

# Baptism of Our Lord

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## BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

### WELCOME

### PRELUDE

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*Fairest Lord Jesus*

*David H. Hegarty*

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*The Baptism of Our Lord helps us remember our own Baptism. We recall the promises of our forgiving and loving God. At the same time, we renew our Baptismal promise to continue to grow in our faith, and to use our God-given gifts to bring the good news of God's love to a broken world.*

*In remembrance of our Baptism,  
those assembled make the sign of the cross.*

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **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.

*Water is poured into the Baptismal font.*

We give you thanks, O God, for 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 for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

**Show 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.**

We give thanks for all those upon whom the gift of Baptism has been showered in this past year.

*Teagan Rae Dolores Mumford*

*Calista Joella Graf*

*William Robert Rush, III*

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

**Together we rejoice in our Baptism, the great gift of belonging to God and to His people everywhere. Let us go forth as His shining presence in the world proclaiming the good News of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN

*Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized*

*ELW 304*

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| 1 Christ, when for us you were baptized,<br>God's Spirit on you came,<br>as peaceful as a dove, and yet<br>as urgent as a flame,<br>as urgent as a flame. | 2 God called you, "My beloved Son";<br>you are God's servant true,<br>sent to proclaim the reign of heav'n,<br>God's holy will to do,<br>God's holy will to do. |
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3 Straightway and steadfast until death  
you then obeyed the call  
to serve with free and willing heart,  
to give your life for all,  
to give your life for all.

4 Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord;  
your cross on us be signed,  
that likewise in God's service we  
may perfect freedom find,  
may perfect freedom find.

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## **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.**

## **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.**

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING**

**Genesis 1:1-5**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, 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. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM**

**Psalm 29**

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the LORD  
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The 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!"

**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

O LORD, give strength to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

## **SECOND READING**

**Acts 19:1-7**

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—together there were about twelve of them.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia*

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

## **GOSPEL**

**Mark 1:4-11**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**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.**

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

### *Crashing Waters at Creation*

*ELW 455*

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| 1 Crashing waters at creation,<br>ordered by the Spirit's breath,<br>first to witness day's beginning<br>from the brightness of night's death: | 2 Parting water stood and trembled<br>as the captives passed on through,<br>washing off the chains of bondage—<br>channel to a life made new.       |
| 3 Cleansing water once at Jordan<br>closed around the one foretold,<br>opened to reveal the glory<br>ever new and ever old.                    | 4 Living water, never ending,<br>quench the thirst and flood the soul.<br>Wellspring, source of life eternal,<br>drench our dryness, make us whole. |

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**A:** Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**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.**

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*After each petition*      Let us pray.  
**Have mercy, O God.**

**PEACE**      The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## A PRAYER IN THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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

### BLESSING

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

**Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

*ELW 671*

#### *Chorus*

Shine Jesus shine  
Fill this land  
With the Father's glory  
Blaze Spirit blaze  
Set our hearts on fire  
Flow river flow  
Flood the nations  
With grace and mercy  
Send forth Your word Lord  
And let there be light

1 Lord the light of Your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness shining  
Jesus Light of the world shine upon us  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us  
Shine on me shine on me *Chorus*

2 As we gaze on Your kingly brightness  
So our faces display Your likeness  
Ever changing from glory to glory  
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story  
Shine on me shine on me *Chorus*

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## Announcements

### A few friendly reminders:

- We will continue to live stream our worship services at 10 am on our YouTube Channel at <https://bit.ly/3nzgAWy> but services will be available any time after the live streaming.
- We are suspending in-person worship through the MLK Jr. holiday.
- We need your ministry reports for the 2020 Annual Report by Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. Please email your report to the church office at [office@stjohnsparkville.org](mailto:office@stjohnsparkville.org).



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in loving memory of Patrick John O'Connell by his father, Patrick H. O'Connell and brother, Brian K. O'Connell. You left us too soon!

We are taking altar flower dedications for 2021. The dates available are: January 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.



St. John's Confirmation Class begins the second Saturday of each month. We will meet on January 9<sup>th</sup>, February 13<sup>th</sup>, March 13<sup>th</sup>, April 10<sup>th</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 12:30 pm. Contact the Youth Leaders for more information.

Zoom Bible Study with Pastor John

- Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 10 am – The Year of St. Mark: An Overview

Contact the church office at [office@stjohnsparkville.org](mailto:office@stjohnsparkville.org) to sign up and we will send you the Zoom link.



Our clothing shed is open. All donations must be bagged. Acceptable donations are: All clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes, and stuffed toys. Thanks for your cooperation!

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

*How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*

*J C Bach, ar. Geoffrey Edward*

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***Preaching today is retired president of Gettysburg Seminary (now United Lutheran Seminary), the Rev. Michael Cooper-White.***

*In his 44 years as an ordained pastor, Michael Cooper-White has served an inner-city parish, directed an urban coalition and ecumenical agency. He has been assistant to two synod bishops and the first two presiding bishops of the ELCA. The last 17 years of his career he was the president of Gettysburg (now United) Lutheran Seminary. He has authored four books and dozens of articles on theology, leadership and administration. Since his retirement in 2017 he has formed a consulting group and is a part-time reporter for The Gettysburg Times daily newspaper. Cooper-White serves as Union Theological Seminary in New York's Director of Lutheran Formation and teaches courses in Lutheran history and polity and organizational leadership. A commercial-rated pilot and flight instructor, Michael is also a licensed glider pilot and an officer of the Mid-Atlantic Soaring Association.*

***Thank you for joining us in worship.***



### **Prayer List**

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

**For health & healing:** Robert Scott, Richard Bauer, Bill Carroll, Lee Krieger, Suzanne Lindsay, Janine Stevens, Patty Schwab, Tom & Marion McDonough, Ardi Scarborough, Gerry Steg, Kathi Peck, Bett Murphy, Vickie Jasinski, and Cynthia Kraemer

**For family & friends:** Robert Scott, Jr., Robert Scott, III, Dale Miller, Pam Harmen, Delphine Peck, Jessi Powers, Margaret Iovino, Bill Johnson, Karen Alban, Karen Ehrenberg, Randy Powell, Linda Fliegel, Cheryl Aydelotte, Mary Jo Rother, Doug Adams, Bill Eubert, Doris Klug, Olivia Route, John Miller, Norma Weber, Marie Pilachowski, Charles & Pat Frank, Mike Fischer, Joann Kloby, Jay Snyder, John & Patty Bowman, Kathy Amos, Farron Steel, Darlene Koch, Roxann Kelly, Terri Busby, Ms. Linton, Linda Asplin, Anna Meyers, and Barb Collins

**For the military and their families:** Jacob Verble, Lance Corporal Justin Ferro, Sgt. Stephen Peck, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, Chaplain A. J. Striffler and all those in harm's way

**For those grieving family & friends of:** Shirley Watkins, Alma Arnold, Paul Huber, Wayne Zopp, Mary Hohne and Thomas Madden

**For St. John's Caring Friends:** Trudy Anderson, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Gladys Downs, Margaret Eubert, Betty Glassband, Betty Hedgespeth, Leroy Hohne, Philip Kramer, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Patrick O'Connell, Ann Powell, Arthur Pulket, Mary Ann Reek, Patricia Sollanek, Cass Tracey, Emma Volz, Doris Warfield, and Clara Westphal