

First Sunday after Epiphany

The Baptism of Our Lord

January 10, 2020

9:30am Worship

The Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

*** Confession & Forgiveness**

*P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.***

*P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.***

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*P: Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.***

*P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.***

*** Gathering Hymn #858** (Verses 1& 2)

“Praise To The Lord, The Almighty”

*** Greeting** *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.***

*** Kyrie** *P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.***

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

*P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.***

*P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.***

*P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.***

*** The Prayer of the Day** (all 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.**

The First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. **2** The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. **3** And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was

light. **4** And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

P:1 Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

C:2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

P:3 The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

C:4 The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

P:5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

C:6 He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

P:7 The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

C:8 The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

P:9 The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

C:10 The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

ALL:11 May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

The Second Lesson: Acts: 19:1-7

1 And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. **2** And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." **3** And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." **4** And 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, Jesus." **5** On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **6** And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying. **7** There were about twelve men in all.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

*** Gospel Announcement**

* Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 3rd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*** The Gospel Lesson: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

15 As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, **16** John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. **17** His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Hymn #456 (Verses 1, 2, & 3)

"Baptized In Water"

The Sermon

"Baptized With The Holy Spirit"
(sermon text: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22)

Pastor William Shields

*** The Apostle's Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Hymn of the Day #451 (Verses 1 & 2)

"We Are Baptized In Christ Jesus"

Prayers of God's People

* **The Lord's Prayer** **C:** 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**

* **Sending Hymn #732** (All Verses)

"Borning Cry"

* **Dismissal** *P:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

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Announcements:

ANNUAL MEETING
10:45 am – January 31st
Please get year-end reports in ASAP.

Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 12
3:30pm – members pick up your packets

2021 Altar Flowers

Reservation forms for 2021 Altar Flowers were also in the Newsletter. Dates will be reserved on a first come, first served basis.

Additional forms are in the back.

PLEDGE CARDS & OFFERING
ENVELOPES

Extra 2021 pledge cards are in the back. Please submit soon.

Offering envelopes for 2021 are available. If you want yours mailed to you, call the office 875-1685.