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Baptism of Our Lord

We welcome you with open arms and open hearts!

Faith Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered, Bible-reading, welcoming spiritual home for seekers, believers, and everybody between. We're a family of God "because God first loved us." (1 John 4:19) Because you're here, you're part of the family—welcome.

If you are new to Faith we would like to be in touch with you. Please share your contact information with the church office, 406-363-2964, or office@faithlutheranhamilton.org.

Welcome to Faith and thank you for worshipping with us!

God Gathers The Body Of Christ

Prelude

Susan Peterson, Accompanist

Call to Worship

Deidra Markette

Welcome

PM: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you!

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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PM: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

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.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

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 Hymn

"Borning Cry"

ELW#732

Borning Cry



- "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- the mid-dle a ges of your life, not too old, no lon ger young,



re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un-fold. you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be-long. I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be-gun.



was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one, When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell." I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun." I have al-ways been, with just one more sur-prise." I'll be there as



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

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The Kyrie (Spoken)

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AM: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you. AM: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy.

AM: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy.

AM: For the peace of the whole world, the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy.

AM: For Faith Lutheran Church, and for all who offer hear their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy.

AM: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

All: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

AM: Let us pray,

ALL: 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.

God Speaks To Us In The Word

Preface to the Word (sung)

ELW# 512

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil,

where love can grow and peace is understood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone away.

When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.

When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

First Reading Genesis 1:1-5

Lector: A reading from Genesis, Chapter1:

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.

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

Psalm 29 (Lector: Give directions for psalm responses.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

⁹The 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!"

¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

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

Second Reading

Acts 19:1-7

Lector: A reading from Acts, Chapter 19:

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.

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He 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." ³Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴Paul 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." ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When 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.

L: Word of God, Word of Life... All: Thanks be to God.

Kids' Talk

Pastor Paul Anderson

Gospel Acclamation

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia. PM: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, Chapter 1:

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And 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. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He 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. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

PM: This is the Gospel of Our Lord. All: Praise to you, O Christ!

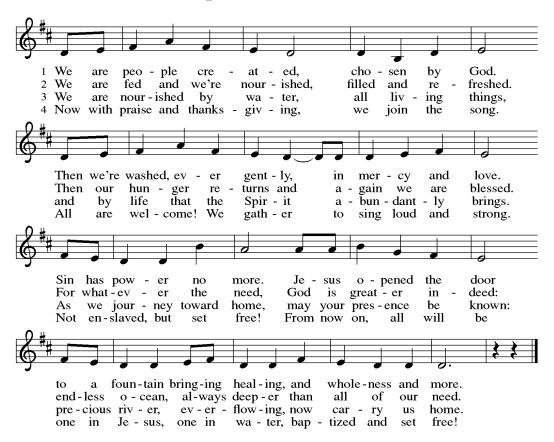
Sermon Pastor Paul Anderson

Sermon Song

"Baptized and Set Free"

ELW #453

Baptized and Set Free



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Apostles' Creed (AM leads)

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All: 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 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.

AM: Prayer Requests?

The Prayers of the Church

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

"O Lord, Hear My Prayer" ELW#751

- O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, answer me.
- O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen to me.

For the church throughout the world and its leaders, that guided by the Holy Spirit they proclaim the forgiveness of sins, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For wilderness and water, wind and wild beasts, and all living things on earth, that God's goodness is revealed through creation and faithful stewards care for all God has made, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the nations of the world and their leaders, for laborers busy both day and night, and for peacemakers amid strife, that God inspire all people to use their strength wisely, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the sick and those who provide medical care, for the imprisoned and those who show them mercy, for the lonely and those who provide companionship, for all who suffer (*especially*), that God shower compassion, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the congregation gathered here, for students returning to school, for those seeking renewal in their daily work, that all the beloved of God experience grace and peace, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their labors, that their witness inspire us in our baptismal vocations, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Pass the Peace

PM: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Take a moment to pass the peace with those around you, and send a message of peace to those listening and watching with you.

The Offering "Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring" ELW# 691 Vv. 1&3

Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place upon your table. We do not worship as we ought but only as we're able. Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer before you.

Lord, by your grace now come to us, as humbly we adore you.

Offering Prayer

AM: Let us pray.

All: 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.

Jesus Comes To Us In His Supper

Dear members and friends of Faith: as you trust the God you see in Jesus, please be welcome to share his meal. Christ offers here and now his body and blood, his death and resurrection, as a demonstration that God "loves you to death" and is present to, in, and through you now and forever Communion will be served in individual portions.

Directions for communion.

Words of Institution

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PM: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

All: Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 & Luke 11:2-4

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

All: 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.

Distribution

Post-Communion Blessing

PM: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ nourish your soul and fill you with his grace now and forever! **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

PM: Let us pray,

All: 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.

Benediction

PM: May the peace of God be in your heart,
The grace of God be in your words,
The love of God be in your hands,
The joy of God be in your soul,
And in the song that your life sings. Amen.

Announcements for the congregation



Dismissal

AM: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Pray for our Members and Friends...

Please call or email us with your prayer requests



Prayers for safety and healing: Millie and Erv Unruh, Bonnie Montgomery, Linda Bentz, Pastor Dale Meador, Pastor Aprille Jordan, Pastor Shannon Mayfield, Amber Wood, Richard Castor, Amber Lynch.

Prayers for Covid-19 Recovery: Connie and Steve Kjersten **Praise for their Covid-19 Recovery**:

Prayers for comfort: for family and friends of Hugh Davidson: family and friends of Ken Price: for Liz Jameson, as she grieves the death of her father: for Sue Rose's family and friends, in the passing of her mother, Nancy Deden.

Discovery: Clara Felton

The Beehive: Morry Mitteness, Yvonne Olson

Valley View: Ruth Dillon

Remington: Betty Swift, Chuck Olson

Home Nursing Care: Virginia Rotering, Smitty Incarcerated: Jacob Bachman, George Davis

Thanks to our Worship Assistants!

Today Jan 10

Accompanist	Susan Peterson
Lector	Deidra Markette
Assisting Minister	Celeste Pogachar
Call To Worship	Deidra Markette
Video	Rick Brown
Projection	Scott Southwick