



# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

## THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 10, 2021

*Service of the Word  
11:00 a.m.*

*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.*

### ✝ GATHERING ✝

*The Holy Spirit  
gathers us in unity  
on the first day of  
the week  
(Isaiah 48:14  
John 4:23-24  
Acts 20:7)*

*We worship on the  
first day of the  
week because our  
Savior was raised  
on that day. Every  
Sunday celebrates  
the Lord's  
Resurrection.*

#### PRELUDE

**Chorale Prelude on *Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam*  
"When Christ our Lord came to the Jordan"  
Dietrich Buxtehude**

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.**

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

**We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN**  
"Baptized in Water"

**ELW 456**  
*Bunessan*



1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his  
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Seward, b. 1932  
Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune  
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*(2 Corinthians  
13:13-14)*

**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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.**

*Asking for  
God's mercy  
(Luke 17:13;  
18-38-39,  
Psalm 123:3)*

**KYRIE**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

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



Lord, have mer - cy.

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.



Lord, have mer - cy.

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



Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort,  
and defend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

“God, Whose Almighty Word”

ELW 673

*Italian Hymn*



- 1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
- 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
- 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
- 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -  
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the  
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.  
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.  
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.  
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.  
Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

*This prayer  
“collects”  
the theme of  
the day.*

## 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.**

# ✠ THE WORD OF GOD ✠

*This reading  
bears witness to  
the early church.*

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

**Acts 19:1-7**

The reading is from the 19<sup>th</sup> chapter of Acts.

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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We acclaim the  
living Word,  
Jesus Christ,  
present in the  
gospel reading.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*Appointed  
reading of God’s  
Word from the  
four Gospels  
(Matthew, Mark,  
Luke, John)*

## HOLY GOSPEL

**Mark 1:4-11**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*"Viva Vox," the  
Living Word of God  
interpreted  
(Romans 10:14-17)*

## CHILDREN'S TIME

### SERMON

**Pastor Patrick Ballard**

### ANTHEM

#### **The Baptism of Christ**

Michael Bedford

*Jesus autem hodie regressus est a Jordane.* [Jesus again today returned to the Jordan.] When Jesus Christ baptised was, the Holy Ghost descended with grace; the Father's voice was heard in this place: *Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.* [This is my Son, listen to him.] *Jesus autem hodie regressus est a Jordane.* There were three Persons and one Lord, the Son baptised with one accord, the Father said this blessed word: *Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende. Jesus autem hodie regressus est a Jordane.* Now, Jesu, as thou art both God and man, and were baptised in from Jordan, at our last end we pray thee, say then: *Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende. Jesus autem hodie regressus est a Jordane.*

- Medieval text

### APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole Christian church on earth, we recall the Creed spoken on the day of our baptism that continues to shape 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.**

*Ancient church  
councils adopted  
the summary of the  
church's faith in the  
Nicene, Apostles'  
and Athanasian  
Creeds*

*We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. (1 Timothy 2:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Acts 2:42)*

*Extending God's word of peace to others (Romans 16:16; Matthew 5:23-24)*

*We present tithes and offerings for God's ministry and mission. (1 Corinthians 16:1-4; Romans 12:13)*

*We give thanks for the living Word of God (Hebrews 4:12)*

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*After each portion of the prayers:*

Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

*The prayers conclude:*

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.**

## **EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

# ✠ THANKSGIVING ✠

## **OFFERING**

*Please continue to provide generously for the work of the Church by giving online through our congregation's website - [www.christinnerharbor.org](http://www.christinnerharbor.org) - or by mailing offerings to the church office at 701 South Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21230.*

## **ANTHEM**

**The Waters of Life**  
James Biery

The Father's voice calls us above the waters. The glory of the Son shines on us. The love of the Spirit fills us with life.

- ancient hymn

## **THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

Holy God, Light of the universe, Teacher of truth, Giver of goodness, we hear your Word in the Scriptures, proclaiming to us your wisdom and inviting us to follow your call. For speaking this Word, we thank you, O God. **We thank you, O God.**

Your Word came among us in Jesus, our brother, who preached your righteousness, healed the sick, and revived the brokenhearted. For giving us this Word, we worship you, O God. **We worship you, O God.**

By your Spirit bless all who receive this Word, that upheld by the mystery of the body of Christ, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son. For sustaining us with your Word, we praise you, O God. **We praise you, O God.**

Blessed are you, holy God, around us, with us, and in us, now and forever. **Amen.**

Jesus teaches his  
disciples to pray  
(Luke 11:2-4;  
Matthew 6:9-13)

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 ✠

### BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

A personal  
blessing from God  
in the name of the  
Triune God  
(Numbers 6:24-26)

On our way  
rejoicing  
(Colossians 3:16;  
Philippians 4:4)

### CLOSING HYMN

ELW 304

"Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"

*Lobt Gott, ihr Christen*



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you  
2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant  
3 Straight-way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the  
4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as  
true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's  
call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to  
signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.  
ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.  
give your life for all, to give your life for all.  
per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984, alt.

Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561

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*Going forth to  
bless the world  
(Luke 7:50;  
Romans 10:12-13)*

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**Choralvorspiel über *Lobt Gott, ihr Christen* (ELW 304)**

Max Reger

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God  
and in memory of Chris Mueller  
by Barbara Kimbrel and Paula Montgomery.*

Quartet

*Sarah Berger, soprano*

*Rebecca Berger, alto*

*Douglas Jones, tenor*

*Jim Williams, bass*

*The annual congregational meeting will be held via Zoom on Sunday, January 24  
at 12:30pm. At the meeting we will receive reports, elect a council and adopt a  
budget. All confirmed members are asked to join the Zoom meeting.*

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