



**Baptism of Our Lord**  
**LBW Setting One without Communion**  
**Sunday, January 10, 2021**

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### BLESSING FOR A HOME

### GREETING

P May peace be to this house and to all who enter here. By wisdom, a house is built and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures. (*Proverbs 24:3-4*)

### READING

P As we prepare to ask God's blessing on this household and all households of faith, let us listen to the words of scripture. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being, and the life was the light of all people. The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. (*John 1:1-4, 14, 16*)

### DIALOGUE

(The candles are lit)

P Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord—  
Jesus born of Mary—shall be revealed.

**C And all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.**

P O God of light, bless this house and the homes of our church family. May they be a place of peace and health. May each member of this family cultivate the gifts and graces you have bestowed, dedicating our talents and works for the good of all, and for your glory.

**C As the wise men once sought your brilliant light, O Lord, so may we seek to live and work in your splendor.**

P Make this house a shelter in the storm and a haven of rest for all in need of your warmth and care. And when we go out from this place, may we never lose sight of that Epiphany star.

**C As we go about our work, our study, our play, keep us in its light and in your love.**

P Lord Jesus, through your incarnation and birth in true human form, you have made all the earth holy. We now ask your blessing upon this simple gift of your creation—chalk. We use it as a tool to teach our children, and they use it as a tool in their play and games. Now, with your blessing, may it become a tool for us to mark the doors of our home with the symbols of your wise servants who, so long ago, came to worship and adore you in your first home.

**C Amen.**

## INSCRIPTION

*This inscription is made with chalk above the entrance:*

**20 † C M B † 21**

*Write the appropriate character (left) while speaking the text (right).*

P The magi of old, known as

C Caspar,

M Melchior, and

B Balthasar,

followed the star of God's Son who came to dwell among us

20 two thousand

21 and twenty years ago.

† Christ, bless this house,

† and remain with us throughout the new year.

## PRAYER OF BLESSING

P O God, you revealed your Son to all people by the shining light of a star. We pray that you bless this home and the homes of all your faithful people. May your love be our inspiration, your wisdom our guide, your truth our light, and your peace our benediction; In the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C May we be Christ's light to the world. Amen.**

HYMN

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you  
 2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant  
 3 Straight-way and stead-fast un - til death you then o - beyed the  
 4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be

came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as  
 true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's  
 call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to  
 signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may

ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.  
 ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.  
 give your life for all, to give your life for all.  
 per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

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## **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.**

## **LITANY**

P From the waters of Creation, the earth sprang forth.

**C From the waters of a womb, God's blessed Son was given to us.**

P From the waters of a river, people were baptized and marked as God's Children

**C Praise be to God, whose loving gifts and presence have called us together.**

P Let us give thanks for God's abundant love, poured out on us in Baptism.

**C May we live out our Baptism in this world through the power of God's love.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray together,

**C 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 LESSON: GENESIS 1:1-5

L A reading from Genesis.

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 29

L <sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

C <sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God’s name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

L <sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

C <sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

L <sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

C <sup>6</sup>**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

L <sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

C <sup>8</sup>**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

L <sup>9</sup>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!”

C <sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

L <sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

## **SECOND LESSON: ACTS 19:1-7**

L A reading from Acts.

<sup>1</sup>While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup>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.” <sup>3</sup>Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” <sup>4</sup>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.” <sup>5</sup>On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—<sup>7</sup>altogether there were about twelve of them.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (SPOKEN)**

C **Alleluia. A voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” Alleluia.**

## **GOSPEL: MARK 1:4-11**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the First chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." <sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>And 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.**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Petersons**

HYMN

Borning Cry

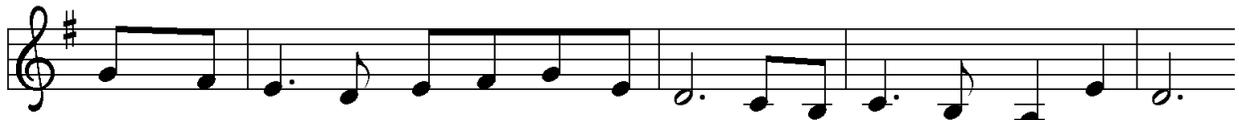
Advent Virtual Choir



1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;  
 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



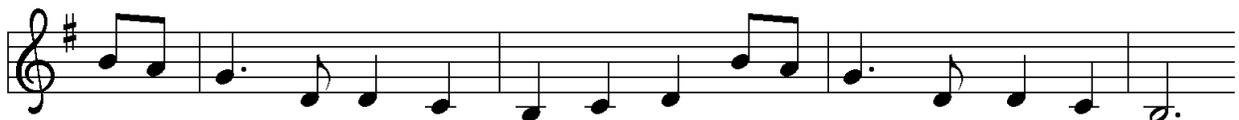
I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.  
 you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
 I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
 If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."  
 I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
 I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

P Brothers and sisters in Christ: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from his Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

P Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

**C I do.**

P Do you believe in God the Father?

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C 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**

## THE 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. Lord in your Mercy,

**C Hear our Prayer.**

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 care for all God has made. Lord in your Mercy,

**C Hear our Prayer.**

P For the nations of the world and their leaders. We especially lift up this nation in the midst of the turmoil. Surround those who labor both day and night for peace amid the strife. May God uphold us and fill us with love to overcome all hate and give us strength. Lord in your Mercy,

**C Hear our Prayer.**

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... Lord in your Mercy,

**C Hear our Prayer.**

P For healthcare and essential workers and for those in this congregation impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic. May you be surrounded by God's grace, comfort and healing in the midst of all struggles. Lord in your Mercy,

**C Hear our Prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

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

**C Hear our Prayer.**

P O God, where hearts are fearful and constricted, grant courage and hope. Where anxiety is infectious and widening, grant peace and reassurance. Where impossibilities close every door and window, grant imagination and resistance. Where distrust twists our thinking, grant healing and illumination. Where spirits are daunted and weakened, grant soaring wings and strengthened dreams. Lord in your Mercy,

**C Hear our Prayer.**

P Merciful God, 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.**

## **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

**P** You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear his Word and share in his supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**C** **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

## **PRAYER OF BLESSING**

*All dip their hands in the water and make the sign of the cross on their foreheads.*

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these people your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**C** **Amen**

## **PEACE**

**P** Peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**

## **OFFERING**

*The Offering is received and presented at the altar.*

## **OFFERTORY**

## OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us Pray, O God,

**C receive these gifts as you receive us, with arms wide open. Nourish us in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray,

**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.**

## BLESSING

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

**C Amen**

**HYMN**  
**(Vs. 1,2,4)**

**Baptized and Set Free**

**House of Hope**  
**Lutheran Church**



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.  
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.  
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,  
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.  
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.  
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.  
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door  
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:  
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:  
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.  
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.  
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.  
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

## **DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace. Be the Light of Christ.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **WORSHIP LEADERS**

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Pastor Jason Peterson

**Organist**  
Melinda East

**Lector**  
Timothy Peterson

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