

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA
Worship Bulletin for Sunday, January 10, 2021
Baptism of Our Lord
ELW Holy Communion Setting Three

*Prior to Worship, please text Prayers into Holy Cross’
“Text in Church” # 314.329.0487 & Pastor will lift them
during Prayers of the People today*

GATHERING

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

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Prelude on an English Folk Tune* (Kings Lynn)
When Jesus Came to the Jordan from O God
Beyond All Praising, Seven Pieces for Organ on
English Hymn Tunes arr. by Robert Powell

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign marked at baptism.*

In the name of the Creator God,
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 may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

All: We give you thanks, O God,

for at the beginning your Spirit was at work, moving over the waters of creation’s birth,

Pastor: Bringing forth life in all its fullness. Through the gift of water you nourish and sustain all living things.

All: Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

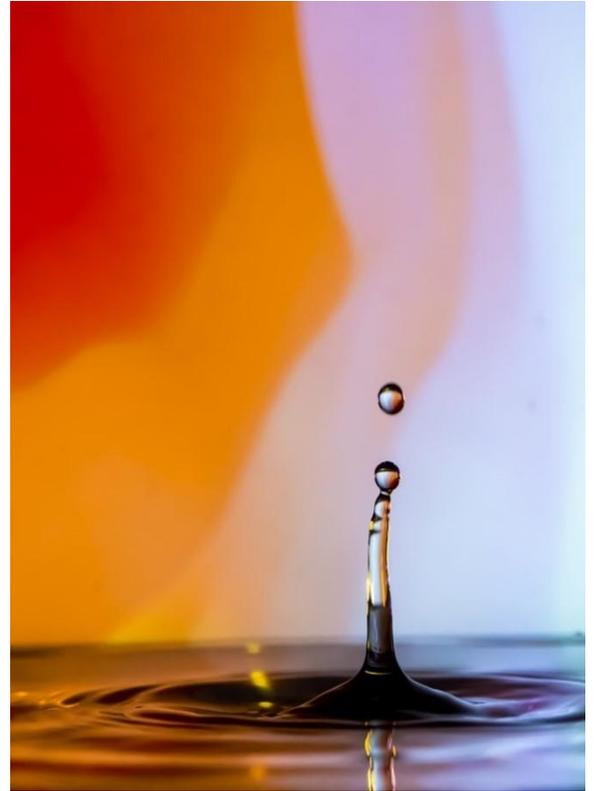
Pastor: At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as siblings with all of Creation,

All: making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,

and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.



Pastor: Shower us with your Spirit,
 and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.
 Renew all of Creation with healthy waters across the globe.
 To you be given honor and praise
 through Jesus Christ our Lord
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, Glory to You now and forever. **Amen**

GATHERING SONG *Baptized and Set Free* (ELW 453)

Baptized and Set Free



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!

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GREETING

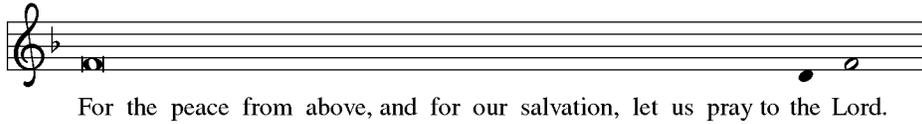
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE (ELW p. 138)

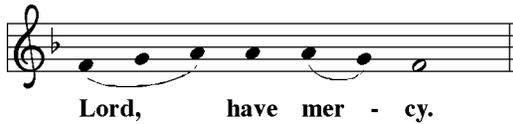
A Kyrie may be sung in dialogue between an assisting minister and the assembly.



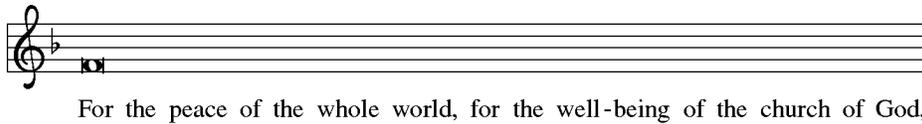
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



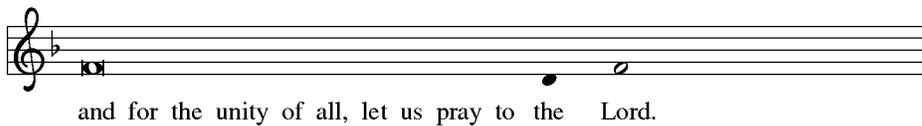
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



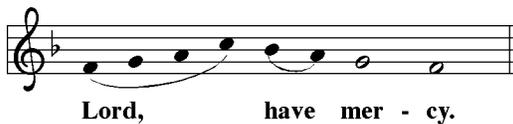
Lord, have mer - cy.



