

**Our Savior Lutheran Church
Sunday, January 10, 2021
Baptism of our Lord**

Reflection: The gift of the Holy Spirit is bestowed upon us in our Baptism. Even if we are unaware of the gift of God's Spirit, even if we fail to follow the leadings of the Spirit or allow the Holy Spirit to use us, in Baptism we are given the gift of God's empowerment, God's presence, God's inspiration – the Holy Spirit. The Christ life is a long process of growing into the gift of the Holy Spirit, remembering that the Spirit was given to us in baptism, and becoming increasingly aware of the Spirit's working in our life so that we can be working with the Spirit in the world.

Breathe On Me, Breath of God (sung by The Mountain Anthems)

<https://youtu.be/M5keJHZdWYM>



Call to Worship

A: In the beginning was the word, and the Spirit moving over the face of waters.

C: We rejoice in your new creation, O God, by your Spirit coursing through baptism's waters.

A: And God spoke – and God saw that it was good.

**C: We gather to hear and follow your living Word, as your beloved children.
Amen.**

Music – Come to The Water (Matt Maher)

<https://youtu.be/uJJVrZKqKNE>

Invocation

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Baptized and Beloved

L: When Christ was baptized in the Jordan by John,

C: "Behold, the heavens were opened"

L: and the Spirit of God descended upon him. On the day you were baptized,

C: "Behold, the heavens were opened"

L: and the Spirit of God descended upon you.

We are no longer merely children of this earth.

C: We have been made children of heaven.

L: We are no longer only children of our mothers and fathers.

C: We have been made children of God.

L: We are no longer left to fend for ourselves here on earth.

C: We are forever connected to the Father, by the work of the Holy Spirit.

L: Our prayers reach up to heaven.

C: God's words come down to us.

L: May what God has done through our baptisms

C: bring others to the waters of God's grace.

L: And may we who are baptized and beloved by God

C: live all our lives in praise to him.

Music of Praise – Crashing Waters at Creation – John Freeman

<https://youtu.be/sCyZ5eTV9pM>

Kyrie

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 and Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Come down, O God – in booming, approving voice, come down. Once you proclaimed your Son beloved. Once you anointed him with your Spirit. Come down in booming voice, O God, to all of your baptized sons and daughters, proclaim us beloved. Come down in fluttering Spirit, O God, to all of your beloved children. Make us faithful, as your Son was faithful, that we may share a Son/Daughter's inheritance. Through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Word

Old Testament reading – Genesis 1:1-5

God creates light

¹ In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ² 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. ³ Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God 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.**

Psalm 29

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

- ¹ Ascribe 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.**
- ³ The 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.**
- ⁵ The 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.**

⁷ The 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.**

⁹ The 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.**

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

Epistle reading – Acts 19:1-7

Baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus

19 While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ² 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.” ³ Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” ⁴ 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.” ⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— ⁷ altogether there were about twelve of them.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel – Mark 1:4-11

Revelation of Christ as God’s servant

The Holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<https://youtu.be/cc1SpxmSRQ4>

⁴ John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ 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. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ 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. ⁸ I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

The Baptism of Jesus

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Time – "Taking Swimming Lessons"

<https://youtu.be/nlKD07Zcf3Y>

Homily – Pastor Barnes: "Living Your Baptism"

<https://youtu.be/uwxwPgrUw54>

Music --Wade in the Water (Academy Choir)

<https://youtu.be/uiqQKZZo-Uc>

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

P: 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.

A: For the church throughout the world and its leaders, that guided by the Holy Spirit they proclaim the forgiveness of sins, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

A: 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.

C: Have mercy, O God.

A: 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.

C: Have mercy, O God.

A: 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, that God shower compassion, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

A: 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.

C: Have mercy, O God.

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

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Offering our Thoughts, Prayers and Gifts to God

Heavenly Father, as we continue to live out our Baptism as you Call, help us recognize that all good things come from you, our creator, redeemer, and sustainer. Let our lives be a thank offering in response to your gracious love as the Holy Spirit guides. Amen.

Thoughts of the Bread and Wine we Share

Bread and Wine, Jesus Body and Blood is a promise that will be with us always even when we cannot gather. As you listen to "Let Us Break Bread Together" remember that we are together in faith, hope and heart.

Let Us Break Bread Together (Primary Music School Choir in Vukorar, Croatia)

<https://youtu.be/e-FLPRv5uhs>

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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, we give you thanks that you did not expect us to be faithful to you on our own. You do not leave us to our own devices. You give us what we need to be courageous, even when courage does not come naturally. You push us to speak up and speak out for you, even when it isn't easy. For the gift of your Holy Spirit in the waters of Baptism, we celebrate and give thanks. Help us to remember that gift is with us always. Amen.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give to you His peace.
Amen.

Closing Music – Baptised in Water – Jubilate

<https://youtu.be/gZ79oC2lZVo>