

Our Savior Lutheran Church
January 16, 2022
Second Sunday after Epiphany



The Baptism and Temptation of Jesus

Thought: Yes, it does seem like we have moved at “warp” speed in Jesus early life! Birth, Magi, age 12 in the Temple and now at age 30 Jesus’ Baptism and Temptation in the wilderness.

This is the precursor to Jesus public ministry. As Jesus is baptized by John, a dove descends and a voice, “this is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” In some versions, only Jesus heard the voice and in others those around heard. Either way, Jesus is gifted with the Holy Spirit. Just like you and me!

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns

Sharing of the Peace

Call to Worship

A: Let the heavens praise the Lord!

C: God is full of glory and power!

A: The voice of the Lord thunders over the waters.

C: Let us be still and listen to our God.

A: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness.

C: Let us listen and wait with patience.

A: The voice of the Lord is greater than all.

C: Let us trust in the Lord.

A: The Lord comes to strengthen us and give peace.

C: Praise and glory to the Lord God of all creation!

-based on Psalm 29

Gathering Hymn

“Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized” ELW #304

<https://youtu.be/rD9VdNOlb6A>

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized - Good Shepherd Lancaster

Invocation

Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness

P: We confess to you, God, that harmful distinctions and divisions have ensnared us.

A time of silence and reflection

Too often we act toward others as our enemies or inferiors.

C: We let the boundaries of nations, languages, and traditions separate us from one another. Social and economic differences come to define who we are and with whom we will live and work.

May your gracious Word break in upon us and give us a vision of what you would have us be and do.

P: Like Peter, take us in your direction and make us messengers of your grace in Jesus Christ. Bless our churches, our neighborhoods and us to have a renewed sense of unity where there is mutual respect and acceptance so we may live in peace.

C: So we pray, 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.

Kyrie

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: 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.

Hymn of Praise

“Oh, Love, How Deep” ELW #322 vss. 1&2

Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, beyond all thought and fantasy, that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake!

For us baptized, for us he bore his holy fast and hungered sore; for us temptation sharp he knew; for us the tempter over-threw.

Prayer of the Day

A: Heavenly Father, with a shout that split the heavens you proclaimed your happy pleasure in your Son.

C: May we, too, bask in the sunshine of your smile.

A: Blessed with the Spirit's gifts. Christ was strengthened for his saving work.

C: May we receive your Spirit, here.

A: Inspire us, O God,

C: with approving shout, with Spirit-given zeal,

A: to pursue the mission you have planned,

C: in our lives, in our world!

A: Through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now...

C: and forever. Amen.

The Word

Old Testament reading - Isaiah 43:1-7

God promises to bring the people home from exile

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up, "and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

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

Psalm 29

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters

¹Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.

³The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

⁴The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

⁵The 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.**

⁷The 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.**

⁹The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,^[b] 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.**

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

Epistle reading – Acts 8:14-17

Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come^[a] upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John^[b] laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

The Holy Gospel Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 and 4:1-14

<https://youtu.be/TWmkR8EfNgI>

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you O Lord.**

Whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah,^[a] ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with^[b] the Holy

Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; ²³ with you I am well pleased.”

⁴ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” ⁵ Then the devil ⁶ led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil ⁷ said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” ⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ ¹¹ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” ¹² Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time. ¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country.

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

The Children of God

<https://youtu.be/CGuljZDLbvU>

Homily - “Temptations Are Sure to Come”

<https://youtu.be/ayn3DGAXwM8>

Hymn of the Day

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You” ELW #769

<https://youtu.be/V-LEij8r7Ow>

If You But Trust in God to Guide Thee - First-Plymouth Church, Lincoln, Neb.

Nicene Creed - 2nd Article

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

Prayers of Intercession

P: The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

A brief silence.

A: By the Holy Spirit, you gather your church and send it out in mission to share the good news of Jesus. Inspire your faithful people to be fervent in prayer and service, that all people know they are precious in God's sight. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You reveal your love and power through water and the Spirit. Guard rivers, seas, and all bodies of water from destruction and pollution. Secure access to clean water for all, and protect the land from drought and flood. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Establish among the nations the blessings of peace. Raise up leaders who will protect vulnerable people in their care. Strengthen advocates who risk reputation or retaliation for the sake of mercy and justice. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You protect us through the fires and troubled waters of this life. Assure us that we will not be cut off from you by illness or despair, anxiety or pain, confusion or weakness. Comfort all who are in need (*especially*). God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We are joined in baptism to Christ and to one another. Bless those who are newly baptized and those who are preparing for baptism. Help us to be faithful in fellowship, worship, evangelism, service, and justice-seeking. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: You created each of your saints for your glory. We give thanks for those you have called by name into your eternal embrace (*especially*). Comfort us in grief and release us from fear. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Offering - *A time of giving thanks for our abundance.*

Offertory Prayer

A: Lord God, your Son was sent, winnowing fork in hand, to gather the wheat into your heavenly storehouses.

C: Gather up these gifts, we humbly pray.

A: And gather, with them, our lives as well,

C: that we may live them in service to you.

A: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

A: 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.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise. Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Come, Let Us Eat” ELW #491 vss. 1&2

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread, come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread. Our Lord’s body let us take together, our Lord’s body let us take together. Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured, come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured. Jesus’ blood poured let us drink together, Jesus’ blood poured let us drink together.

<https://youtu.be/WTQcjafvTA>

Come, Let us Eat-Samm Hills Worship

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,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Distribution

Communion Music

Post Communion Blessing - Pastor

Post Communion Prayer

A: Lord, we have been baptized into your family.

C: And so we are bold to gather at the family table,

A: refreshed with bread and wine, body and blood, grace and forgiveness.

C: Make us bold to proclaim your saving message to the world.

A: We bless you now and evermore.

C: Amen.

Benediction - Numbers 6

Sending Hymn

“I’m Going on a Journey” ELW #446

<https://youtu.be/BmMoVjOaeFA>

I’m Going on a Journey - The Elm Productions

Dismissal

A: Baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we are gifted and strengthened to go and serve.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

