Welcome to Worship at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

# **BAPTISM OF OUR LORD-JANUARY 10, 2021**

#### <u>11:00 A.M.</u>

#### INTRODUCTION

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

# SERVICE OF WORD & PRAYER

# - GATHERING -

#### WELCOME & WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adorn your sacred space with flowers and other beautiful signs of life.

#### SABBATH REFLECTION

"We Three Kings of Orient Are" setting, Sondra Tucker Bell Trio: Heather & Mark Boyer, Stacy Hughes

#### INVOCATION

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



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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. (2 Corinthians 13:13) And also with you.

In the beginning was the Word,

and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

In the Word was life,

and the life was the light of all people.

The Word became flesh and lived among us,

and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth. (John 1)

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. 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.

# -WORD-

## **CHILDREN'S HOMILY**

## 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.

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the 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. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God 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: Psalm 29 (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

# <sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;

worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;

the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

## <sup>6</sup>the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,

## and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD

bursts forth in lightning flashes.

## <sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;

the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

<sup>9</sup>The 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!"

## <sup>10</sup>The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;

## the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

<sup>11</sup>O 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.

<sup>1</sup>While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup>He 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." <sup>3</sup>Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." <sup>4</sup>Paul 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." <sup>5</sup>On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord

Jesus. <sup>6</sup>When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—<sup>7</sup>altogether there were about twelve of them.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



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#### GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11

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.

The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And 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. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He 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. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And 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. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The gospel of the Lord.

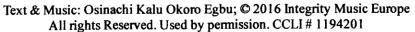
Praise to you, O Christ.

#### HOMILY

Pastor Karen Castillo









### **RESPONSE TO THE WORD: CREED AND CONFESSION**

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 1:13-14)

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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.

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

pray in the Holy Spirit. (Jude 20)

Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.** (Jude 21) If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new! (2 Corinthians 5:17)

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection and self examination.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown, things done and left undone.

Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,

and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen

# **EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

# -THANKSGIVING

Collect an **OFFERING** for God's mission. Financial gifts can be made online <u>www.lcrmarietta.org/give</u>, Canned food can also be collected.

LCR Musicians also have a musical offering to glorify God

MUSICAL OFFERING "As With Gladness, Men of Old" -setting, Sondra Tucker Bell Trio: Heather & Mark Boyer, Stacy Hughes

# **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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.

For the church throughout the world and its leaders, especially Pr. Karen Castillo and the Lutheran Church in Guatemala, that guided by the Holy Spirit they proclaim the forgiveness of sins, let us pray.

# Have mercy, O God.

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.

Have mercy, O God.

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.

## Have mercy, O God.

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 from COVID-19, that God shower compassion, let us pray.

## Have mercy, O God.

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.

## Have mercy, O God.

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

## Have mercy, O God.

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.

# LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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 -

# **MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you... In the name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  SENDING SONG "All Because of Jesus"





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#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ! Thanks be to God!

#### POSTLUDE

"Go, Tell it on the Mountain"

Mitchell Frey, trombone

-setting by Gary Lanier



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