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## **Baptism of Our Lord - January 10, 2021**

### **WELCOME**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**C Amen.**

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

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Loving God,

**C 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.**

P 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.

**C Amen.**

## **GATHERING SONG: *When Jesus Came to Jordan* – ELW 305**

- 1 When Jesus came to Jordan  
to be baptized by John,  
he did not come for pardon  
but as the Sinless One.  
He came to share repentance  
with all who mourn their sins,  
to speak the vital sentence  
with which good news begins.
- 2 He came to share temptation,  
our utmost woe and loss,  
for us and our salvation  
to die upon the cross.  
So when the dove descended  
on him, the Son of Man,  
the hidden years had ended,  
the age of grace began.
- 3 Come, Holy Spirit, aid us  
to keep the vows we make;  
this very day invade us,  
and ev'ry bondage break.  
Come, give our lives direction,  
the gift we covet most:  
to share the resurrection  
that leads to Pentecost.

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## **GREETING**

**P** As we gather for worship today I am here to greet you in the name of our God who is always being revealed to us—in a manger, in a river, at a wedding. We gather now in the expectation that God will once again show up in food, in water, in community. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Holy God,

**C 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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE: *People of Hope*

### *Chorus*

We are people of hope alive in the myst'ry  
Growing in faith learning to love  
We are people of hope throughout all of hist'ry  
Held by the One who will never let go

### *Verse 1*

We are dead in our striving  
For wealth and for might  
But God rich in mercy  
Has loved us to life

### *Verse 2*

We are what God made us  
Created in Christ for justice and mercy  
To be our way of life

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## FIRST READING: **Genesis 1:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

L Word of God, word of life.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 29

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

## SECOND READING: Acts 19:1-7

<sup>1</sup>While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup>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." <sup>3</sup>Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." <sup>4</sup>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." <sup>5</sup>On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—<sup>7</sup>altogether there were about twelve of them.

L Word of God, word of life.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Setting Ten*



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11

P The holy gospel according to Saint Mark, the 1st chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<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.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

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## **HYMN OF THE DAY: *Baptized and Set Free* – ELW 453**

- 1 We are people created,  
chosen by God.  
Then we're washed, ever gently,  
in mercy and love.  
Sin has power no more.  
Jesus opened the door  
to a fountain bringing healing,  
and wholeness and more.
- 2 We are fed and we're nourished,  
filled and refreshed.  
Then our hunger returns and  
again we are blessed.  
For whatever the need,  
God is greater indeed:  
endless ocean, always deeper  
than all of our need.
- 3 We are nourished by water,  
all living things,  
and by life that the Spirit  
abundantly brings.  
As we journey toward home,  
may your presence be known:  
precious river, ever-flowing,  
now carry us home.
- 4 Now with praise and thanksgiving,  
we join the song.  
All are welcome! We gather  
to sing loud and strong.  
Not enslaved, but set free!  
From now on, all will be  
one in Jesus, one in water,  
baptized and set free!

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## **CREED**

**C** 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**

Petitions end: "Lord, in your mercy." Please respond: "**Hear our prayer.**"

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**P** Blessed are you, O God, for you made the earth and all this is, and declared it good. Blessed are you, for in Christ you entered into creation, into our humanity, into our vulnerability, into our mortality. You stayed with us through conflict, through suffering, through death. Blessed are you for raising Jesus from the dead, in him promising new life to us all. Come, Lord Jesus, in this meal, and make us alive again. By your Spirit, bind us to that holy communion of saints in every time and place, and make us your body in the world, bringing light and healing to all.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**P** 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.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

P Come, Lord Jesus, in this meal, and make us alive again. By your Spirit, bind us to that holy communion of saints in every time and place, and make us your body in the world, bringing light and healing to all.

**C Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P Prepare the way of the Lord. Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you. As we wait and wonder, let us also be fed. Come to the table.

## **COMMUNION**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P Great God of gifts: Thank you! You feed us in many, many ways, and we are grateful to receive! We look to you, we look to each other, and we praise your name. As you've fed us, now make us food for the world. Thank you, great God of gifts!

**C Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C Amen.**

### **SENDING SONG: *Shine, Jesus, Shine***

#### *Chorus*

Shine Jesus shine

Fill this land

With the Father's glory

Blaze Spirit blaze

Set our hearts on fire

Flow river flow

Flood the nations

With grace and mercy

Send forth Your word Lord

And let there be light

#### *Verse 1*

Lord the light of Your love is shining

In the midst of the darkness shining

Jesus Light of the world shine upon us  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us  
Shine on me shine on me *Chorus*

*Verse 2*

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness  
So our faces display Your likeness  
Ever changing from glory to glory  
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story  
Shine on me shine on me *Chorus*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **DISMISSAL**

**P** Love

**C** Jesus.

**P** Grow

**C** Together.

**P** Serve

**C** Others.

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

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Pastor Randy Skow-Anderson  
Accompanist: Mary Merritt  
Worship Leader: Brian Klein

Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson  
Youth Director: Josie Wilterdink

## **MEMORIAL**

**For Wednesday's Table in memory of: 12/31—Grandma Ferm and Grandma Warland from Pastor Bob & Sue Dahm.**

**The Radio Broadcast** is sponsored today by the Christ Lutheran Church Women (CLCW) in honor of the homebound members and friends of Christ Lutheran Church.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** “Love Jesus, Grow Together, Serve Others.”

