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Baptism of our Lord
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The Holy Spirit Empowers Us for Ministry in Daily Life

Gathered by God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit,
we invite and welcome all people to join us on our journey
to become more faithful ministers of Jesus Christ
in our homes, our communities, and the world.

We welcome all who worship with us today.

Visitors are invited to sign the guest register located in the lobby.

If you are interested in joining our family of faith,
please talk with one of our Pastors or call the church office.

Children are welcome and celebrated!

The “Children’s Ministry” table and basket in the lobby
contains a variety of items for children’s use during worship.
Stop by to borrow a book or pick up some coloring sheets and crayons.

Please silence all communication devices.

Our services are live streamed and recorded. In-person attendance implies consent
to be included in the live streamed and recorded worship service.

HOLY COMMUNION

All who believe in the presence of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to receive the Sacrament. To facilitate flow, the ushers invite people to come forward starting with the back rows and working forward. You should come forward using the center aisle to receive the elements in a continuous style from pastor and worship assistant. Afterward you may choose to kneel or stand at the altar rail for a brief moment of prayer or return to your seat up the side aisle, depositing your empty cup in the receptacle on your way. Gluten free wafers are available. Our wine is grape juice so that all may freely receive.

Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Communion kits are available at the usher stands for those who prefer to remain in their seats, and they will be communed along with our Zoom worshippers at the beginning of distribution.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Gathering Music

Arise, Shine
Spirit of Praise

Kendrick

Welcome and Announcements

We rise in body or spirit.

Gathering Dialog

The Israelites were guided through waters from slavery into freedom.
Like the crowds from Judea, Jesus was washed in the Jordan River.

God called the Israelites a holy people and claimed them for good.
**A voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved One,
with you I am well pleased.”**

The Israelites wandered in the wilderness for forty years,
learning to trust God and becoming a new people.
**The Spirit thrust Jesus into wilderness for forty days, where he was tempted by
Satan, surrounded by earthly beasts and celestial beings.**

Israel emerged a nation, God’s chosen people bound for the promised land.
**Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news,
“The kingdom of God has come near!”**

Like Daniel, whose vision told of great beasts stirred by the winds and sea,
**Jesus has devastating news for the political empires that oppress God’s people:
God’s time is now.**

The prophet Isaiah once yearned, “Oh, that you would tear open the heavens
and come down.”
**In baptism, God has done just that. The border has been broken open,
beyond repair. Love has come!**



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv - er, soon our pil-grim-age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow-ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.



Refrain
 Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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.

We pray.

God of life and new life, you are splendid and strong!
Your voice thunders above the sound of loud waters.
You sit enthroned above the floods of life.
As Jesus heard you speak to him in his baptism,
may we also hear you calling us your beloved,
through Jesus Christ, your son, our brother
Amen

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

Reading Acts 10:34-43

Translation: NIV

A reading from Acts.

Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached—how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

"We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

We rise in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.

The Good News from Matthew, the 3rd chapter.

Open our hearts, Lord.

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

This is the Good News!

Thanks be to God!

The assembly is seated.

Sermon

Pastor Tami Reichley

We rise in body or spirit.

Word in Song

I'm Going on a Journey

ELW 446

The image shows the musical score for the song 'I'm Going on a Journey'. It consists of nine staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written in treble clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff includes a tempo marking '♩ = 120'. The lyrics are: '1 I'm go-ing on a jour-ney, and I'm start-ing to-day. My head is wet, and I'm on my way. Christ's mark is on me; it's on you, too; it says he loves me, and he loves you, too! 2 I'm be-com-ing this day a saint of God. It real-ly does-n't mat-ter what roads I trod. Wher-ev-er I go, God's been there, too. God's love has touched me and will car-ry me through. 3 There are oth-er saints who have said a-men. They'll keep me faith-ful to my jour-ney's end. A-long the way I want to be the kind of per-son that God set free.'

