

Our Mission

“to serve God and share the good news of Jesus Christ”

Baptism of Our Lord

January 10, 2021

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Prelude

Cathy Namock, organist

“Fairest Lord Jesus” by David Hegarty

GATHERING

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,

C: 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.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn

Hymn #456

“Baptized in Water” (vs. 1, 2 & 3)

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God’s praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our king:
one with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God’s praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our king:
born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praise we sing.

Prayer of the Day

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 Message

WORD

First Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the formless void, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for us. God created and continues to create new life.

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.

C: Thanks be to God!

Special Music

"This Is My Father's World"
from *Easy Hymns for 8 Note Bells*
Publisher: Sweet Pypes Inc. 2004

Terri Reid, desktop bells

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:4-11

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.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Pastor Tricia Lowe

“A Reason to Celebrate!”

Hymn of the Day

Hymn #304

“Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized” (vs. 1 & 2)

Christ, when for us you were baptized, God’s Spirit on you came,
as peaceful as a dove, and yet as urgent as a flame, as urgent as a flame.

God called you, “My beloved Son”; you are God’s servant true,
sent to proclaim the reign of heav’n, God’s holy will to do, God’s holy will to do.

Prayers of Intercession

P: 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.*

P: For the church throughout the world and its leaders, that guided by the Holy Spirit they proclaim the forgiveness of sins, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: For wilderness and water, wind and wild beasts, and all living things on earth, that God’s goodness is revealed through creation and faithful stewards who care for all God has made, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: For the nations of the world and their leaders, for laborers who work both day and night, and for peacemakers everywhere, that God inspire all people to use their power wisely, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: 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, for all who suffer especially during the global pandemic, that God show us compassion, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: For the congregation gathered here, for students returning to school whether physically or virtually, for those seeking work, that all the beloved of God experience grace and peace, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: Please take this time offer any other prayers either silently or aloud.

P: In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their labors, that their witness inspire us in our baptismal vocations, 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.

C: Amen.

P: Gathered together as God's people, we pray the words that Jesus taught us.

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.

Offering

P: We give thanks for the offerings that we have received in the mail, online and in person this past week. These gifts make it possible for us to continue to be the church in the world even when we can't meet in our sanctuary. If you are worshiping with us today and would like to make a donation, please go to our website homepage and click the online giving link.

Let us pray: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts; ourselves, our time, our possession and your Son, Jesus. Use us, and what we have gathered, to show the world your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Sending

The Benediction

P: God the creator strengthen you;
Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter ☩ keep you in peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

Hymn #453

"Baptized and Set Free" (vs. 1, 3 & 4)

We are people created, chosen by God.
Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.
Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door
to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.

We are nourished by water, all living things,
and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.
As we journey toward home, may your presence be known:
precious river, ever flowing, now carry us home.

Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.
All are welcome! We gather to swing loud and strong.
Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be
one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

“Festival” Benton Price

Cathy Namock, organist

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As a congregation, we pray for God's guidance on our journey of service to our membership, our community and our world. Pray for Pastor Tricia, the Church Council, and the Ministry Leadership. The church office reviews this list monthly. Please call if your prayer concern is removed earlier than you wish.

Please keep the following in your prayers during this week:

Members

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| <i>Alis Seim</i> | <i>Deanna McDaniel</i> | <i>Kat Harley-Mays</i> | <i>Nancy Nimocks</i> |
| <i>Arlene Meder</i> | <i>Geri Cottrell</i> | <i>Len Warne</i> | <i>Pam MacCleary</i> |
| <i>Ben Stricker</i> | <i>Gwen Savage</i> | <i>Linda Walkoff</i> | <i>Ramona Walker</i> |
| <i>Bonnie Kain</i> | <i>Helen Morton</i> | <i>Marilyn Murphy</i> | <i>Ron Kovara</i> |
| <i>Carol Hotten</i> | <i>Janice Zimbelman</i> | <i>Marty Watkins</i> | <i>Ruth Martindale</i> |
| <i>Chuck Lynch</i> | <i>Karen Roush</i> | <i>Mary Austin</i> | <i>Wayne Theobald</i> |
| <i>Chris Spahr</i> | | | |

Our Family Members in Military and Deployed

- Meg Northrup Jim VanScoy Kenneth Lindsay deployed Kuwait – friend of Carl Schulze*

