

Welcome to Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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Baptism of Our Lord

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GATHERING AND WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God,
Whose voice is upon the waters,
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,
whose goodness cascades over all creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin trusting in the abundant grace of God.
(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

Holy God,

You search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy.

Amen.

How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of Jesus Christ, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

Amen

Gathering Hymn~~Beautiful Savior~~ELW #838

Beau-ti-ful Sav-ior, King of cre-a-tion,

Son of God, and Son of Man!

Tru-ly I'd love thee, tru-ly I'd serve thee,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair is the sun-shine, fair is the moon-light,

bright the spar-king stars on high;

Je-sus shines bright-er, Je-sus shines pur-er

than all the an-gels in the sky.

Fair are the mead-dows, fair are the wood-lands,

robed in flow'rs of bloom-ing spring;

Je-sus is fair-er, Je-sus is pur-er,

he makes our sor-rowing spir-it sing.

Beau-ti-ful Sav-ior, Lord of the na-tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!

Glo-ry and hon-or, praise, ad-o-ra-tion,

now and for-ev-er-more be thine!

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE 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 #147

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

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

Lord, have mercy

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 mercy

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the
Lord.

Lord have mercy

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All: Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have me-rcy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Father: re-ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,you a-lone are the most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

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.

READINGS

First Lesson: *A reading from Genesis 1:1-5*

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the 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. ³Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God 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.

Let us read Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

³The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

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

⁹The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, “Glory!”

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

¹¹May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

A reading from Acts 19:1-7

While 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 ACCLAMATION

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

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 1:4-11

Glory to you O Lord

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.”

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Hymn of the Day~~Baptized and Set Free~~ELW #453

We are peo-ple cre-at-ed,
Cho-sen by God
Then we're washed, ev-er gent-ly,
in mer-cy and love.
Sin has pow-er no more.
Je-sus o-pened the door
To a foun-tain bring-ing heal-ing,
And whole-ness and more.

We are nour-ished by wa-ter,
All liv-ing things,
And by life that the Spir-it
A-bun-dant-ly brings.
As we jour-ney toward home,
May your pres-ence be known:
Pre-cious riv-er, ev-er-flow-ing,
Now car-ry us home.

We are fed and we're nour-ished,
Filled and re-freshed.
Then our hun-ger re-turns
And a-gain we are blessed.
For what-ev-er the need,
God is great-er in-deed:
End-less o-cean, al-ways deep-er
Than all of our need.

Now with praise and thanks-giv-ing,
We join the song.
All are Wel-come! We gath-er
To sing loud and strong.
Not en-slaved, but set free!
From now on, all will be
One in Je-sus, one in wa-ter,
Bap-tized and set free!

APOSTLE'S 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

Hear us O God....

Your mercy is great

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY HYMN~~We Are an Offering~~ELW #692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you, we are an offering. Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands. Lord use our lives, they are yours, we are an offering. All that we have, all that are, all that we hope to be we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you, we are an offering, we are an offering.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

O God, receive these gifts as you receive us; like a mother receives her child, with arms and open wide. Nourish us anew 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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING~~ELW pg 152

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 God thanks and praise.

... We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Hymn of Thanksgiving~~Holy, Holy, Holy~~ELW pg 153

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

WORDS OF INSITUATION

THE 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

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Christ Jesus,

At this table we have feasted on your very life

and are strengthened for our journey.

Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit

to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION HYMN~~Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise~~ELW #207

Thankful hearts and voices raise;

Tell everyone what God has done.

Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and bear the name of Christ.

Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy

with shouts of Thanksgiving.

Alleluia, alleluia.

BENEDICTION

May the Lord Bless you and keep you
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you
May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN~~Earth and All Stars~~ELW #731

Earth and all stars! Loud rush-ing
plan-ets!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Hail, wind and rain! Loud blow-ing
snow-storm!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

God has done mar-vel-ous things.

I too sing prais-es with a new song!

Trum-pet and pipes! Loud clash-ing
cym-bals!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum-ming
cel-los!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

God has done mar-vel-ous things.

I too sing prais-es with a new song!

En-gines and steel! Loud pounding
ham-mers!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Lime-stone and beams! Loud build-ing

work-ers!

Sing to the Lord and new song!

God has done mar-vel-ous things.

I too sing prais-es with a new song!

Class-rooms and labs! Loud boil-ing
test-tubes!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Ath-lete and band! Loud cheer-ing
peo-ple!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

God has done mar-vel-ous things.

I too sing prais-es with a new song!

Knowl-edge and truth! Loud sound-ing
wis-dom!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Daugh-ter and son! Loud pray-ing
mem-bers!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

God has done mar-vel-ous things.

I too sing prais-es with a new song!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confirmation will meet January 13 at 4 pm.

Thank you everyone for following the governor's directive wearing masks, maintaining social distance, and refraining from singing. You are invited to hum along with the hymns. We appreciate your cooperation in curbing the spread of Covid-19.

Council meets January 12 @ 7 pm.

Worship and Music meets January 14 @ 7 pm.

Women's bible study meets January 16 @ 10 am.

Annual congregational meeting is January 31 after worship. We will live stream this. For comments please call Pastor Short's cellphone during the meeting. We will give more information as the time draws nearer.

We are supporting our local food bank by the Saints and Angels food challenge, to see who can raise the most food and/or money. Each dollar given is worth a pound of food. If you would like, please help your team by sending in some money or stop by and drop off cans of food. Those with the last name starting with: A, E, G, J, K, M, O, Q, S, T, V, X and Y are ANGELS. Those with the last name starting with: B, C, D, F, H, I, L, N, P, R, U, W, Z you are a SAINT.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ!

Thanks be to God!