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**JESUS**  
*Is Baptized*

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH  
FONTANELLE, NEBRASKA  
*Sunday, January 10, 2021 - Baptism of Our Lord*

Gathering + The Word + Community + Sending

Gathering

*The Holy Spirit gathers us into one body all together (online and in person!) by God's grace.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: 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.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P: Holy God,

C: 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.

+DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

P: 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.

C: Amen.

+APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray,

C: 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.

The Word

*We listen to the Word.*

## FIRST LESSON: Genesis 1:1-5

*Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the formless void, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for us. God created and continues to create new life.*

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.

## PSALMODY: Psalm 29 (to be read responsively)

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

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

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

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

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

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

7 The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

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

9 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!"

**10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned asking forevermore.**

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

## SECOND LESSON: Acts 19:1-7

*In Ephesus, Paul encounters people who had received John's baptism of repentance but had never heard of the Holy Spirit or of baptism in the name of Jesus. After Paul baptizes them, the Holy Spirit comes upon them and empowers them with gifts of the Spirit.*

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.<sup>6</sup> 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.

## +GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.** (Reading of Mark 1:4-11.)

*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.*

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."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

### SERMON SONG/SPECIAL MUSIC

*Spirit of Gentleness (Vs. 1, 4)*

*Emma Woods*

*Refrain: Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.*

*You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing:  
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." Refrain*

*You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.  
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your people arise. Refrain*

*James K. Manley/1978 James K. Manley*

### Community

*God calls us to be united in God's love, one in Christ.*

### +CONFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

C: 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

P: Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*At the end of each petition:*

P: Let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

### +SHARING OF PEACE

*Wave the peace to each other, share peace signs, or do a socially distanced "butterfly peace"*

P: The peace of Christ be with you now and always.

C: And also with you.

**OFFERING REFLECTION** - *Gratitude for God/Special Music*

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

*Emma Woods*

**Refrain:** *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.*

*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. Refrain*

*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. Refrain*

*Graham Kendrick/1987 Make Way Music, admin. Music Services in the Western Hemisphere*

*Offering plates are at both entrance and exits for your convenience,  
or you can give online thru our website.*

**+OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**C:** O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. Amen.

**+DIALOGUE**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** We lift them to the Lord.

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**+THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE/WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**P:** Thanks be to you, O God, for the many gifts you have given us: each day and night, each river, valley, field and mountain each weather fair, each calm, each wild. And especially we thank you for the gift of Jesus, our Savior and Lord.

**P:** We remember his mercy given so gently and generously, even in the very night in which he was betrayed, Our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in the remembrance of me.

**P:** 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 in the remembrance of me.

**P:** With your Holy ones of all times and places, with earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon, and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

**+THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

C: 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

**THE DISTRIBUTION** (please be seated as we receive the sacrament)

P: This is the body of Christ, given for you.

P: This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey.

Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and  
serve others in your name.

C: Amen.

**Sending**

*We are sent from the worship service, to our serving of God & our neighbors in the week ahead.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/INSTRUCTIONS** *for in-person and online worshippers for departing and the week ahead*

**BENEDICTION** (please stay seated - ushers will dismiss by pew)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

**DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

Rev. Allison Siburg --- Pastor  
Deacon Timothy Siburg --- Musician  
Cynthia Carter, TBA --- Acolytes  
TBA --- Lector  
Emma Woods --- Cantor  
TBA --- Ushers  
TBA --- Greeter  
TBA --- Sound Room  
TBA --- Counters  
Koni Shallberg, Jody Meier --- Altar Guild

**WELCOME TO SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH!**

Enter in stillness...know that the Lord is God.

Listen in reverence...it is God who had made us.

Sing with delight...it is God who hears us.

Depart in peace...it is God's gift to you.

Serve with joy...it is your gift to God.

**THIS WEEK AT SALEM:**

MONDAY, JANUARY 11:	Council Meeting	7:00 pm
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12:	Faith Circle	10:00 am
	Children's Video Message	10:30 am
	Rachel Circle via Zoom	2:00 pm
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13:	Confirmation via Zoom	6:30 pm
FRIDAY, JANUARY 15:	Couple's Club	730 pm
SUNDAY, JANUARY 17:	Sunday School via Zoom	9:30 am
	Health Cabinet Mtg.	9:30 am
	Worship w/Holy Communion	10:30 am
	Worship and Music Meeting	11:30 am
	Shalom deadline	

**MANY THANKS TO** Deacon Timothy Siburg for serving as our organist/pianist today and to Emma Woods for canting for us this morning.

**DOROTHY WILKENING** will be turning 101 on January 22 - please send her a card and wish her an incredibly happy birthday - her address is: 652 W. 21<sup>st</sup>, #314, Fremont, NE 68025.

**THE HEALTH CABINET** is sponsoring a fundraiser by selling Papa Murphy cards. The cost is only \$5.00 - so go see a Health Cabinet member and get your cards today.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE READY TO BE PICKED UP.** They are located on the table in the narthex. Also if you are interested in doing any automatic giving, please let a council member or Jody know and we will get you set up.

**ANNUAL REPORT ASSEMBLY** - plans are to assemble the reports on Saturday, January 16 at 9:00 am barring any trouble with printing. They will then be ready for pickup on Sunday, January 17. The Annual Meeting will take place on January 24, 2021 in the sanctuary fellowship worship. There will be no potluck. Please plan to stay.

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