Family Members and Friends

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| <i>Bill Deffenbaugh – stepfather of Kimberly Goats</i> | <i>Kelly Smith – daughter of Bobbe Serena Wayman</i> |
| <i>Bill & Ruth Garrett – friend of Kimberly Goats</i> | <i>Kris Franklin – friend of Wendy Woolley</i> |
| <i>Bob Whitney – friend of Emmanuel</i> | <i>Leroy Goats – father-in-law of Kimberly Goats</i> |
| <i>Buel McCoy – father of Wendy Woolley</i> | <i>Linda Vallner – sister of Ron Kovara</i> |
| <i>Carol & Rita Kuenne – friend of Mark & Mary Austin</i> | <i>Marie – Clara Farmer's son's mother-in-law</i> |
| <i>Cheryl Midel – aunt of Wendy Woolley</i> | <i>Mark Erickson – friend of Mark & Mary Austin</i> |
| <i>Charles Dean – great nephew of Gail Kenny</i> | <i>Mark Kovara – son of Ron Kovara</i> |
| <i>Chris Vettore – daughter of Ron Kovara</i> | <i>Mary Leavy – mother of Kathie Siggs</i> |
| <i>Connie Miller & son Trevor – friends of Carl Schulze</i> | <i>Merle MacCleary – father of Pam MacCleary</i> |
| <i>Cris & Susie – brother & sister of Clara Farmer</i> | <i>Miranda & Brad Rebholz – granddaughter and grandson of Jim & Carole Rebholz</i> |
| <i>Dawn Byars – stepsister of Kimberly Goats</i> | <i>Phil Miller – friend of Emmanu7el</i> |
| <i>Dan Lowe – brother-in-law of Pastor Tricia</i> | <i>Rev. Paul Meier – former pastor of Larry & Sonya Mahler</i> |
| <i>Doug Bayle – nephew of Phyllis Pohlman</i> | <i>Rich, Carol, daughter of Rachel & Granddaughter of Audrey, friend so Larry & Sonya Mahler</i> |
| <i>Doug Becker – friend of Jim McIntyre</i> | <i>Rosemary – neighbor of Mary Wakimoto</i> |
| <i>Eddie Hales – mother of Cheryl Miller</i> | <i>Sam Crifasi – friend of Larry Mahler</i> |
| <i>Edward Kelly – friend of Mark & Mary Austin</i> | <i>Sarah Mulligan – daughter of Carol Wade</i> |
| <i>Grant – grandson of Dan & Carol Cwach</i> | <i>Star Campbell – friend of Bob Saul</i> |
| <i>Jack Gregory – friend of Ellen Rosfeld</i> | <i>Stefanie O'Donnell – daughter of Shelby & Carol Tate</i> |
| <i>Joann Harlib – mother of Scott Harlib</i> | <i>Trisha Galindo – daughter of Gary & Jean Kiser</i> |
| <i>Joshua Diebel – stepbrother of Tawnya Worthington</i> | <i>Wayne Wallingford – brother of Sheila Smilgis</i> |
| <i>Julie Ward – daughter of Chuck & Kathy Guenther</i> | |

Our Prayers and Sympathies to the family of Ben Stricker. Ben passed away on January 2, 2021.

Someone is in the church office weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., but the church doors will be locked. Please knock upon arriving or call first. Please note that we are now **requesting that everyone wear masks** when they enter the church building. Don't be surprised when Mary and Pastor Tricia put theirs on when you come in! With the rise in cases of the virus in our community, we want to make sure we use all safety precautions to protect the most vulnerable among us.

MISSION OUTREACH for the month of January is Horses With Heart. Their mission statement is to provide a safe and enjoyable equine experience for people with physical, mental, and emotional disabilities and At-Risk youth, encouraging each rider to develop independent skills at his/her own level of ability. Riding develops self-awareness, builds confidence, and improves self-discipline. It also relaxes, strengthens and tones muscle, increases joint mobility and improves posture, balance and coordination. Through horseback riding students gain a sense of freedom and awareness of their bodies that can't be duplicated in conventional therapy.

Ministry Team Coordinators and Committee Chairs, don't forget that your annual report is due the first few days of January. We are hoping to get the reports mailed to everyone by January 14 so that there will be plenty of time for folks to read them to be ready for the annual congregational meeting on Saturday, January 30 at 2:30 p.m. on Zoom.

Aluminum Cans – Emmanuel is still collecting cans. Please bring to the church and deposit in the container held in the dumpster area.

Food Pantry – At this time, the food pantry prefers monetary donations so they can purchase the needed items. Donations can be mailed to the church.

Thrivent Member Action Cards – Each member is allocated two card per years of \$250.00 each. If you have not used our action cards, please consider applying for a card to support the Interfaith Meal.

Interfaith Meal – Next meal will be January 22. If you are able to help, please let Mary Jensen know.