1 I'm go-ing on a jour-ney, and I'm start-ing to-day. My
head is wet, and I'm on my way. Christ's mark is on me;
it's on you, too; it says he loves me, and he loves you, too!
2 I'm be-com-ing this day a saint of God. It
real-ly does-n't mat-ter what roads I trod. Wher-ev-er I go, God's
been there, too. God's love has touched me and will car-ry me through.
3 There are oth-er saints who have said a-men. They'll
keep me faith-ful to my jour-ney's end. A-long the way
I want to be the kind of per-son that God set free.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to prayer:

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church,
the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

After each petition:

O Lord, hear our prayer,
and bless us with your peace.

Pastor's closing prayer:

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us,
we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness
made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

Amen

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace by saying,
"Peace be with you."*

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*During the Offering Song, the gifts will be brought forward. You may remain seated.
If you wish you may leave your offering in the additional offering plates located on the
tables in the back of the sanctuary as you leave.*

Offering Song

As with Gladness Men of Old Verse 3

ELW 302



- 1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;
- 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,
- 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,
- 4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;
- 5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright need they no cre - a - ted light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;
so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
and when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;



so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee.
so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.
all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n - ly king.
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our king.

Offering Prayer

We pray.

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you,
and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table,
that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ,
our redeemer and Lord.

Amen

We rise in body or spirit.

Great Thanksgiving

May we follow Jesus into the waters of new life and know that the Spirit of God comes to us, too.

**Praise be to God, River of Forgiveness and Life,
River of Justice flowing through us in hope and power for the world.**

Words of Institution

Word in Meal

Pour out your Spirit of grace upon the gifts of the bread and the cup,
and on those who gather to eat and drink.
When we have been fed by your life, and refreshed by your hope,
may we go forth to bear witness to your presence in our lives and in our world.

With your Spirit upon us, send us out:
to speak of your peace, so that all violence may end;
to bring healing to all troubled by terror;
to work for justice in all the brokenness of our times;
to welcome all with the inclusive love you have shown to us.

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**

Invitation to the Table

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table; taste and see.

The assembly is seated.

Distribution of Communion

Communion Song

Wade in the Water

ELW 459

Refrain
All

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,
wade in the wa - ter, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Leader All

1 See that host all dressed in white,
2 See that band all dressed in red,
3 Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see? God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the
4 If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed,

Leader

wa - ter. the lead - er looks like the Is - rael - ite.
looks like the band that . . Mo - ses led.
the Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me.
just fol - low me down to . . . Jor - dan's stream.

All *Refrain*

God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

1 All who are thirst - y for mer - cy, all who are thirst - y for
 2 All who are thirst - y for heal - ing, all who are thirst - y for
 3 All who are thirst - y for beau - ty, all who are thirst - y for
 4 All who are thirst - y for jus - tice, all who are thirst - y for

love; all who are thirst - y for love, for mer - cy,
 touch; all who are thirst - y for touch, for heal - ing,
 truth; all who are thirst - y for truth, for beau - ty,
 peace; all who are thirst - y for peace, for jus - tice,

come: come to the Wa - ter of life.
 come: come to the Wa - ter of life.
 come: come to the Wa - ter of life.
 come: come to the Wa - ter of life.

We rise in body or spirit.

Prayer after communion

We pray.

Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart.

Send us from this table with delight,

that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,

and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

SENDING

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

Blessing

May the God who called Jesus “beloved” speak blessing to you, beloved siblings,
and empower you to bring that good news to others who still need to hear it.

Amen

Sending Song

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

ACS 942

Refrain



Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing



in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the



spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.



1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,
2 . . All a - round me looked so fine,
3 . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,



out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
asked my Lord if all was mine.
chills the bod - y but not the soul.

Refrain

Dismissal

Jesus came to John with a surprising request.

Jesus comes to each of us, inviting us to bold and hopeful action.

So when God calls, when Jesus arrives,

we will answer the call and step forward,

We will bring hope to those suffering injustice,

and light to those in darkness.

Through the power of the Spirit,

we go to live our lives to the fullest.

Thanks be to God.

Please join in supporting our church's ministries using your preferred method of giving:



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- Enroll in our on-line giving program, Simply Giving (recommended);
- Mail your offering check to the church;
- Text your offering to 610-981-1312;
- Download our mobile app for recurring or one-time gifts;
- Establish automatic contributions to the church using your bank's bill pay service.

Additional information is located in the Stewardship section of the church's website at: Ichsemmaus.org.

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