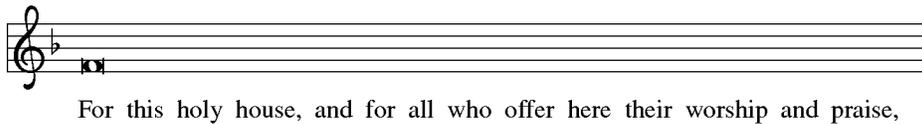
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



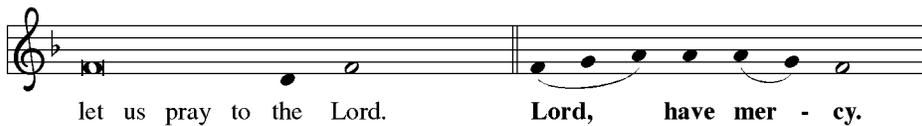
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



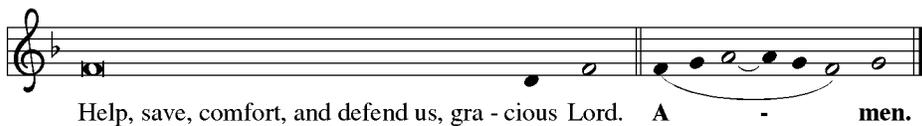
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

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 scripture reading, preaching, and song

PSALM: Psalm 29 – Read by Worship Asst. & **All & Pastor in bold print responsively**

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,

ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;**

worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;

the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;**

the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;

the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,**

and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

⁷The voice of the LORD

bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;**

the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹The 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!"

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;**

the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;

give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

SECOND READING: Acts 19:1-7 Read by Worship Asst.

A reading from Acts.

In Ephesus, Paul encounters people who had received John's baptism of repentance but had never heard of the Holy Spirit or of baptism in the name of Jesus. After Paul baptizes them, the Holy Spirit comes upon them and empowers them with gifts of the Spirit.

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He 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."

³Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism."

⁴Paul 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." ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark's gospel reports the story of Jesus' baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And 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. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He 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. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

¹⁰And 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. ¹¹And 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 *Around us - Water & Word!*

HYMN OF THE DAY *Baptized in Water* (ELW 456)

Baptized in Water

1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Saward, b. 1932

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version

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CREED *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.

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE LED BY WORSHIP ASST.

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.

For the church throughout the world and its leaders, that guided by the Holy Spirit they proclaim the forgiveness of sins, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

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, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the nations of the world and their leaders, for laborers busy both day and night, and for peacemakers amid strife, that God inspire all people to use their strength wisely, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

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

Sionie Elavsky (determining source of her falls), Yoko Yu (Yelena Barnhart's sister, recovering at home), Viktoria (Yelena Barnhart's aunt, recovering at home), Keith DeCamp, Myron and Patsy Holm, Adam Jackson, Betty Kent, Al Leimbach, Vera Bannen (heart monitoring)

Lois Ristau (tests & resent surgery), Wayne Mosher (coming home tomorrow from rehab & cardiac issues), Sandy Frueh (upcoming surgery), Dennis McCracken (prayers - difficulty of chemo not working), Tara (Mary Bailey's daughter), Carson – great-nephew of Sandy Kalin's (1.5 yr old with fever), Louis Post (surgery), Merry Franklin (for pain to lessen and to give thanks for her new dog Winston), & Sandy Frueh (upcoming surgery)

THOSE with COVID: Anna - Friend of Pastor's, Leah Leibach (home), Marty's sister (Micah) Zach Bailey, and any others who feel alone this night...

Remembering families in their time of need...

Remembering the Haas Family, David's cousin Gene Logerman, who went to be with the Lord.

Remembering the Jentes family in the loss of Kelly.

Remembering Dennis Hawley & Pastor and family on the death of his brother, Chuck.

