

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday January 9, 2021 | Baptism of Our Lord | 9:00 AM

(+ = stand if able; L = Leader / **C** = Congregation)

PRELUDE Diane Dangerfield

WELCOMING WORD *Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.*

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

L: Water! Water! We praise you, O God, for water—the local bodies of water, the rain that nourishes animals and plants, the water for drinking and bathing.

We praise you, O God, for water.

C: We praise you, O God, for water.

L: We praise you, O God, for our water stories—a flood that cleansed the earth, the sea that drowned the enemy, a river that healed leprosy.

We praise you, O God, for water.

C: We praise you, O God, for water.

L: We remember the waters of Jesus— baptized in the Jordan River, calming the Sea of Galilee, drinking from Jacob's Well, healing at the pool of Bethesda, washing the disciples' feet.

We praise you, O God, for water.

C: We Praise you, O God, for water.

L: We praise you, O God, for this font, for through this water you have birthed us into the family of Christ, bathed us in forgiveness, and enlivened us in the Spirit.

We praise you, O God, for baptism.

C: We praise you, O God, for baptism

L: O God, you are the Ocean, sustaining this earth. O God, you are the River, saving us from death. O God, you are the Fountain, granting us health and well-being.

We praise you, O God,
today, tomorrow, forever.
Amen, and amen.

C: Amen, and amen.

HYMN: #301 – Bright and Glorious Is the Sky (vs. 1, 3, 5)

GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also, with you.

+ **KYRIE pg. 138**

+ **HYMN OF PRAISE pg. 139 "Glory to God in the highest..."**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Almighty God,

C: you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

PRAISE TEAM: My Life Is In You Lord

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

¹But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,

Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.

⁵Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;

⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—

⁷everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

+ACCLAMATION (pg. 142)

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

L: The Gospel according to Luke, Chapter 3

C: Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into

his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

+L: The Gospel of the Lord

+C: Praise to you, O Christ

Choir Anthem - "Before the Marvel of This Night"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE Intern Joseph Tiegen

+HYMN #304 - Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

+ **APOSTLES' CREED** (pg. 105)

OFFERING - Praise Team - "And All The People Said Amen"

OFFERTORY #186 "Create in me...."

THE PRAYERS (pg. 143)

(As the pastor concludes each petition with the words:

"Lord in your mercy..." The people respond: **Hear our prayer.**)

+ **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (pg. 145) (right hand column)

SENDING

COMMUNITY WORD

+BLESSING

L: May the blessing of God our creator, the love of Jesus Christ our redeemer, and the presence of the Holy Spirit the comforter, surround you and sustain you until we gather again.

C: Amen.

+HYMN #881 - Let All Things Now Living

+DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2021

SHARE: What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

READ: Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding:

Monday, Psalm 106:1-12, A Confession of Israel's Sins

Tuesday, 1 John 5:13-21, Epilogue

Wednesday, Numbers 27:1-11, The Daughters of Zelophehad

Thursday, Psalm 36:5-10, Human Wickedness and Divine Goodness

Friday, 1 Corinthians 7:1-7, Directions concerning Marriage

Saturday, Jeremiah 4:1-4, A Call to Repentance

TALK: Consider some of these ideas:

“and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’” –Luke 3:22

In baptism, God claims Jesus Christ in saying, “You are my Son.” While most of us do not remember our baptisms, there are similarities between the baptism of Christ and the ones we experience. The Holy Spirit is present, we are washed clean, and claimed by God the Father and the rest of the church.

- What do you think it means for one to be baptized by the Holy Spirit? (Luke 3:16)
- What does it look like for one to live out their baptism?
- Who are those that receive the Holy Spirit and what might this mean? (Acts 8:16-17)

PRAY: May the Holy Spirit move in us that we may live out our baptism and baptismal promises in our daily life. Remind us that we have been claimed by our God Most High and

remain with us always, in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

BLESS: The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.