

# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*THAT ALL MAY KNOW THE LOVE OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST*



**Baptism of our Lord**

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**9:00am**

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Prelude

-Leila Gangstad

Welcome – Announcements

## GATHERING

### **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 is kept for reflection.*

**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 † Christ Jesus, 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.**

## Opening Hymn

## “Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God”



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing be to God our  
2 Not our own ho - li - ness, nor that we have  
3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come in vis - i -  
4 Praise to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



mak - er, source of all bless - ing, prod - i - gal cre -  
striv - en brings us the peace which you, O Christ, have  
ta - tion; you are the truth, our hope, and our sal -  
Spir - it: one Lord, one faith, one source of ev - 'ry



a - tor. Bap - tized and made your own, now we come be -  
giv - en. Bap - tized and set a - part, strength - en us, O  
va - tion. Bap - tize with joy and pow'r, give, O Dove de -  
mer - it. Here now re - new your church through this sym - bol



fore you, and we a - dore you.  
Sav - ior, with grace and fa - vor.  
scend - ing, life nev - er end - ing.  
giv - en; grant peace from heav - en.

## 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

**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.**

## Special Music

### First Reading: 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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm: Psalm 29

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God’s name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

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

**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

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

The 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!”

**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king for evermore.**

O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

### **Second Reading: Acts 19:1-7**

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior 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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel: 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 our Lord, **Praise to you O Christ.**

**Sermon**

*Pastor Becky Sogge*

## Hymn of the Day

## “Beautiful Savior”



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!  
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,  
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
than all the an - gels in the sky.  
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

## 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.**

## Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

## 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.**

## Blessing

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

**Special Music:** Nikkole Koenig

**Organist/Pianist:** Leila Gangstad

**Altar Guild:** SARAH Circle

**Sound/Video:** Mark Willand

## Closing Hymn

### *“God, Whose Almighty Word”*



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard  
2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,  
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,  
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -  
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the  
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.  
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.  
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.  
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**That all may know the love of God in Jesus Christ**

## Postlude

- Leila Gangstad

## Mission Project for January

**Riverside Bible Camp**

**&**

**Campership**

## Announcements

**“Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”**

*Philippians 3:13-14*

**Thank you to the council members finishing their terms:**

Shana Brunsvold, Heather Rheingans and Mitch Hanson.

**We would like to welcome** to a 3 year term - Doug Fallgatter, Kris Kenison and Megan Ott. To a 1 year term – Nikkole Koenig and Mariah Ballantyne.

**Council Leadership for 2021:** President – Janelle Johnson, Vice President – Doug Fallgatter, Secretary – Nikkole Koenig, Treasurer – Matt Johnson