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Spirit Worship
Holy Spirit @ Home

10:00 A.M.



January 10, 2021

Baptism of our Lord

First Sunday after Epiphany

Holy Communion

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Gathering

The Holy Spirit gathers us in worship

Gathering Music: *Light to the Night*

Please sing the refrain when you are comfortable.

Refrain

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the refrain of the hymn 'Light to the Night'. Both staves are in treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has chords E, C#m, and A above it. The second staff has chords B, E, C#m, and A above it.

We bring our light to the night This is no time to hide such a beau-ti-ful sight

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Verse 1: Like the sun.....Like the sun on the earth, your love.....refrain

Verse 2: Like a city.....Like a city on a hill, your love.....refrain

Verse 3: Like a candle.....Like a candle in the dark, your love.....refrain

Gathering Music: *The Holy Spirit*

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Gathering Music: *The Sacrament of Baptism*

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Gathering

Welcome & Announcements
Worship will begin shortly

Gathering

In the beginning,
when God created the heavens and the earth,
the Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters.
At the beginning of his ministry,
when Jesus was baptized by John,
the heavens opened, and the Spirit descended like a dove.

Gathering *(continued)*

God of heaven and earth, we gather in the name of Jesus
to hear your holy Word and be immersed in your Spirit.

Speak to us with grace and truth

that we may hear and believe

the good news of your Word made flesh in your beloved Son.

Gathering Song: *Baptized in Water*

Musical Leadership: Vi Ballard, Lisa Walton, Dave Rishel, Bob Mueller

**Verse 1: 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.**

**Verse 2: 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.**

Gathering Song *(continued)*

**Verse 3: 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

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.



Word

God speaks to us in Bible readings,
preaching and song.

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5

Sarah Sokolofski – Reader

Contemporary English Version (CEV)

A reading from Genesis, the first chapter.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
The earth was barren, with no form of life;
it was under a roaring ocean covered with darkness.
But the Spirit of God was moving over the water.

First Reading *(continued)*

God said, "I command light to shine!" And light started shining.

God looked at the light and saw that it was good.

He separated light from darkness

and named the light "Day" and the darkness "Night."

Evening came and then morning -- that was the first day.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

Second Reading: Acts 19:1-7

Deb Stevens – Reader

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

A reading from The Acts of the Apostles, the 19th chapter.

While Apollos was in Corinth,
Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus,
where he found some disciples.

Second Reading *(continued)*

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.

Second Reading *(continued)*

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.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

The Good News from Mark, the first chapter.

Open our hearts, 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.

Gospel *(continued)*

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."

Gospel *(continued)*

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.”

This is the Good News! **Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!**

Sermon

Pastor Ric Elliott

Word in Song: *Wade in the Water*

Musical Leadership: Vi Ballard, Lisa Walton, Dave Rishel, Bob Mueller

Refrain: **Wade in the water, wade in the water, children,
wade in the water, God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.**

Verse 1: (See that host all dressed in white,) **God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.**
(the leader looks like the Israelite.) **God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.** Refrain

Verse 2: (See that band all dressed in red,) **God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.**
(looks like the band that Moses led.) **God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.** Refrain

Word in Song *(continued)*

Verse 3: (Look over yonder, what do I see?) **God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.**
(the Holy Ghost a-coming on me.) **God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.** Refrain

Refrain: **Wade in the water, wade in the water, children,
wade in the water, God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.**

Verse 4: (If you don't believe I've been redeemed,) **God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.**
(just follow me down to Jordan's stream.) **God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.** Refrain

Affirmation

Let us profess our faith with this contemporary affirmation:

We are not alone;

we live in God's world, and God is with us.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

Affirmation *(continued)*

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to live with respect in creation,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

Affirmation *(continued)*

In life, in death, and life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leesa Wimmer – Assisting Minister

Invitation:

As we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord,
let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.

After each petition, a brief silence, then:

O God, give strength to your people. **Give us your blessings of peace.**

Closing Collect:

Almighty and most merciful God, you are the awesome Voice from heaven,
you are our beloved Savior, you are the descending Dove.

We give you thanks for all your goodness and tender mercies,
and we ask you to accept and answer our prayers,
for you are our God and your way is love, today and forever.

Amen.

Respond to God's Gifts

thank you!

During this period of remote church services, we have many ways to give.

1. Give by Text (610-981-1312),
2. Enroll in Simply Giving
3. Mail a check to the church office, 3461 Cedar Crest Blvd., Emmaus, PA 18049
4. Visit lchsemmaus.org/stewardship/, then clicking on: Give now on-line
5. Download our mobile giving app by searching for "Give+" in either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. Once you have downloaded the app, search on "Lutheran Church of The Holy Spirit". You can immediately donate or choose to set up an account.

Additional information is available on the Stewardship section of the church's website.

Musical Offering: *Father Welcomes all His Children*


Musical leadership: Vi Ballard, Lisa Walton, Dave Rishel, Bob Mueller

Robin Mann

Please join the chorus when you feel comfortable.


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Fa - ther wel - comes all _ His chil - dren to _ His fam - ly through His Son.

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Fa - ther giv - ing His _ sal - va - tion, life _ for - ev - er has been won.

Meal

In word and meal,
God's grace feeds us.

Holy Communion

You may prepare your communion table at home now.

*Following the Words of Institution,
the Lord's Prayer and Communion Invitation,
the presiding minister will say the words first.*

While inspirational communion music is played, you may share in the sacrament.

There will be a slide with the words to say during communion.

Word in Meal

God most mighty, God most merciful,
God our rock and our salvation,
hear us as we praise, call us to your table,
grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty.
When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child;

Word in Meal *(continued)*

When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom.

Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath,

and the psalmists cried out for healing,

and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.

He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression,

he wept over the city.

With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

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Words of Institution

Word in Meal *(continued)*

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.

Amen.

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.

Amen.

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.

Amen.

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.

O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.

Word in Meal *(continued)*

○ God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.

○ God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

○ God most majestic, ○ God most motherly,

○ God our strength and our song,

you show us a vision of a tree of life

with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.

Word in Meal *(continued)*

Grant us such life,
the life of the Father to the Son,
the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,
life in you, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

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Invitation to Communion

Here is bread; here is wine; here is Jesus.
Come and be fed.

Communion

The presiding minister will say the words first.

*While inspirational communion music is played,
you may share in communion.*

The body of Christ given for you.

The blood of Christ shed for you.

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A Blessing, "You are a loved child of God."

Song: Remember and Rejoice

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Sending

God blesses us
and sends us in mission to the world.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

O Morning Star, fair and bright,
you have refreshed us again with heavenly food.
You are our dearest treasure.

**Go with us now –
today, tomorrow, every day –
that we celebrate your never-ending love
and sing your praise both now and forever.
Amen.**

Blessing

May God the creator strengthen you;
may Jesus the beloved fill you;
and may the Holy Spirit the comforter
+ keep you in peace.

Amen.

Sending Song: *Baptized and Set Free*

Musical Leadership: Vi Ballard, Lisa Walton, Dave Rishel, Bob Mueller

**Verse 1: 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.**

**Verse 2: We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed.
Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed.
For whatever the need, God is greater indeed;
endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.**

Sending Song *(continued)*

**Verse 3: 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.**

Verse 4: Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.

All are welcome! We gather to sing 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

Go in peace;
let the light of Christ shine through you.
Thanks be to God!

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