



SAINT LUKE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 10, 2021

WELCOME _____

Prelude: Improvisation on "O Morning Star"

D. Mead

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM _____

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvations.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING _____

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.

Hymn

When Jesus Came to Jordan

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.

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.

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.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. 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.**

WORD _____

First Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

The reading concludes:

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

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,

ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name;

worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;

the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;

the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

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!"

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.

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

Second Reading

Acts 19:1-7

The reading concludes:

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

HOLY GOSPEL

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

✠ SAINT MARK 1:4-11 ✠

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

Christ, when for us you were baptized, God's Spirit on you came,
as peaceful as a dove, and yet as urgent as a flame, as urgent as a flame.
as urgent as a flame.

God called you, “My beloved Son”; you are God’s servant true,
sent to proclaim the reign of heav’n God’s holy will to do,
God’s holy will to do.

Straightway and steadfast until death you then obeyed the call
To serve with free and willing heart, to give your life for all,
to give your life for all.

Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord; your cross on us be signed,
that likewise in God’s service we may perfect freedom find,
may perfect freedom find.

Apostle’s 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

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need,
and all of God’s creation.

After each petition: Lord, listen to your children pray.
Send us love, send us peace, send us grace.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

THANKSGIVING _____

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Praise and thanks to you, Holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,

let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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

SENDING

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Prayer for Peace

Recession

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prelude: Improvisation on "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

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PRAYER CONNECTION AND REFLECTION

Time to reflect and pray individually as you prepare for worship

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY

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REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE ILL

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully hear our prayers and grant to your servants:

<i>Eve Scheffler</i>	<i>Maryann Palermo</i>	<i>Peter Burkbart</i>	<i>Steve Mead</i>	<i>Abigail Zhang</i>
<i>Patricia Grunde</i>	<i>Janet Hagberg</i>	<i>Christian Long</i>	<i>David Horne</i>	<i>Dale Peters</i>
<i>Shauna Stiglich</i>	<i>Jan Nyberg</i>	<i>Amyyah Robinson</i>	<i>Rosie Diaz</i>	<i>John Holland</i>
<i>MaryJo McCawley</i>	<i>Neva Geweke</i>	<i>Ray Geweke</i>	<i>Dan Horton</i>	<i>Erika Stampfl</i>
<i>Laurie Strohmayr</i>	<i>Mona Moharrerri</i>	<i>Martha Kastigar</i>	<i>Grace Tampa</i>	<i>Rosemarie Morgen</i>
<i>Albester Hall Jones</i>	<i>Ray Wentworth</i>	<i>William A. Jones</i>	<i>Matthew Hage</i>	<i>Alice Sarasin</i>
<i>Linda Planekowsky</i>	<i>Mark Van Scharrel</i>	<i>Michael Holman</i>		

the help of your power, that illness may be turned into health and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ. Amen

FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may move every human heart; that the barriers dividing us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; and that we might live in justice and peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

REMEMBER THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Almighty God, we commit to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad:

Nicholas Bakulinski *Jeremy Strohmayr* *Dan McCarthy* *Lucas Kratz* *Preston Larson*

Defend them with your heavenly grace and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed, kindle in the hearts of all the true love of peace, and guide with Your pure and peaceable wisdom those who make decisions for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility Your kingdom may go forward, till the earth be filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

January 10, 2021



Welcome to Saint Luke

Sunday Services

Saint Luke has temporarily suspended in person services. Services will continue online only. Please pray for our country and the world as we fight this pandemic.

Introduction to the Day

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit/wind moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

Today

The joy of Christmas continues! Environmental features remain from that festive season to remind us that we continue in our joy at the birth of God's Son. The "Light to the Nations" now continues his epiphany through his earthly ministry which we follow in the Gospel readings for this season.

We can't say it loud enough:

Thank you!

Our year-end appeal was met with generosity! Thank you for your responses.

As we thank you, know that **we are thanking God as well for placing you—generous, worshipful givers—right here in the *Saint Luke Church* family.**

We will continue to carefully steward the resources that have been entrusted to us and to serve Jesus, the King together.



Coffee Hour!

You are invited to Coffee Hour after Church this morning beginning at 10:30 a.m. Join the conversation and check up on people from church you haven't seen in a while!

Here is the link for Coffee Hour: <https://bit.ly/39xYjVS>

Meeting ID: 948 1158 6701, Passcode: saintluke



Bible Class **will** meet this Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. Get you lunch and join Pastor Bouman to discuss the lessons and Gospel for the Second Sunday after Epiphany.

The lessons are: *Isaiah 49:1-7, I Corinthians 1:1-9, Saint John 1:29-42*

The link for "**Bible Class**" can be found on the website at stlukechicago.org. Click on "Bible Class" or enter the following URL into your browser: <https://bit.ly/3oi0vVR>

Meeting ID: 784 7788 0585, Passcode: saintluke.

Epiphany 2021

When you are next in the building, you may notice this sign: 20 + C + M + B + 21 above the doorways. Here's what it means... The letters C M B come from the Latin "**Christus Mansionem Benedicat**" which means "May Christ bless this dwelling!" It is also ascribed by tradition to be the names for the "three kings" -- Caspar, Melchior, & Balthazar. The year (2021) is bookended on either side of the blessing. In between each marking is a little cross that signifies our salvation.



Caring and Sharing

As we begin a new year, we also begin again our yearly cycle of collections for those in need in our midst. Each month we designate an item in special demand during that season and ask our members to leave their donations in the collection barrel in the church lobby. Contributions are then distributed through relief agencies in the LakeView area.



In **January**, the item for the month is **beans** (*dry or canned*) and **rice**. Please be generous in your contributions.

The Freedom of a Christian

Amid the pandemic of COVID-19 and the ongoing pandemic of racism and xenophobia, our communities and world are ravaged by illness, death and injustice. We are tempted to turn inward in despair. Five hundred years ago, Martin Luther wrote a treatise titled ***The Freedom of a Christian***. In it, he offered his most compelling summary of the Christian life: In Christ we are completely free and at the same time completely bound in love and service to our neighbors. The Lakeview Lutheran Parish (LLP) is sponsoring a study of *The Freedom of the Christian* on Wednesday mornings 10:00 – 11:00 am continuing until February 17. Join via zoom: <https://bit.ly/3luyyJm>. Meeting ID: 987 432 464. Password: 029091. Call-in: 312.626.6799.

Watch a brief video from Bishop Eaton, download the study guide and a free copy of the *Freedom of the Christian* at elca500.org.

Book Launch with Pastor Bouman January 17th at 7 p.m.



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Authors Stephen Bouman and Ralston Deffenbaugh observe that ten years after they wrote the first edition of this book, immigration is an even more contentious issue in society and the church, and immigrants are much more vulnerable, mistreated, and blamed than ever before. Through stories of crisis and hope, They Are Us helps Christian communities understand themselves and their ministries as part of God's narrative of love and hospitality for the little, the lost, the last, and the least. These stories show there is no greater power to unite our divided, angry, and fearful church and society than the presence of the crucified and risen Christ among us.