

The Baptism of Our Lord

January 10, 2021 + Mount Olive Lutheran Church



Focus on the Season: The Baptism of Our Lord, First Sunday after Epiphany, year B

Our re-creation in baptism finds its parallel in Genesis, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters at creation. 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 Holy 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.

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Centering and Gathering

Light your candle. [Start the video by clicking here](#); it will continue through the Postlude.

PRELUDE: "A Prayer of Saint Patrick" Richard DeLong

Sung by the Mount Olive Children's Choir on the Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 33 A, November 16, 2014

HYMN: ELW 448, "This Is the Spirit's Entry Now"

Sung at Mount Olive on the Second Sunday in Lent, year A, March 16, 2014.

Word

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Glory to God in the highest" (ELW setting 4)

Sung at Mount Olive on the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, Lect. 5 A, February 9, 2020.

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

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-5; reader – John Gidmark, lector

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth,² 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.³ Then 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.

PSALMODY: Psalm 29

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 sovereign forevermore.
¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people; * give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

Sung at Mount Olive on the Baptism of Our Lord, year B, January 7, 2018.

SECOND READING: Acts 19:1-7; reader – Vicar Andrea Bonneville, assisting minister

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW 455, "Crashing Waters at Creation," stanzas 1 and 2

Sung at Mount Olive on the Baptism of Our Lord, year C, January 13, 2019.

HOLY GOSPEL: 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."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW 455, "Crashing Waters at Creation," stanzas 3 and 4

Sung at Mount Olive on the Baptism of Our Lord, year C, January 13, 2019.

SERMON

God's Breath

Pastor Joseph Crippen

Silence for reflection.

HYMN: *ELW 407 “O Living Breath of God”*

Sung at Mount Olive on the Day of Pentecost, year C, June 6, 2019.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Our Assisting Minister for today, Vicar Andrea Bonneville, has prepared intercessory prayers for us to pray this morning. As our prayers rise up from all over the metro area and beyond, once more we are joined together in Christ. (Our weekly prayer list is on the last page.) Response: Hear our prayer.

PEACE *Please greet one another with Christ’s peace.*

OFFERING

*There are ways to continue to give of your gifts to our shared work at Mount Olive during this time apart. The Olive Branch has suggested ways both electronic and by mail. See:
<https://www.mountolivechurch.org/resources/olive-branch-newsletter/>*

NUNC DIMITTIS: *ELW 201, “Now, Lord, you let your servant”*

Sung at Mount Olive on the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, Lect. 4 C, February 3, 2019.

Sending

LORD’S PRAYER *Pray the Lord’s Prayer together.*

BLESSING *Response: Amen*

HYMN: *ELW 304, “Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized”*

Sung at Mount Olive on the Baptism of Our Lord, year B, January 7, 2018.

DISMISSAL *The assisting minister leads the dismissal.*

L Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Improvisation

Recorded on January 7, 2021; Cantor David Cherwien, organist.



In Our Prayers

- Please pray throughout the week for the following persons: James Wilkes; Charlotte Erlandson; Mary Lee; Elizabeth Beissel, Nancy Flatgard; Leila Froehlich; Leanna Kloempken; Kandi Jo Nelson; Jerry Ostlund; Pariann Schenk; Christine Walberg; Sue Ellen Zagrelny; Jodi Royce, daughter of Julia Adams and daughter-in-law of Evelyn Royce; Kjell Thompson, relative of Nancy Anderson; Tommie and Susie Hunter, Danna Nelson, Jacques, friends of Jim Bargmann; Tom McCarr, friend of Keith Bartz; Arthur Kaemmer, friend of David Bryce; Randy Caverly and Nancy Stelling, nephew and friend of Marcia & Dan Burow; Lela Frazier, sister of Irene Campbell; Klarrisa Ramirez, friend of Gretchen Campbell-Johnson; Greg Eklund, son of Harry & Jeanette Eklund; Susan Bary, friend of Judy Graves; Dolores & David G. Gutierrez, Sr., Chris and David Gutierrez, Jr., parents and brothers of Consuelo Gutierrez-Crosby; Carol Halter (missionary in Hong Kong), friend of Eunice Hafemeister; Lynn Kernkamp, friend of Peggy Hoeft; Tami Huisenga, relative of Wes Huisenga; Craig Cunningham,

brother-in-law of Brian Jacobs; Donald Johnson, father of Nicholas Johnson; Bob Adamson, relative of Jerry Jones & Robbie Ross; Nicole Sanders, Ann Clark, James Alexander, and Susan Douglass, daughter, friends, and relative of Mary Rose Kaliher; Danielle Pitzen, friend of Ellen Kormanik; Barbara Dahl, sister of Carla Manuel; Dani Olson, Harper Linquist, Steve Camper, relatives and friend of Julie Manuel; Jan McCuen, mother of Matt McCuen; Martha Johnson, sister of Rhoda Nelson and aunt of Sherry Nelson; Janet Freeburg, friend of Lisa Nordeen; Michael Waechter, friend of Rod & Connie Olson; Kathleen Austad, sister of Jerry Ostlund; Jay Heffern, friend of Gary Pagel; Jerry Baack and Todd Erickson, friends of Jean & Doug Parish; Steve Swanson, friend of Dwight Penas & Kathy Thurston; Rudd Rayfield, Jolie Meshbesher Hassler, Katelyn Bowden, Cindy Williams, father and friends of Robin Rayfield; Leila Jeffers, mother of Lynn and Lisa Ruff; Miranda Alvis, niece of Tim Sneer; Carrie, friend of Paul & Melissa Stone; Norlene Bateman, aunt of Ted Thompson; Jennifer Kobylinski, cousin of Kathy Thurston; David Duran, friend of Kevin Vazquez; Andrew Wiechman, son of Grace Wiechman; BJ Wilkes, Joshua Wilkes, LaTrell Wilke, Julius Underwood, and Lonnell Wilkes, son, nephews, grandson and brother of James Wilkes; Sandra Dycus, Becky Groska, Diane Ristrom, Cathy Reid, Karen Swanson, Patrick Clark, Annie Hose-Ryan, Marcia Van Gorden, friends of Sue Ellen Zagabelny; Anne-Marie Lundberg, cousin of Eric Zander; Judy Bonnes and family, Tommie & Susie Hunter; Barbara C. Johnson, friends of Mount Olive.

- **At the death of:** Doug Erhard, nephew of Evelyn Royce; John Bonnes, former member of Mount Olive.
- **For those celebrating their baptism anniversaries this week:** Martha Crippen, Samuel Melang, Kayla Else, Bonnie McLellan, John Salveson, Mark Kausch, and Susan Snow.
- **Prayers for all in the health care system here and around the world** who put their lives at risk to care for those infected with COVID 19 and caring for all others who are ill as well.
- **Our continual prayers are offered for peace:** We pray for all of the world's governments, leaders and peoples, especially for those who work overseas toward peace: Solveig & Philip, daughter and son-in-law of Karen Johnson; and Tyson Crosby, relative of the Crosby family.

We remember the saints who have gone before us:

- **January 15:** Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, martyr, died 1968 – An American prophet of justice among races and nations, King was an eloquent preacher, a leader of the nonviolent resistance to race-segregated society, and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. Born on this date, he was assassinated on April 4, 1968.