

St. Luke Lutheran Church

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Baptism of Our Lord

Setting III
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“LET THE HOLY SPIRIT COME”

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Dear Members & Guests - Welcome to Worship!

God has greatly blessed us with your presence here today. Thank you for responding to his invitation.

If you have a prayer request, bright yellow forms are located on the back of the pews. They are collected during Offering in this morning's worship. You will also find pew pads in each pew, as it is passed to you during the service, we ask that all visitors & members sign in.

Name tags are available in the back of the church. Please wear your name tag to assist those of us with failing memories to remember your name!

SERVING US THIS MORNING

Ministers: All of the Members of this Congregation!

The Rev. Dr. Robert McKee – Pastor

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Greeter(s) - Front Door: Doug & Doriann Shreve

Greeter(s) - Side Door: Wendy Callahan & Tude Della Maggiore

Ushers: John Krogman, John Dhanaraj

Altar Guild: Laura Dhanaraj & Wendy Callahan

Background Worship: Margaret Steen and Kathleen Peters

Contemporary Worship Leader: Joe Howard

Worship Team: Joe Howard, Seth Henderson, Paul Mitchell, Claudia Zichterman,

Ron Zichterman, and Deb Mandac.

Director of Music: Claudia Zichterman

Organist: Claudia Zichterman

Choir Director: Chris Frye

Bell Choir Director: Wil Mandac

Sound-Computer Tech: Brad Sime & Francis Prabhu

Altar Flowers given today by the Tsang Family, in celebration of Amy Tsang's Birthday.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Claudia Zichterman

CALL TO WORSHIP SONG:

"THE RIVER"

WELCOME

Pastor Bob McKee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG: ***"SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE"*** ***ELW #310***
(Red Hymnal)

INVOCATION & KYRIE (Please Stand)

(music found on page 138)

[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.

[A] In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

[C] Lord, have mercy.

[A] For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

[C] Lord, have mercy.

[A] 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.

[A] For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

[C] Lord, have mercy.

[A] Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

[C] Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE “The Feast of Victory” – (Congregation sings all verses and refrain)

(music located in hymnal on pg. 140)

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

vs. 1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

vs. 2 Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

vs. 3 Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

vs. 4 For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[P] Let us pray...

[C] 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.

CHILDREN’S TIME WITH KIRK AUTSEN

SONG:

“THERE’S A RIVER OF LIFE”

SHARING OF THE PEACE

[P] The peace of the Lord be with you always.

[C] And also with you. (Share your peace, with one another, and then please be seated.)

GOD ENCOUNTERS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

1st Reading – Genesis 1:1-5

Read by Carol Schweizer

Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the primeval darkness, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for any person living in the chaos and darkness of despair. God created and continues to create new life.

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.

Psalm 29

Led by Carol Schweizer

[W] *Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.*

[M] Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

[W] *The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.*

[M] The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

[W] *The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;*

[M] the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

[W] *The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.*

[M] The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

[W] *The 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!"*

[M] The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

[C] **O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.**

CHORAL OFFERING:

"HEAR ME REDEEMER"

Soloist: Gloria Fairchild

(By Henry Mollicone)

2nd Reading – Acts 19:1-7

Read by Olivia Mitchell

In Ephesus, Paul encounters people who had received John's baptism of repentance but had never heard of the Holy Spirit or of baptism in the name of Jesus. After Paul baptized them, the Holy Spirit came upon them and empowered them with gifts of the Spirit.

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] Lift up your heart and receive the Holy Gospel...

[C] **Glory to you, O Lord.** (spoken)

Gospel – Mark 1:4-11

Read by Pastor Bob McKee

Mark's gospel reports the story of Jesus' baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.

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."

[P] This is the Gospel of our Lord.

[C] **Praise to you, O Christ.** (spoken)

MESSAGE

"LET THE HOLY SPIRIT COME"

Pastor Bob McKee

SONG:

"HOLY SPIRIT"

APOSTLES' CREED

[C] **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 catholic* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

(*universal)

GATHERING OUR TITHES, AND OFFERINGS

(All members and guests, please sign in on the form in the pew pads when it is passed to you. Prayer requests collected when plates are brought forward.)

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

[A] Let us pray...

[C] Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[A] Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(Please stand)*

[P] Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.

[C] Amen.

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

[P] Loving God,

[C] we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have thought more about ourselves than others; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.

[P] Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of † Jesus Christ our Savior.

[C] Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

"LAMB OF GOD"

(music found pg. 146)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION - THE EUCHARIST (be seated)

Our Lord Jesus is the host of his table. He invites all to come to him. Those who are baptized and believe in our Lord's presence "...in, with, and under the bread and wine..." are invited to commune by intinction. If you are not communing, please receive a blessing of the day. We come to his table via the center aisle, returning to our seats via the side aisles. If you are unable to come forward but wish the gifts Christ has for you, please notify an usher, and the servers will come to you.

WE WELCOME ERIK WINDGASSEN AND HIS FAMILY TO COMMUNE FIRST. ERIK IS CELEBRATING HIS FIRST COMMUNION TODAY!

COMMUNION SONG: **"AT THE CROSS (LOVE RAN RED)"**

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

[P] The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

[C] Amen.

(music is located in hymnal – service music hymn #204)

[C] **Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name. Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy with SHOUTS of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

SENDING SONG: **"CHRIST, WHEN FOR US YOU WERE BAPTIZED" ELW #304
(Red Hymnal)**

THE DISMISSAL

[A] Our worship continues; our service is just begun. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

[C] (with the joy of Christ) **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

POSTLUDE

Claudia Zichterman

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