**VISION STATEMENT:** “Christ Lutheran is where God’s promise of love and forgiveness is for all.”

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Bekah (Cindi Wieman’s niece); Nancy Bourget; Sue Dahm; Peyton Rae Danovsky; Jeremy Eckert (Joel’s brother); Gay Evenson; Kathy Falk; Mike Falk; David Faust (Robin Nelson’s brother); Kathy Fullarton; Jonelle Gideo; Gordy & Carolyn Hemming; Lexyn Holt; Anita Jicha; Nikki and her parents Randy & Sally (friends of Don & Deb Johnson); John & Judy Johnson (Robin Nelson’s sister and brother-in-law); Junior Larson; Sharon Larson; Lisa Meister; Andy Meser (Barb’s great-nephew); Grace Nelson (Vickie Kuester’s mother); Lorraine Norrish; Paula and Kelly, Shawn Stary; Cassandra Tye; Libby Wallace; Joe Warland (Sue Dahms’ brother); the family of Karen Wisemiller; our companion congregation in Malawi (Balaka Parish) and Abusa (Pastor) Francis; all those who serve in our military and their families; and all our members and friends residing in care facilities or confined to their homes.

**OUR SYMPATHY TO** the family and friends of Karen Wisemiller. She passed away on January 3, and no services are being planned.

**CHANGE IN DATE FOR ANNUAL MEETING:** The CLC Council has made a decision to move the date of the Annual Meeting to a date to be determined in April 2021. All reports for the Annual Report will be due at a date also to be determined. The church will operate under the existing budget until the meeting is held.

**CHRIST IN OUR HOME** devotional booklets (regular- and large-print) for January, February, March are available in the office wing hallway. Please take one! Envelopes are provided to help the CLCW cover the cost of each booklet.

**PLEASE NOTE** that one check for the total amount of your offering is preferred instead of several checks at a time. Please include a note written on the outside of your envelope or a note included inside with the check that indicates the amount for each designation (such as General Fund, Wednesday’s Table, CLC FoodShelf, etc.). Thank you!

## **Administration Committee News**

**Good News!** The City of Menomonie removed six boulevard trees (on the south side of the parking lot, between the two driveways) on Tuesday, December 15. These included four pine trees in very poor condition, one oak tree with a rotten core, and a sixth tree (type unknown) which was a hazard to the overhead power line. The city will assist with replanting sometime next summer when we are ready. Their advice is for low-growing shrubs and bushes, which will provide greenery but not interfere with the power line and street/parking light pole.

**More Good News!** The current furnace replacement project has met its goal of \$16,292. HOORAY, and a big thank you to everyone who contributed! The Administration Committee has decided to keep “open” the **Furnace Replacement Fund** in the savings account for future furnace projects. There are still two furnaces which service the Education Wing classrooms and two furnaces which service the Office Wing and Fellowship Hall, that will need replacing sometime in the near future.

**WEDNESDAY’S TABLE** menu for January 13: Pork Roast, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Asparagus, Cookies. The menu is also posted on Facebook. [*Menu items subject to change.*]

**TO SIGN UP TO HELP AT WEDNESDAY’S TABLE**, call the church office: 715-235-5573; use the following link: <https://www.welcome2clc.com/volunteer-signup.html>; or sign up on the church website: [welcome2CLC.com](http://welcome2CLC.com).

**CLC FOODSHELF NEWS!** Each week we are serving up bags filled with several meals of healthy, non-perishable food to several families in need. Once a month, we order approximately **\$1,000 (!)** worth of food from Feed My People Food Bank. You can help in two ways: Donate money to the FoodShelf Fund or donate food items. We need: canned peaches, pears, oranges, and applesauce; canned green beans, corn, peas, and carrots; spaghetti pasta and noodles; canned soup; canned chicken or tuna; minute rice and mashed potatoes; and peanut butter and jelly. Please place all food donations in one of the collection carts at the church.

**BLOOD DRIVE AT CLC – FEBRUARY 5:** Volunteers are needed to greet, check-in, take temperatures, and serve refreshments during the blood drive at the church on Friday, February 5. Please see the sign-up sheet in the office wing hallway or call the church office at 715-235-5573. (Please note that no food donations are being requested at this time due to the virus.)

**THANK YOU SO MUCH** to the Christ Lutheran family for all the get well wishes and prayers. I am so very blessed to be a part of this family! – Nancy Bourget

**QUILTERS' EXTRA-WIDE COTTON** available for making a quilt back for a CLCW fundraiser or for a CLCW graduation quilt. There are multiple colors available, and there are queen and king as well as full and twin sizes. Material and fillers for making quilts may be picked up at the Fireside Room on Mission Work Days between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. The next Mission Work Day is January 12.

**LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY MONTHLY RAFFLE:** Every month you can buy tickets to enter for chances to win a prize of around \$250 in value! Tickets are available on Lutheran Campus Ministry's Simply Giving website. On the 15th of each month, the prize will be announced for the following month, and all tickets you buy at any time during the year will be eligible to win. More information is available on the Lutheran Campus Ministry website and Facebook page.

**MONDAY NIGHT MEALS:**  
The following spring 2021 dates are available for providing meals for Lutheran Campus Ministry: February 1, 8, 15, and 22; March 1, 8, and 29; April 12, 19, and 26. Thank you for your past and present willingness to volunteer! Please contact me if you have any questions or to volunteer for a date.

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