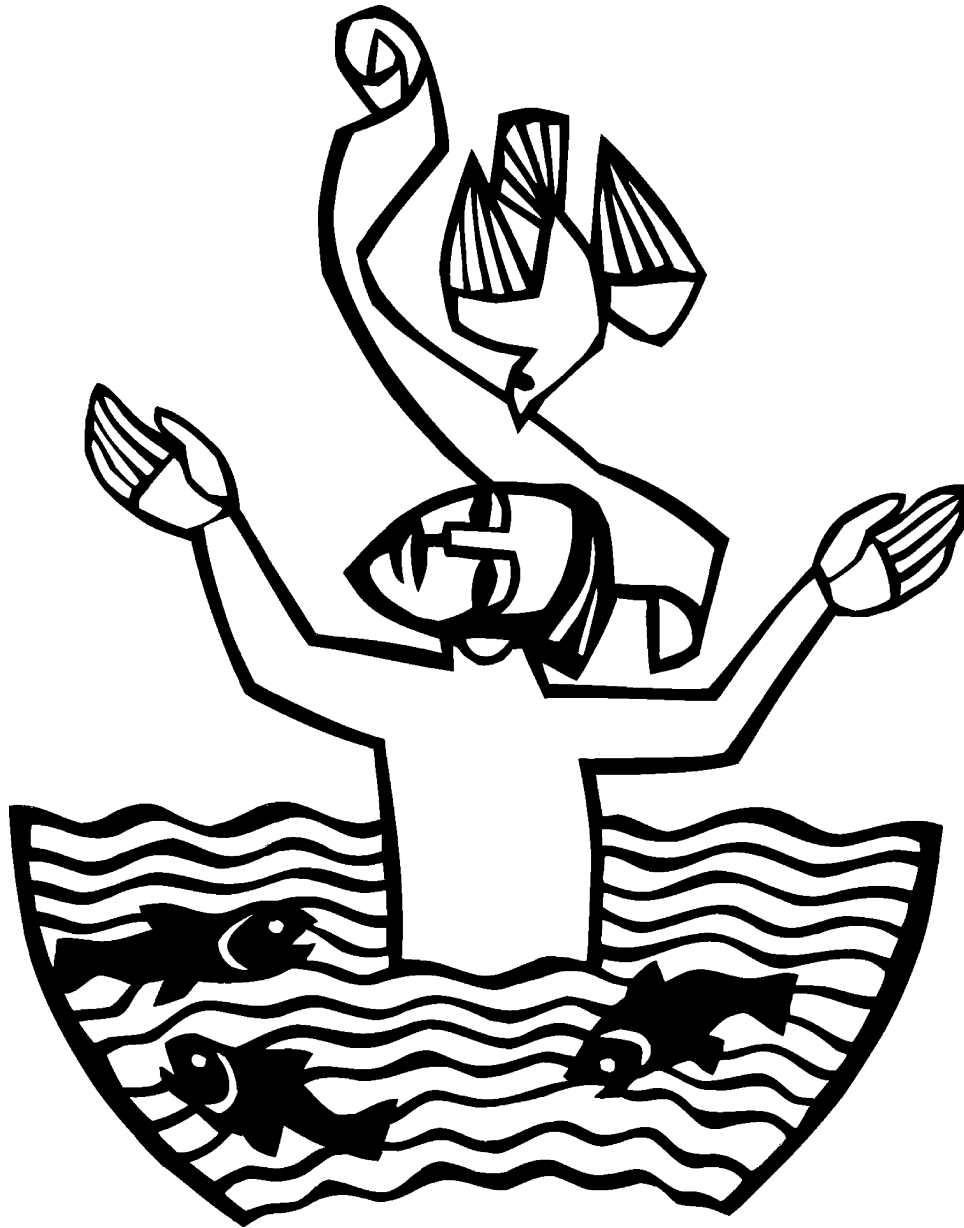


# Baptism of Our Lord



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**IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**SERVICE OF THE SPOKEN WORD**

PRELUDE (*Prayerful time for reflection.*)

**BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**Loving God, we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have thought more about ourselves than others; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.**

Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of ✝ Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

# ^HYMN (*Kathleen Schneider & Joyce Morrison*)

## Borning Cry



- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid-dle a-ges of your life, not too old, no lon-ger young,



I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un-fold.  
 you were raised to praise the liv-ing Lord, to whom you now be-long.  
 I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be-gun.



