

**St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Sunday Worship Booklet  
The Feast Day of the Baptism of our Lord  
January 10, 2021 A.D.**



*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.*

PR=Pastor Ryan  
L=Lector  
C=Congregation

**PRELUDE**

*Invocation*

Rachel Laurin

**OPENING HYMN**     *Crashing Waters at Creation*     **ELW 455**

STUTTGART

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

PR: 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. **Amen.**

*Silence for self-reflection and examination.*

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Holy God,

**C: 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.**

PR: 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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

PR: 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. **C: 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.*

This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 29**

**R:** *The voice of the LORD is upon the waters. (Ps. 29:3)*

L: Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**C: Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.**

L: The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

**C: The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor. R**

L: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**C: the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

L: The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**C: The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. R**

L: 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!"

**C: The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore. R**

L: 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*

This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**

*Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized* ELW 304

LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN

**HOLY GOSPEL: Saint Mark 1:4-11**

*St. 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 first chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

This is the gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

*Silence for reflection.*

## THE APOSTLES' 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.**

## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

**L:** 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.*

Let us pray, **C: have mercy, O God.**

**PR:** 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.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

## **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER**

PR: My dearest Lord and Savior, though I am but a sinful servant, I approach you with confidence. I am truly sorry for having offended you by my sins because you are infinitely good. I have a great desire to receive you in Holy Communion and since I cannot be united with you in the Blessed Sacrament, I beseech you most earnestly to come to me at least spiritually and refresh my soul with the sweetness of your grace.

Come my Lord, My God, and my All, come to me and let me never again be separated from you by sin. I wish to become like you. Teach me your grace to practice meekness, humility, purity, charity and all the virtues of your most sacred heart.

Oh my Jesus, I consecrate to you my heart with all of its affections, my soul, with all its power and my body, with all its senses. In union with you I will live and labor and suffer to do the heavenly Father's will. I will ever be mindful of the presence of my God and strive to be perfect. Bless me in life and death that I may praise you forever and ever. **C: Amen.**

## **TAKING FAITH HOME**

### **BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

PR: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **C: Amen.**

PR: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

PR: The God of all grace + bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* ELW 310

SALZBURG

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Lobt Gott, ihr Christen*

J. S. Bach

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