Remembering John & Kelly Caligiuri (and extended family for her brother Greg who passed away from Covid). that God shower compassion, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the congregation gathered here, for students returning to school, for those seeking renewal in their daily work, that all the beloved of God experience grace and peace, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Here other intercessions may be offered through Text-in-Church.

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their labors, that their witness inspire us in our baptismal vocations, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

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.

Amen.

PEACE (ELW p. 143)

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERING *Please continue to offer to Holy Cross what you desire to give to God through*

1) Your established e-giving pledge through Vanco OR

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3) send your check directly to Holy Cross at 13014 Olive Blvd. in Creve Coeur, MO 63141

4) Go to our Website and hit "DONATE NOW" <http://www.holycrosselca.com/site/cs/links.asp>

The presiding minister instructs those communing at home to gather their bread / cracker / wine/ grape juice elements to hold up during the Words of Institution.

OFFERING *Christ, When For Us You Were Baptized* (Lobt Gott, ihr Christen) arr. by J.S. Bach

OFFERING PRAYER

After the table is set, the assisting minister leads.

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING
DIALOGUE (ELW p. 144)**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

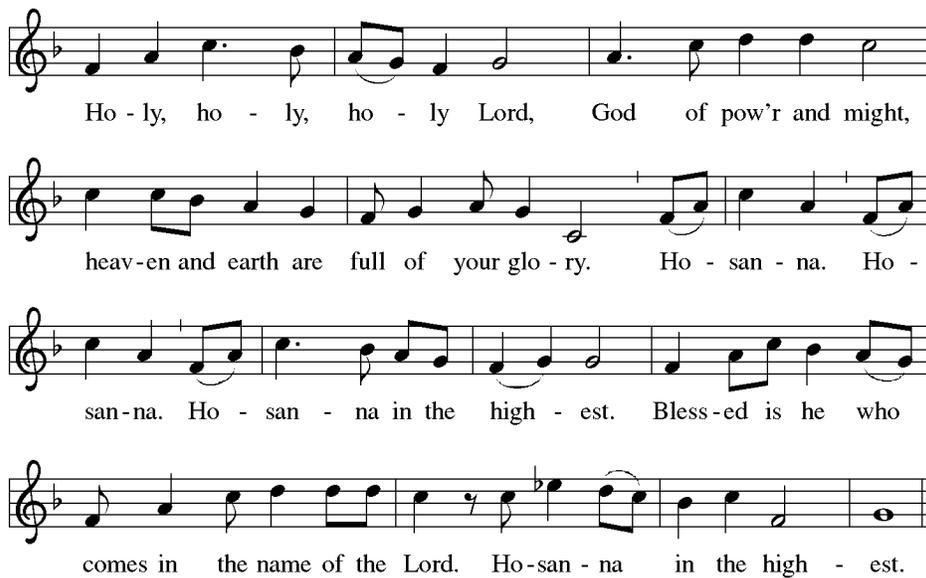
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE (ELW p. 144)

It is indeed right, our duty and our 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 the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 144)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:

you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.
You formed the earth from chaos;
you encircled the globe with air;
you created fire for warmth and light;
you nourish the lands with water.
You molded us in your image,
and with mercy higher than the mountains,
with grace deeper than the seas,
you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.
That also we, estranged and dying,
might be adopted to live in your Spirit,
you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

[Home Communion / Fellowship Cups – HOLD UP YOUR ELEMENTS...]

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 for the remembrance of 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

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The presiding minister may address the assembly in these or similar words.

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

The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for Home Communion.

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen. *The ministers commune after others commune as a sign of Hospitality.*

COMMUNION INSTRUMENTAL: *Deep River* from *Spiritual Jazz* arr. by Larry Shackley

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ELW p. 146)

The assisting minister leads one of the following or a similar prayer after communion.

Let us pray.

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG *Shine, Jesus, Shine* (ELW 671) CCLI Song # 30426 CCLI License # 1787498

Verse 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

Verse 2 Lord I come to Your awesome presence
From the shadows into Your radiance
By the blood I may enter Your brightness
Search me try me consume all my darkness
Shine on me shine on me

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| <p><i>Chorus</i> 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</p> |
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**Verse 3 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**

POSTLUDE: *Lobt Gott, ihr Christen* from *Orgelbuchlein* arr by J.S. Bach

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