

GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

200 West Anderson Lane - Austin Texas

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 10, 2021

“AFFIRMING LIFE TOGETHER”

“CALLED BY GRACE, LED BY FAITH,
WELCOMING ALL TO SHARE GOD’S LOVE.”

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10:30 AM ZOOM EPIPHANY EUCHARIST
11:30 AM FACEBOOK EPIPHANY EUCHARIST

GATHERING PRELUDE

“Love Has Come/The First Noel”

INVOCATION (*Congregation stands*)

P: We make the sign of the cross in remembrance of our baptism,
in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

CHRISTMAS/EPIPHANY PROPERS

Pastor: The word was made flesh, and we beheld his glory.

People: OH, COME, LET US WORSHIP HIM.

Pastor: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**People: THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS,
AND THE DARKNESS HAS NOT OVERCOME IT.**

Pastor: Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness,
on them has light shined.

**People: WE HAVE BEHELD CHRIST’S GLORY,
GLORY AS OF THE ONLY SON FROM THE FATHER.**

Pastor: For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

People: IN HIM WAS LIFE, AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF ALL PEOPLE.

Pastor: A prince from the day of your birth.

**People: FROM THE WOMB BEFORE DAYBREAK
HAVE I BEGOTTEN YOU.**

Pastor: Come, you peoples of the earth;

People: DRINK FROM THE WELLS OF THE SAVIOR.

Pastor: Today Christ is born; today salvation has appeared.

**People: TODAY THE JUST EXULT AND SAY,
GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST. ALLELUIA.**

Pastor: Our Lord and Savior, begotten before all ages,

People: REVEALED HIMSELF TO THE WORLD. ALLELUIA.

SHARING OF THE PEACE (*Greet one another*)

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people
Light for the world to see.**

Chorus

**Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Chorus***

**Longing for food, many are hungry
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others
Shared until all are fed. *Chorus***

APOSTOLIC GREETING

ELW p. 165

P: 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.

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

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, 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. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

P: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the ¹LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo-¹ry and strength.
²Ascribe to the LORD the glory ¹due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beau-¹ty of holiness.
³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of ¹glory thunders;

the LORD is upon the ¹ mighty waters.
⁴**The voice of the LORD is a pow-¹erful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a ¹voice of splendor.**
⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the ¹cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the ce-¹dars of Lebanon;
⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip ¹like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a ¹young wild ox.**
⁷The voice ¹of the LORD
bursts forth in ¹lightning flashes.
⁸**The voice of the LORD ¹shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilder-¹ness of Kadesh.**
⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the ¹forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are ¹crying, "Glory!"
¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned a-¹bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as sovereign for-¹evermore.**
¹¹O LORD, give strength ¹to your people;
give them, O LORD, the bless-¹ings of peace.

GLORIA PATRI

L: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. **C: Amen.**

SECOND READING

Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. 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." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." 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." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

P: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Christ, Be Our Light"
Bernadette Farrell

(vs. 4 & 5) ELW 715

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others
Walls made of living stone.**

Chorus

**Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Many the gift, many the people
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another
Making your kingdom come. *Chorus***

HOLY GOSPEL ANNOUNCED

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark 1:4-11.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 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. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 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. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 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. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

GOSPEL PROCLAIMED

P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Crashing Waters at Creation"

ELW 455

Sylvia G. Dunstan, Christian F. Witt, Henry J. Gauntlett

**Crashing waters at creation,
ordered by the Spirit's breath,
first to witness day's beginning
from the brightness of night's death.
Parting water stood and trembled
as the captives passed on through,
washing off the chains of bondage—
channel to a life made new.
Cleansing water once at Jordan
closed around the one fore-told,
opened to reveal the glory
ever new and ever old.
Living water, never ending,**

**quench the thirst and flood the soul.
Well-spring, source of life eternal,
drench our dryness, make us whole.**

THE HOMILY/AFFIRMING LIFE TOGETHER IN BAPTISM

P: Beloved in the Lord, we affirm our Baptism in the name of the FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT.

Through this gift of grace, we inherit all that God intends for us. We rejoice in the call of the Holy Spirit to live our Baptism in the World.

C: In baptism God made us a new people in Jesus Christ.

P: Beloved in the Lord, let us affirm the mercy of God in calling us to be people of salvation. God created us, fashions us for life together; and upholds the entire universe. Yet we want to live for ourselves, and in disobedience reject God's will for our lives. The consequence of this rejection is sin and death. But the Good News is that Jesus Christ was born; that Jesus Christ was crucified; that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead rescuing us for life with God. Now we may be sure of our salvation because of Christ Jesus and his love for us.

C: In baptism we are a new people, and we need not fear the wrath of a holy and righteous God. In baptism we have become members of the church catholic throughout the world expressing our faith and heritage through the witness of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and Gethsemane Lutheran of Austin, Texas. In baptism we are a new people, born by the water, daily dying to sin through repentance empowered by the word incarnate to minister to people.

P: Beloved in the Lord, let us affirm in Baptism that we have been freed by God's act of grace in our lives to live within Christian community. We once belonged to sin, but in our baptism God claimed us and now we belong to God and to one another with the Baptized family of God. We are to be agents of caring for God's purposes on this earth. God has given us the gift of the Holy Spirit in our Baptism so that we might live with the power of faith and hope.

C: We trust the Holy Spirit to enable us to grow in our appreciation for all persons reflecting every race, age, sex, nationality or creed. We trust the Holy Spirit to give us courage to speak up and act against injustice and corruption in our society. We trust the Holy Spirit to give us the will to fight exploitation of the resources of earth. We trust the Holy Spirit to prod us to walk through our weakness renewing us in faith during time of doubt and distrust. We trust the Holy Spirit to make of us daily a new people, given birth through waters of our baptism, dying daily through repentance to our sinful rebellion and being raised to daily righteous living.

PRAYERS OF THE BAPTIZED COMMUNITY

P: let us pray. **C: Have mercy, O God.**

CONSECRATION OF BREAD AND WINE

LORD'S PRAYER, DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION/OFFERING **"Goodness Is Stronger than Evil"**

ELW 721

Text from an *African Prayer Book* by Desmond Tutu, John L. Bell

**Goodness is stronger than evil, Love is stronger than hate;
Light is stronger than darkness, life is stronger than death;
Victory is ours, Victory is ours**

through God who loves us.
Victory is ours, Victory is ours
through God who loves us.

POST COMMUNION PRAYERS AND BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

(Spanish, English, Spanish) ELW 643

“We Are All One in Christ/Somos uno en Cristo”

Anonymous, Gerhard M. Cartford

**Somos uno en Cristo, somos uno.
Somos uno, uno solo.
Somos uno en Cristo, somos uno.
Somos uno, uno solo.
Un solo Dios, un solo Señor,
una sola fe, un solo amor.
Un solo bautismo, un solo Espíritu
y esees el consolador.**

**We are all one in Christ,
we are one body,
all one people out of many.
We are all one in Christ,
we are one body,
all one people out of many.
There is one God, and only one Lord;
there is one faith, one holy love.
There is one baptism;
there is one Spirit,
who is God the comforter.**

**Somos uno en Cristo, somos uno.
Somos uno, uno solo.
Somos uno en Cristo, somos uno.
Somos uno, uno solo.
Un solo Dios, un solo Señor,
una sola fe, un solo amor.
Un solo bautismo, un solo Espíritu
y esees el consolador.**

SILENT PRAYERS, THE SENDING FORTH

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE