Friend), James Petersen (son of Ruth Nyegaard), David Peterson (nephew of Elaine Herbison), David Schmitz (son of Larry & Donna), Lisa Teigland (family friend of Mitzi Shirk), Mike & Sidsel Tompkins, Bruce Vogel (friend of the Stricklands)

~Homebound: Marge Churchill

~ In Death: The family of Larry Torres (husband of Billie Scott-Totress)

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Baptized and Set Free



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

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Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathy Skogen-Soldner
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Lord of All Hopefulness



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Text: Jan Struther, 1901–1953
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional
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