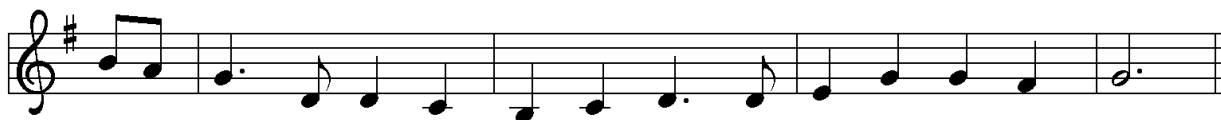
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
 If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
 When the eve-ning gent-ly clos-es in and you shut your wea-ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."  
 I'll be there to make your vers-es rhyme from dusk till ris-ing sun."  
 I'll be there as I have al-ways been, with just one more sur-prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un-fold."

**P:** 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.

**P:** Let us pray

## ^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.**

## PSALM 29 (*Read responsively*)

*The voice of the LORD is upon the waters. (Ps. 29:3)*

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup>**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD  
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup>**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>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!"

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king for evermore.**

<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

## ^HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter

**C: Glory to you O Lord**

*Mark's gospel reports the story of Jesus' baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.*

<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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

Pastor Scott Lee

## ^APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.\***

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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 PEOPLE

Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence.*

For the church and the ministry of the baptized, that your Holy Spirit will teach all people to forgive sins, ending violence and ushering in peace throughout the world, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For the earth and all living things, for favorable weather, for plants and animals, that you will cause all creation to thrive in the care of good stewards, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For the leaders of national and local governments, agencies, and organizations, for areas of the world suffering from war (*especially*), that you will bless all people with plenty, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For our local community, (*for those baptized this day,*) and for this congregation, that in our joys and sorrows we remember that we are God's beloved children, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

In thanksgiving for our ancestors in the faith, both distant and near, who have taught us to believe the good news of Christ, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For the sick and suffering, the imprisoned and hungry, the lonely and grieving (*especially*), that Christ our great physician will soothe and console all in need, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

Merciful God, you hear our prayers even before we speak them. Receive them for the sake of the one through whom you have revealed your goodness, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

^PEACE

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.

**P:** Let us share the peace.

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**^LORD'S PRAYER (*Spoken*)**

**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.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****^BENEDICTION/BLESSING**

The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the **+** Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**^HYMN (*Kathleen Schneider & Joyce Morrison*)**



## The First Noel



1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to  
 2 They look - ed up and saw . . . a star shin - ing  
 3 And by the light of that . . . same star three . .  
 4 This star drew near to the . . . north - west, o'er . .  
 5 Then en - tered in those wise . . . men three, full . .



cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where  
 in . . . the east . . . be - yond . . . them far; and to the  
 wise . . . men came . . . from coun - try far; to seek for a  
 Beth - le - hem . . . it took . . . its rest; and there it  
 rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered



they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's  
 earth it gave . . . great light, and . . . so it con -  
 king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the  
 did both stop . . . and stay right . . . o - ver the  
 there in his . . . pres - ence their . . . gold, . . . and

*Refrain*

night that was so deep.  
 tin-ued both day and night.  
 star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -  
 place where Je - sus lay.  
 myrrh, and frank - in - cense.



el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

^DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**TO KEEP OUR MEMBERS AND STAFF SAFE  
DURING THIS RECENT UPTICK IN PA  
STATEWIDE COVID-19 CASES, ALL IN  
PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES AND CHURCH  
EVENTS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER  
NOTICE.**

**ReconcilingWorks**  
LUTHERANS FOR FULL PARTICIPATION



As a **Reconciling in Christ** congregation, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Norwood, commits to celebrating the love of God with ALL people as we are all made in God's image. Whatever your abilities, gender identity, sexual orientation, relationship status, race, culture, faith tradition or economic circumstance; whatever your past or present – you are welcome to share in God's love and our community.

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held on **January 31st, 2021**. It will follow the **Worship Service at 11:00 AM** for that day. Severe weather date is Feb. 7th. **Subject to Change due to COVID 19.** **Watch bulletins for updates.**

**Acme/Giant and ShopRite Gift Cards!** They are used like cash at any of the area stores. There is no extra charge for the certificates. **Our church receives 5% of the value of the coupons that you use. Help us help our church!** See Alex Narcavage for details.



**#RedCrossOnTheWay**

Immanuel's blood drive in October resulted in The collection of 30 units of blood that were sent to be used by about 90 patients at the Hospital of the Univ. of Pa, Presbyterian Medical center, St Mary's Medical Center, Children's Hospital, and the Phila VA center. Thank you for those who donated, shared the information, and volunteered to make it a huge success.

We have added a blood drive for January to help the Red Cross meet the needs of our neighbors.

Please consider signing up to donate and encourage friends and family to sign up as well. Blood drives only help if people sign up to donate.

**Immanuel Blood drive  
Monday January 18th  
Noon to 5pm.**

Sign Up by using the free Red Cross **Blood Donor** App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or **calling** 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767).