

# First Sunday after Epiphany

## The Baptism of our Lord

### January 10, 2021

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**We offer our worship to God!** Join in as you are able with all song and prayer, knowing that God hears us. Thank you for being a part of the virtual worship experience. If you are a Facebook user, "check in" and let your friends know you are here!

**Offerings.** Although we have moved to gathering 'in spirit' instead of 'in person,' the staff continue to ensure that our church ministry continues, and our regular bills continue to come in. Please mail your offering to at:

Christ Lutheran Church  
ATTN: Cyndy Wedryk  
60 55<sup>th</sup> Street  
Clarendon Hills, IL 60514

St. James Lutheran Church  
5129 Wolf Road  
Western Springs, IL 60558

To make your CLC offering online, go to [www.yourchrist.org](http://www.yourchrist.org) and click on the "Give" button.

To make your St. James offering online, go to [www.stjamesws.org](http://www.stjamesws.org) and click the tithe.ly link.

**Questions?** If you have a question about the worship, life and ministry of this congregation, email Rachel Krohn, Pastoral Assistant at [office@yourchrist.org](mailto:office@yourchrist.org) for Christ Lutheran or Mellissa Lickteig, Office Manager [stjames.ws@gmail.com](mailto:stjames.ws@gmail.com) for St. James or Pastor Erin at [pastor@yourchrist.org](mailto:pastor@yourchrist.org). You may also call the church at 630-325-2220 for Christ Lutheran or (708) 246-6228 for St. James, or visit [www.yourchrist.org](http://www.yourchrist.org) or [www.stjamesws.org](http://www.stjamesws.org) for St. James

**Need something?** Social distancing and self isolation can be difficult for individuals and families for a variety of reasons. If you find that you are anxious, worried, feeling hopeless, or just need spiritual support, please give us a call. Pastor Erin will be happy to provide care via phone or a virtual platform. If you find that you need something else – groceries, help contacting medical professionals, etc., please also give us a call. The church's councils are committed to ensure that everyone in the congregation has what they need to weather this challenging time.

## **ZOOM INFORMATION:**

Telephone Number **1-312-626-6799**

Meeting ID: **973 434 409**

Password: **216714**

[Link to Zoom Worship](#)

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Music

Jesus Medley

*Recorded by the CLC Handbell Choir*

Thanksgiving for Baptism

*Led by Deacon Steven Dickens*

Deacon: 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.

We give you thanks, holy and gracious God,  
for you created the waters of the earth:  
wide oceans, rushing streams, clear lakes, mighty rivers.  
You led your people through the sea and called them to life  
In covenant with you.  
Your Son was baptized in the river Jordan to begin his mission among us.  
You pour out your Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth.  
Through this water remind us of the gift of baptism.  
Renew us in your promise so that we may serve this world in all its need;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

## Good, Good Father

*Led by the CLC Worship Band*

Verse 1  
I've heard a thousand stories  
Of what they think You're like  
But I've heard the tender whisper  
Of love in the dead of night  
You tell me that You're pleased  
And that I'm never alone

Chorus  
You're a Good Good Father  
It's who You are  
It's who You are  
It's who You are  
And I'm loved by You  
It's who I am  
It's who I am  
It's who I am

Verse 2  
I've seen many searching for answers  
Far and wide  
But I know we're all searching for answers  
Only You provide  
Because You know just what we need  
Before we say a word

Repeat Chorus

Bridge x 2  
You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Verse 3  
Love so undeniable I can hardly speak  
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
Into love love love

Repeat Chorus x 2

**First Reading****Genesis 1:1-5***Read by Nathan, Sean  
and Elena Svoboda*

<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.

**Gospel Reading****Mark 1:4-11**

<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."

**Message***Pastor Erin Clausen***On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry**

- 1 On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings!
- 2 Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;  
make straight the way for God within,  
and let us all our hearts prepare  
for Christ to come and enter there.
- 3 We hail you as our Savior, Lord,  
our refuge and our great reward;  
without your grace we waste away  
like flow'rs that wither and decay.

## Prayers of Intercession

*Led by Debra Joslin*

Leader: Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.  
For the church throughout the world and its leaders, that guided by the Holy Spirit they proclaim the forgiveness of sins, let us pray.

**All: Have mercy, O God.**

Leader: 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.

**All: Have mercy, O God.**

Leader: 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.

**All: Have mercy, O God.**

Leader: 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*), that God shower compassion, let us pray.

**All: Have mercy, O God.**

Leader: 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.

**All: Have mercy, O God.**

*(Here other intercessions may be offered.)*

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

**All: Have mercy, O God.**

Leader: 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.

**All: Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

### Offering Prayer

Pastor: O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms 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.

**All: Amen.**

## Communion

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

## Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:  
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.

## Communion Slide Show

## Communion Blessing

## Prayer After Communion

*Led by Pastor Bergmark*

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

## Benediction

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

All: Amen.

All Who Are Thirsty

*Recorded by the CLC Worship Band*

Verse      All who are thirsty,  
              All who are weak  
              Come to the fountain  
              Dip your heart in the stream of life  
              Let the pain and the sorrow  
              Be washed away  
              In the waves of His mercy  
              As deep cries out to deep (we sing)

Chorus 1    Come, Lord Jesus, come  
              Come, Lord Jesus, come  
              Come, Lord Jesus, come  
              Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Repeat Verse

Repeat Chorus 1

Chorus 2    Holy Spirit, come  
              Holy Spirit, come  
              Holy Spirit, come  
              Holy Spirit, come.

As deep cries out to deep,  
As deep cries out to deep,  
As deep cries out to deep (we sing)

Come, Lord Jesus, come  
Come, Lord Jesus, come  
Holy Spirit, come  
Holy Spirit, come.

Dismissal

Pastor:    Go in peace. Shine with the brightness of God.  
All:        Thanks be to God!