



Sunday, January 10, 2021

Epiphany 1

Worship focus: *The Glory of Christ is Here: In our Baptism.*

OPENING HYMN

89 – “To Jordan's River Came Our Lord” (verses 1-3)
(The “Amen” is sung after the last hymn only.)

1. To Jordan's river came our Lord,
The Christ, whom heav'nly hosts
adored, The God from God, the Light
from Light, The Lord of glory, pow'r,
and might.

2. The Savior came to be baptized –
The Son of God in flesh disguised –
To stand beneath the Father's will
And all his promises fulfill.

3. As Jesus in the Jordan stood
And John baptized the Lamb of God,
The Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove,
Descended on him from above.

Please stand.

P: The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -



ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -



ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON – Isaiah 49:1-6

In one of Isaiah's servant songs, the Servant of the Lord describes his calling and his work: "to restore the tribes of Jacob" and to be "a light for the Gentiles."

¹ Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the LORD called me; from my birth he has made mention of my name. ² He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver. ³ He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor." ⁴ But I said, "I have labored to no purpose; I have spent my strength in vain and for nothing. Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand, and my reward is with my God. ⁵ And now the LORD says — he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength — ⁶ he says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 72

Spoken responsively

P: Endow the King with your justice, O God,

C: the royal Son with your righteousness.

P: He will defend the afflicted among the people

C: and save the children of the needy.

P: He will endure as long as the sun,
C: as long as the moon, through all generations.

P: He will be like rain falling on a mown field,
C: like showers watering the earth.

P: All kings will bow down to him,
C: and all nations will serve him.

P: All nations will be blessed through him,
C: and they will call him blessed.

P: Praise be to the Lord God, who alone does marvelous deeds.
C: May the whole earth be filled with his glory.

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
And to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and will be forever, Amen.**

SECOND LESSON – Acts 16:25-34

Paul shows the jailor what has been done to save him: Jesus has done the work and the Holy Spirit washes you clean in baptism. May we trust in the gracious work that God has done to save us.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. ²⁷ The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!" ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." ³² Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. ³³ At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized. ³⁴ The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole family.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia.

Please stand.

GOSPEL – Mark 1:4-11

John the Baptist proclaims repentance in Jesus name, Jesus is baptized by John in the Jordan River.

⁴And so John came baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁶John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And this was his message: "After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S LESSON *(Children, please remain in your seats with your families.)*

HYMN OF THE DAY

89 – "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord" (verses 4-6)

**4. Then from God's throne
with thund'rous sound Came God's
own voice with words profound:
"This is my Son," was his decree,
"The one I love, who pleases me."**

**5. The Father's word, the Spirit's flight
Anointed Christ in glorious sight
As God's own choice, from Adam's fall
To save the world and free us all.**

**6. Now rise, faint hearts: be resolute!
This man is Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan's stream,
Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.**

SERMON Text: Mark 1:4-11

Theme: Rejoice! God does great things through the Servant of the Lord!

- 1) The servant knew this long in advance.
- 2) The servant brings his salvation to the ends of the earth.

Please stand.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Offering plates are near the exits in which you may place your thank-offering.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

C: **We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**

- P: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.
- C: We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**
- P: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.
- C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**
- P: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocation, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.
- C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**
- Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*
- P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.
- Silent prayer.*
- P: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.
- C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

299 – “All Who Believe and Are Baptized”

**1. All who believe and are baptized
Shall see the Lord's salvation;
Baptized into the death of Christ,
They are a new creation. Through
Christ's redemption they shall stand
Among the glorious, heav'nly band
Of ev'ry tribe and nation.**

**2. With one accord, O God, we pray:
Grant us your Holy Spirit.
Help us in our infirmity
Through Jesus' blood and merit.
Grant us to grow in grace each day
That by this sacrament we may
Eternal life inherit. Amen.**



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GREETERS today are: John & Esther Spaeth – Early Service
Richard & Cheryl Kretz – Late Service
Next Sunday: Josh & Ashley Breitigam – Early Service
Warren & Marilyn Pratt – Late Service

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE (week of January 3, 2021)

Total Worship Attendance: 109; Early: 48; Late: 61; Adult Bible Study: 18; Teen Bible Study: 5; New Year’s Eve: 49. On-line worship service views for December 27 were 48; views for New Year’s Eve were 50.

