John the Baptist
appeared in the wilderness
preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. MARK 1:4, NASB **Baptsim of Our Lora** Sunday, January 10, 2021 – Traditional E

WELCOME TO ALL

Welcome to worship at Trinity Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here. Even though we are spread out and wearing masks, we are delighted to gather as one people in the name of the risen Lord Jesus, in whose power over disease and death we take hope. Please use this bulletin to participate in the liturgy and take it with you when the service is ended. Don't forget to register each week on our website or by calling the office (717-263-8156) for the service that you wish to attend, so that we can maintain appropriate physical distancing in our sanctuary. If you are a guest or visitor worshipping with us and did not know to register for today's service, no problem; we have kept open some extra seating just in case. Simply plan to register for the service next week – and we do invite you to worship with us again!

Bathrooms are located down the hall from the side entrance to the sanctuary. Our nursery is not yet open, but the space is available for special use by individual families. If you visit the nursery to settle a child or change a diaper, please let one of the pastors or ushers know so that we can be sure to sanitize the room before the next service.

Ushers will dismiss worshippers at the end of the service row by row. Please wait to be dismissed, and conduct conversations and fellowship in the fresh, open air outside. We trust that as we take such precautions together, we follow our Lord's command to love our neighbor, and we help to ensure that we will be able to continue to gather for worship during the pandemic. Thank you for working with us toward that end!

Baptism of Our Lord

Sunday, January 10, 2021 Traditional Service

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.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation responds in bold print.

Please respect the silence of those around you preparing for worship.

PRELUDE "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" Saxton

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of goodness and lovingkindness, 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.

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.

Amen.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

And also with you.

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.

Please be seated.



WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-5

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth,

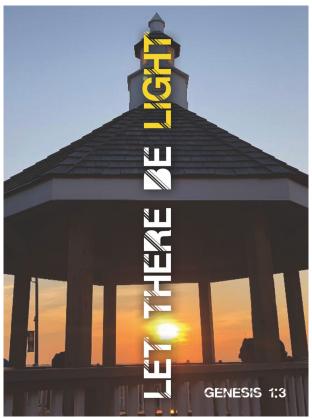
²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

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.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!



PSALMODY Psalm 29

We will speak the Psalm responsively.

¹Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

²Ascribe 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!"

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.

SECOND READING

Acts 19:1-7

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He 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." ³Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴Paul 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." ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!



ON HEARING THIS, THEY WERE BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS.

ACTS 19:5, NRSV

HYMN OF REFLECTION

Baptized in Water

ELW 456



Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL Mark 1:4-11

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1stchapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴John 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."

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

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

"God's Voice: Powerful, Light Bearing, & Affirming"

"Baptism By Fire"

8:30 AM Pastor Arlyn

10 AM Matthew Kayhart

Havergal

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Take My Life That I May Be"
Ellen Diehl - Soloist

Please stand as you are able.

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us 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.

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. May they be guided by the Holy Spirit as they seek to proclaim the forgiveness of sins to all.

Let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For wilderness and water, wind and wild beasts, and all living things on earth. May God's goodness be revealed through creation and faithful stewards who care for all God has made.

Let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the nations of the world and their leaders; for those who labor both day and night; and for those who work for peace amid strife; may God inspire all people to use their strengths 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; and for all who suffer and are in need of healing, especially: Scott, Jim, Dottie, Shirley, Christine, Kayla, Larry, Mary, Sherry, Linda, Tim, Cameron, Jim, Ron, Cheryl, Gillon, Jim, Becky, Bernice, Ayano, Marlene, Bertie, Heidi, Kathy, Mike, Jen, Erick, Kelly, Phil, Colleen, and William. May God shower compassion upon them during this time of struggle.

Let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

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For the congregation gathered here; for students returning to school; and for those seeking renewal in their daily work. May all the beloved of God experience grace and peace, including Michael Sr. & Tammy Huntsberry; Debra Hutsler; Dewey Hutsler III; Dewey Jr. & Carol Hutsler; Jennifer Hutsler; "Pete" & Patty John; Henry & Janet Johnson; Michael Johnson; and Velva Jones.

Let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their labors, including Tony Hamilton & Joyce Shreiner. May their witness inspire us in our baptismal vocations and may the Lord grant comfort to the family and friends who mourn the loss of their loved one.

Let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

P: 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.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught 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

THE BENEDICTION

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

DISMISSAL

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

Please be seated.

POSTLUDE

"Shine, Jesus Shine"

Kendrick

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	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	
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The children's bulletins are given to the glory of God, and in honor of Trinity's children, by Barb Montgomery.

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ATTENDANCE FOR: Thursday, December 24, 2020	
In-Person	110
Online Worship Service Views:	332

ATTENDANCE FOR: Sunday, December 27, 2020	
In-Person	38
Online Worship Service Views:	670

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE: Sunday, January 3, 2021	
In-Person	31
Online Worship Service Views:	464

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

"[Paul] 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.' "—Acts 19:2 As we celebrate the baptism of Jesus and recall our own initiation into God's family, we can be confident that God works within us, giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit, and equipping us to be faithful disciples who are well in body, mind, and spirit.

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Sow - Sharing the word of God with our community
Steward - Giving to all the love of God
Service - Showing the love of God with our community"