

Greetings from Trondhjem Lutheran Church  
Baptism of Our Lord—January 10, 2021

### Gathering

P/ We come together to worship in the name of the Father, Son+ and Holy Spirit.

### Call to Worship

**L/ Holy One,  
As we gather this day we remember  
your promises  
in the pouring of the water.  
We give thanks  
for all that the future brings  
that we may live and worship you  
this day and the next. Amen**

### Confession & Forgiveness

P/ Let us confess our sins to God and to each other... Holy Lord,

**L/ We confess that we have done wrong and  
have made many mistakes.  
Things we know we did, things we know  
we didn't do. We have sinned in ways  
we aren't even aware of.  
We have misused our thoughts, our  
words and our actions.  
We have not loved you with all of our  
heart.  
We have not loved our neighbors as  
ourselves.  
Forgive us and help us put you first  
again in our lives. Amen**

P/ God is full of mercy and full of love. Jesus died for us and was raised again so we can all have new life and new chances. This is given to us through God's gift of grace. All your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. May the Holy Spirit keep you strong in God's love now and always.

**L/ Amen**

### Opening Hymn

Child of the Water, Dakota Road

Chorus:

You're a child of the water, child of the word,  
guided by promise and stories you've heard.  
God of the wounded knows you by name  
and carries you home ev'ryday.

From your first breath  
to the last step,  
all of the dance;  
down deep in your laughter,  
whatever your fears,  
try to remember... (Chorus)

Life is a gift,  
time carries on,  
and you will grow;  
amidst your believing  
and throughout your doubt,  
something is sure... (Chorus)

Bridge:

We journey together as children of God,  
sealed by the cross... (Chorus)

### Readings

Psalm 51:6-17

**L/ You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my  
secret heart.  
<sup>7</sup> Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be  
clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter  
than snow.  
<sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have crushed  
rejoice.  
<sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.  
<sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within**

me.

<sup>11</sup> **Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.**

<sup>12</sup> **Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

### **Luke 3:1-22**

In the fifteenth year of the rule of the emperor Tiberius—when Pontius Pilate was governor over Judea and Herod was ruler over Galilee, his brother Philip was ruler over Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was ruler over Abilene, <sup>2</sup> during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas—God’s word came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> John went throughout the region of the Jordan River, calling for people to be baptized to show that they were changing their hearts and lives and wanted God to forgive their sins. <sup>4</sup> This is just as it was written in the scroll of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

A voice crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way for the Lord;  
make his paths straight.

<sup>5</sup> Every valley will be filled,  
and every mountain and hill will be leveled.  
The crooked will be made straight  
and the rough places made smooth.

<sup>6</sup> All humanity will see God’s salvation.”

<sup>7</sup> Then John said to the crowds who came to be baptized by him, “You children of snakes! Who warned you to escape from the angry judgment that is coming soon? <sup>8</sup> Produce fruit that shows you have changed your hearts and lives. And don’t even think about saying to yourselves, Abraham is our father. I tell you that God is able to raise up Abraham’s children from these stones. <sup>9</sup> The ax is already at the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree that doesn’t produce good fruit will be chopped down and tossed into the fire.”

<sup>10</sup> The crowds asked him, “What then should we do?”

<sup>11</sup> He answered, “Whoever has two shirts must share with the one who has none, and whoever has food must do the same.”

<sup>12</sup> Even tax collectors came to be baptized. They said to him, “Teacher, what should we do?”

<sup>13</sup> He replied, “Collect no more than you are authorized to collect.”

<sup>14</sup> Soldiers asked, “What about us? What should we do?”

He answered, “Don’t cheat or harass anyone, and be satisfied with your pay.”

<sup>15</sup> The people were filled with expectation, and everyone wondered whether John might be the Christ. <sup>16</sup> John replied to them all, “I baptize you with water, but the one who is more powerful than me is coming. I’m not worthy to loosen the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> The shovel he uses to sift the wheat from the husks is in his hands. He will clean out his threshing area and bring the wheat into his barn. But he will burn the husks with a fire that can’t be put out.” <sup>18</sup> With many other words John appealed to them, proclaiming good news to the people.

<sup>19</sup> But Herod the ruler had been criticized harshly by John because of Herodias, Herod’s brother’s wife, and because of all the evil he had done. <sup>20</sup> He added this to the list of his evil deeds: he locked John up in prison.

<sup>21</sup> When everyone was being baptized, Jesus also was baptized. While he was praying, heaven was opened <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit came down on him in bodily form like a dove. And there was a voice from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness.”

