

# Order of Worship for January 17, 2021

## The Baptism of our Lord

### 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.

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.

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.**

### 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.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. **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.**

## **Psalm: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18**

1 Lord, you have searched me out;  
O Lord, you have known me.  
2 You know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.  
3 You trace my journeys and my resting-places  
and are acquainted with all my ways.  
4 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.  
5 You encompass me, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.  
6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.  
13 For you yourself created my inmost parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

14 I will thank you because I am marvelously made;  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

15 My body was not hidden from you,  
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

16 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book;

my days were fashioned before they came to be.

17 How deep I find your thoughts, O God!  
How great is the sum of them!

18 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;

to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours

## **“Where Can I Go (Psalm 139)” by Richard Bruxvoort-Colligan**

### **Refrain:**

**Where can I go from your presence or  
hide from your love?**

**Where can I go from your presence or  
hide from your love?**

### **Verse 1:**

**You have searched me and you know me,  
when I rest and rise.**

**You can trace my every journey.**

**You know all my ways,  
You know all my ways.**

**Verse 2:**

Now before I left my mother,  
nurtured in her womb  
There you knit my life together  
full and wonderful,  
full and wonderful.

**Verse 3:**

All my days are in your keeping.  
Search my heart, O God.  
May your Holy Spirit fill me.  
I will bear your heart,  
I will bear your heart

**Children's Sermon****First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5**

1In 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.

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

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."

**Sermon****Hymn: Beautiful Savior**

1 Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!

Truly I'd love thee,  
truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2 Fair are the meadows,  
fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,  
fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;

Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!

### **Prayers of Intercession**

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 body of Christ, worshipping in various ways throughout the world, and for all servants of the gospel, that following Jesus, the church lives out its calling every day, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the well-being of creation, for plants and animals, and for all that God has marvelously made, that we serve as wise stewards of Earth, our home, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For police officers and firefighters, for attorneys and paralegals, for peacekeepers and military personnel, and for the leaders of governments, that they lead with honesty, integrity, and compassion, and that they provide protection to all people, especially the most vulnerable, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For those lacking food or shelter, for those who are sick or grieving, and for those who are imprisoned or homebound, especially those who are struggling from Covid-19 and the effects of the pandemic, that God console all who suffer, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For scientists, researchers, health care workers, educators, essential workers, and vaccine distributors, who are dealing with lots of stress while they are doing their best to guide us through this pandemic, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

In thanksgiving for the saints who have gone before us that their lives give us a vision of the gospel in action, 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.**

**Special Music-- Grace Like Rain, sung by Alyssa and Kristin Hoey, in memory of Doris LeBahn. "Doris made a huge impact on our lives and we wanted to do something special for her."-- Alyssa and Kristin**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING-- DIALOGUE**

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.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:

beyond the stars; beneath the sea;

within each cell; with every breath.

Generations bless your faithfulness:

through the water; by night and day;

across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We give you thanks for your dear Son:

at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;

beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

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.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:

in our gathering; within this meal;  
among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus,  
by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

**Amen.**

## **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**

Friends of Jesus, receive nourishment for your journey. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Receive the body of Christ, given for you.

Receive the blood of Christ, shed for you.

*All are invited to eat and drink the communion elements they have with them. If desired, individuals from the same household may serve each other.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

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.**

## **Hymn: Here I am Lord**

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?"

### **Refrain**

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain,

I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?" Refrain

3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?" Refrain

## **Blessing**

God the creator strengthen you;  
Jesus the beloved fill you;  
and the Holy Spirit the comforter † keep you in peace.  
**Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

## BY THE NUMBERS

Check Register Balance 1/16/2020

\$13,665.70

Operating Bank Loan: \$4,512.27

PPP Loan Balance:\$16,984 (Forgiven)

Benevolence: \$182

Improvement: \$85

Memorial: \$90

**Offering:**01/10/2021

Current: \$1,556.80

**Annual Congregational Meeting:** This year we will be providing two options for the Annual Congregational Meeting for American Lutheran Church which will be held on Sunday, January 24, 2021. A person may attend either in person after the 9:00 a.m. worship service (if we are meeting in person at that time) or at 10:00 a.m. via a Zoom meeting. A link will be provided at a later date. The Snow Date for the Annual Congregational Meeting will be January 31, 2021 following the same time schedule as listed above.

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