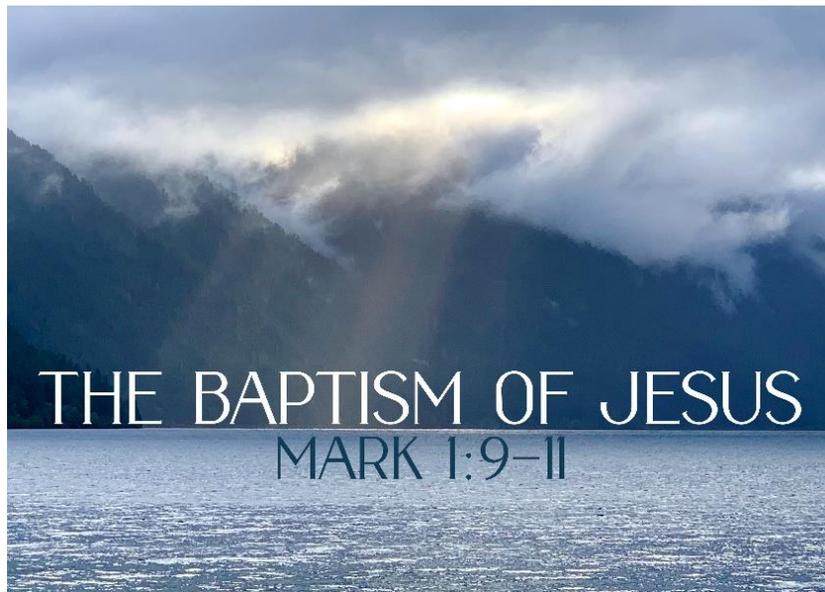


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Sunday, January 10, 2021
Baptism of Our Lord
10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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

What is baptism?

Baptism is not simply plain water. Instead, it is water used according to God's command and connected with God's Word.

What is this Word of God?

Where our Lord Jesus Christ says in Matthew 28, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

What gifts or benefits does baptism grant?

It brings about forgiveness of sins, redeems from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe it, as the words and promise of God declare.

(Martin Luther, Small Catechism)

HYMN 455, "Crashing Waters at Creation"

- 1 Crashing waters at creation, ordered by the Spirit's breath,
first to witness day's beginning from the brightness of night's death:
- 2 Parting water stood and trembled as the captives passed on through,
washing off the chains of bondage—channel to a life made new.
- 3 Cleansing water once at Jordan closed around the one foretold,
opened to reveal the glory ever new and ever old.
- 4 Living water, never ending, quench the thirst and flood the soul.
Wellspring, source of life eternal, drench our dryness, make us whole.

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PRAYER ~ David Wagoner, President

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL ~ Pastor Dave

PRAYER ~ Bill West, Vice President

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-5

In 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.

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.

**⁴The 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;

**⁶the 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.

**⁸The 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! Glory! Glory!”

¹⁰The 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.**

PRAYER ~ Susan Bostian, Secretary

CHILDREN’S SERMON ~ Pastor Dave

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION HYMN 305, “*When Jesus Came to Jordan*”, Vs 1

1 When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,
he did not come for pardon but as the Sinless One.
He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,
to speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.

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GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11

John 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 ~ Pastor Vern

ANTHEM – “*Baptized and Set Free*” – Recording by St. Mark's Chancel Choir 1-17-2018

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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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- + John Kline
- + Mark Ridenhour
- + Susan Uzarski
- + Mark Relyea
- + Kathy Jo McLean
- + Jimmy Meadows

CONCLUDING PRAYER – Pastor Dave

HYMN 458, “Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God”

- 1 Praise and thanksgiving be to God our maker, source of all blessing, prodigal creator.
Baptized and made your own, now we come before you, and we adore you.
- 2 Not our own holiness, nor that we have striven brings us the peace which you, O Christ, have given.
Baptized and set apart, strengthen us, O Savior, with grace and favor.
- 3 Come, Holy Spirit, come in visitation; you are the truth, our hope, and our salvation.
Baptize with joy and pow'r; give, O Dove descending, life never ending.
- 4 Praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: one Lord, one faith, one source of ev'ry merit.
Here now renew your church through this symbol given; grant peace from heaven.

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THE 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

BENEDICTION

God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✠ keep you in peace.
Amen.

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.