### **Message**

#### **Hymn of the Day**

#### **On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry #249**

On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken, for he rings  
Glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleanse be every life from sin;  
Make straight the way for God within,  
And let us all our hearts prepare  
For Christ to come and enter there.

Stretch forth your hand, our health restore,  
And make us rise to fall no more;  
Oh, let your face upon us shine  
And fill the world with love divine.

## Prayers

Lord in your mercy...

**L/ Hear our prayer.**

Meditation: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming #272

## Communion

P/ The Lord be with you

**L/ And also with you.**

P/ Lift up your hearts.

**L/ We lift them to the Lord.**

L/ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C/ It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, our duty and our great joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn...

**L/ Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance for me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## Lord's Prayer

**L/ Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
they kingdom come, they 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!**

*(At this time receive communion with these words:*

*"This is the body of Christ given for you." With the bread*

*"This is the blood of Christ shed for you." With the wine/juice)*

And now may the body and blood of the Risen Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. Amen!

## Blessing

May the Lord Bless you and keep you.

May the Lord's face shine you with grace and mercy.

May the Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace.

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

## Closing Song

**The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve, ELW #551**

The Spirit sends us forth to serve;  
We go in Jesus' name  
To bring glad tidings to the poor,  
God's favor to proclaim.

We go to comfort those who mourn  
And set the burdened free;  
Where hope is dim, to share a dream  
And help the blind to see.

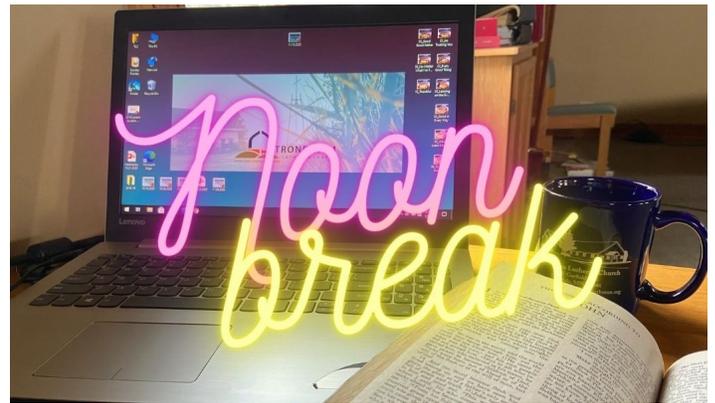
We go to be the hands of Christ,  
To scatter joy like seed  
And, all our days, to cherish life,  
To do the loving deed.

Then let us go to serve in peace,  
The gospel to proclaim.  
God's Spirit has empowered us;  
We go in Jesus' name.

## Sending

P/ Go in peace,  
serve the Lord,  
and love your neighbor.

**L/ Thanks be to God. Amen.**



Noon Break is a 30 minute dip into God's word coming to you every Wednesday via Zoom. It will be a perfect boost in the middle of your day and the middle of week! Take a break from work, grab your lunch and join us for this special time lead by Pastor Sue.

See the Thursday's email for the link.

### **Worship in our SANCTUARY!**

Beginning Sunday, January 17th, we will be once again gather in our sanctuary for worship! To create a healthy environment, please following the safety precautions below.

Please:

- Wear your face masks.
- Maintain 6 feet of physical distancing.
- Use hand sanitizer upon entering the fellowship hall.
- Leave your financial gifts in the "noisy offering" bowl on the Welcome Table.
- Use our prepacked communion sets. (Feel free to bring your own if you wish)
- Instead of congregational singing, enjoy the soloist.
- Upon arriving, immediately take your seat.
- At the end of worship, move directly outside.

Love Yourself so you can Love Your Neighbor  
Trondhjem Women's Retreat  
January 30, 2021 - 8:30AM

Save this morning JUST FOR YOU and let everyone know you'll be unavailable because you're taking time for self care!

Women spend much of their time caring for others, often putting themselves at the bottom of the list. This day puts you at the top!

Spend the morning with your girlfriends via zoom and video. If you have daughters, sisters, or girlfriends in your bubble, get together to join us for fun, relaxation and learning.

Retreat kits will be available to pick up in the church office beginning January 24th.

Our guest speaker is Cheryl Porior-Mayhew. She is an author and speaker on the topic of facing life challenges with tips and techniques to ease the pain. She covers everything from Qi Gong and Tapping to Meditation and Journaling. Her book Facing Life Challenges: The ABCs of One Woman's Journey to Healing Her Heart will be included in the retreat kit.

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