

*Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church
January 10, 2021 - The Baptism of Jesus*

Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. *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.

*C: We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.*

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

*C: 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.
Shower 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.*

Song – Christ When For Us You Were Baptized¹

Christ, when for us you were baptized, God's spirit on you came,
as peaceful as a dove, and yet as urgent as a flame, as urgent as a flame.

God called you, "My beloved son"; you are God's servant true,
sent to proclaim the reign of heav'n, God's holy will to do, God's holy will to do.

Straight-way 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.

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.

Greeting

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.*

Prayer of the Day

The Readings

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

Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland 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—altogether there were about twelve of them.

The Word of the Lord

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 1:4-11

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

Reflection

Song: Baptized and Set Free²

We are people created, chosen by God.

Then we're washed ever gently in mercy and love.

Sin has power no more.

Jesus opened the door to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more

We are nourished by water, all living things,
and the life that the Spirit abundantly brings.

As we journey toward home, may your presence be known:
precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.

Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.

All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.

Not enslaved, but set free!

From now on we will be one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

Prayers of the People

We pray: *Let us pray...* and respond: *Have mercy, O God.*

Holy Communion (Zoom Only)

The Lord's Prayer

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us;

C: *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,

and 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.

Benediction

Song – Shine, Jesus, Shine³

*Refrain: 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!*

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: [*Refrain*]

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 the story.
Shine on me, shine on me: [*Refrain*]

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. C: *Thanks be to God*

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