MONEY COUNTERS for this morning through January 16 are the members of David Bower’s Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, January 17 will be the members of Bill Hull’s Undershepherd group.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (January 10 – January 17)

TODAY Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30; Children’s Lesson; Adult Bible Study 9:20; Teen Bible Class 9:20.

MON Board of Education meeting 5:30 (note time change!)

WED Handbells 6:30; On-line catechism 6:30.

THU Good Samaritan Bible Study 10:30; Bible Information Class 6:30.

SAT LWMS Convention Planning meeting in Mansfield 10:00.

SUN **Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30;** Communion; Adult Bible Study; Teen Bible Study 9:20; Special Communion service 1:00.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

MON A & B Team Basketball Practice 3:30 – 5:00; C Team 5:00-6:15.

TUE Cheer practice 3:30-4:30.

WED Chapel 8:20; A & B Team Basketball Practice 3:30 – 5:00; C Team 5:00-6:15.

THU Cheer practice 3:30-4:30.

CHILDREN’S LESSON: Children are asked to remain in their seats during the lesson.

A SPECIAL COMMUNION SERVICE will be held next Sunday, January 17th, at 1:00pm for those who are unable to attend Sunday morning worship. The service will be limited to 50 people. Please sign up by calling the school office at 419.326.4685 or emailing tlsoffice@tlcjenera.org. If more than 50 people sign up, there will be a second service added on the same day, one hour later.

THE LADIES AID MEETING scheduled for tomorrow, January 11th, has been cancelled. Hope to see you all again in February!

THE FUNERAL of John Gauss was held in church this week. John was called home to heaven December 30th. May the Gospel message of eternal life comfort all who mourn his death.

THE ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING will be held on January 27th at 7:30pm. Voters – now is your opportunity to have your voices heard! All voters are encouraged to attend. Voters consist of male communicant members who have reached the age of 18. The Lord has called men to be the leaders for the congregational team. More than likely your grandfather and father have served on the Lord's team over the past years. Now is the time for the next generation to show their love for Him by becoming part of the team. God wants you to serve Him. Your service as a voter is wanted and needed by your Lord and your church. You may sign on as a voter at this meeting. All those who wish to give input beforehand may do so by contacting Trinity officers: Pres. Bob Inniger, VP Jamie Siferd, Sec. George Norway, or Treas. Jonathan Beach; Ray Curth, Elder; or any Church Council member.

A NEW YEAR OF SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School lesson packets for three-year-olds, containing lessons 14-18 are available for pick up in the narthex. Packets are labeled with each child's name and are on the left side of the table. Sunday School for Pre-school through 8th grade continues by lessons-on-video at nph.net/ss-at-home. The Bible lesson for today/this week is #5, "Ruth Believes in God." Packets of lessons that go with the videos can be picked up for Pre-school through 8th grade from a table in the narthex. It's not too late to do Sunday School with your child in 2021. May God bless your child/children as we together continue to share His love.

WARM WINTER WALKING: Everyone is invited to walk in the school's gym on weeknights beginning Monday, January 18. The doors will be unlocked from 7:00-8:00PM but you may walk longer if you wish. Please use the doors by the gym and bring non-marking shoes to wear on the gym floor. Remember to social distance and wear your masks! Walkers-please sanitize light switches and door handles before you leave.

MORNINGS WITH MOMMY will resume January 18th and 19th.

GREETERS: New schedules have been sent out by email or regular mail. If you have not received yours, there are some on the deacon's table or contact the school office.

TRINITY VOTERS elected to call Reverend Todd Engel, of Red Wing, MN as associate pastor. They have also called Ryan Roth of Newport, MI, as 7th and 8th grade teacher and principal. His wife, Michelle, was called as kindergarten teacher.

CALL RESPONSE

Dear Members of Trinity Lutheran Church,

On Sunday, January 3rd, I received a divine call to teach grades 7-8 and serve as Principal at your school. My wife, Michelle, also received a divine call to serve as your Kindergarten teacher. We are excited to receive information and learn more about your school, church, and community. This information will definitely help with our deliberations. We will prayerfully consider these calls that you have extended to us. If you have any thoughts or questions, please feel free to contact us. Our contact information is below.

Please keep us in your prayers as we decide, with the help of the Holy Spirit, how best to serve the Lord in His kingdom.

In Christ's service,

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