

The Baptism of Our Lord

January 10, 2021

+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Divine Setting Five

BELL CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”

#590

INVOCATION +CONFESSION +ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord!....our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Silence for confession)

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession.....and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

KYRIE *(tune of Hark the Glad Sound)*

Have mercy on your people, Lord.

Have mercy, Christ our King

Renew us by your mercy, Lord;

Accept the prayers we bring.

GLORIA *(tune of Hark! The Herald Angels Sing)*

- 1. “Glory be to God on high!” This is now our joyful cry.
Peace to all who live on earth, Grace and favor for new birth.
You we praise and glorify. Worship you, O Lord most high.
Gracious Father, heav’nly King To your name alone we sing;
Praise the glory of your name, Now and evermore the same!*
- 2. Jesus Christ, the Father’s Son, sole-begotten, holy one,
Born on earth From realms on high, Born true man for us to die.
Lamb of God, You take away This world’s sin; Grant peace we pray.
With the Spirit You alone Are most high, O God the Son,
And the father God above, Praise we now Your glorious love.*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: Amen

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 1:1-5 (ESV)

At the beginning of Creation, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit were all present. This scene is repeated at Jesus’ baptism to show that he came to restore Creation.
In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE INTROIT

L: Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,* my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

C: I will tell of | the decree:* The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you.

L: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,* and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.

C: You shall break them with a rod | of iron* and dash them in pieces like a potter’s | vessel.”

L: Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;* be warned, O rulers | of the earth.

C: Serve the | LORD with fear,* and rejoice with | trembling,

L: for his wrath is quickly | kindled.* Blessed are all who take ref- | uge in him.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

L: Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,* my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

EPISTLE**Romans 6:1-11 (ESV)**

In our baptism we are united with Jesus in his death and resurrection. He gives us the power to make changes in our lives, resisting sin and embracing holiness.
 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL**Mark 1:4-11 (ESV)**

Jesus begins his public ministry by being baptized by John in the Jordan River. Here, his identity as God’s Son and our Savior is confirmed.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St Mark the first chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. 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 when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

CREED *(tune of O Come, Little Children)*

The Father has showered His gifts from on high.

Most precious of gifts in the manger doth lie.

Our God and Creator has now sent His Son

That we with our God might forever be one.

The Savior, Christ Jesus, is our Holy King.

Of Him our glad praises this day do we sing

The cross in His future Brief sorrow would bring.

In His death and rising the Grave lost its sting.

The Spirit we treasure; Our hope can’t grow dim.

For He is the star that hath brought us to Him.

Let Heaven rejoice as with Him we proclaim

That we are believers in God’s Holy name.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**Rachel Saunders****HYMN OF THE DAY****“To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”****#405****SERMON**

OFFERING
OFFERTORY
INSTALLATION OF 2021 CHURCH OFFICERS
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
LORD'S PRAYER
BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION
CLOSING HYMN
ANNOUNCEMENTS

"We Praise You, O God"

#785 vs 1

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev Lee Seetin and Lutheran Church, Gresham

Rev Eddie Mekasha, missionary to Sudanese and Ethiopian Immigrants

For Our Congregation and Community:
Thanksgiving for the marriage of Madi Axtell and Hayden Frost

Family of Sherry Noler, Mother of Becky Gocke, who passed away

Family of Jeff Griffiths, Son of Larry Griffiths, who passed away

Shirley Utter, Mother of OJ, healing from heart problems and COVID

Christal Fehlhafer hospitalized with multiple seizures

Dealing with an illness: Pastor Gudgel and Bonnie, Duane Barth, Roger Rhodes, Aaron DeWaard, **Jim Nelson successful surgery (Colleen Classen's brother)**, Amy Frye's Father Frank, Eugene Hladky, Paula Huebschman (Jamie Ramsey's mother), Mitch Peeks, Barb Nordmeyer (niece of Verna Neujahr), Hawley Family Bill Chessar (brother of Teresa Rathjen), Sheila Franks, Dick Greenwood, Linda Ehlers, Debbie Haleem, Carole Stern (Heather Wellman's mother), Shelley Neemeyer (Sheri Hahn's sister-in-law), Mya Noreen (Great Grand Daughter of Darlene Link)

Declining Health:

Recovering from surgery: **Jayne Griffiths**, Linda Luebbe, Collin Sansom (Husband of Rosie Matlock's Granddaughter), Joan Naber, Anna (Friend of DuAnne Deremer), Aaron Price (Rosie Matlock's grandson)

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In Response to God's Love

January 3 : Total Attendance: 74 Sunday School: No Sunday School

VOLUNTEERS:

TODAY(01-10-21) Acolyte: Andrea Gumaer

Lay Reader: Gene Schlechte

Organist: Donneta Schmieding

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY (01-10)	9:00 AM	Worship online and in person
	10:30 AM	Bible Study online and in person Sunday School
MONDAY (01-11)	1:00 PM	Bible Study
TUESDAY (01-12)	8:00 AM	Pastor Circuit Meeting Utica NE
	7:30 PM	LLL Meeting in Fellowship Hall
WEDNESDAY (01-13)	3:45 PM	Midweek Classes
	7:00 PM	PTA Meeting in the Fellowship Hall
THURSDAY (01-14)	-----	Brittany DCE Meeting
FRIDAY (01-15)	6:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
SATURDAY (01-16)	-----	
SUNDAY (01-17)	9:00 AM	Worship w/ Communion online and in person
	10:30 AM	Bible Study online and in person/Sunday School
	6:00 PM	Junior High Youth Group
	7:30 PM	Senior High Youth Group

As of 01-06-21	Amount received 01-03-21	Needed each week	Received YTD 2021	YTD Amount needed to cover 2021 budget	Difference
General Fund	\$17,800.00		\$17,800.00		
Thrivent Choice	\$0.00		\$0.00		
School Tuition	\$0.00		\$0.00		
Total	\$17,800.00	\$15,305.00	\$17,800.00	\$15,353.00	\$2,447.00
Building Fund	\$0.00		\$0.00	Bldg Fund**	\$46,917.00
Teacherage Fund	\$50.00		\$0.00	Teacherage Fund	\$125.00
Restricted Funds (other than bldg)	\$0.00		\$0.00		
Mekasha Mission (9/20-8/21) 5k goal	\$80.00	\$91.00	\$1915.00	\$1,731.00	\$184.00

Current Operating Note: \$0.00 (debt limit is \$90,000)

Dear friends in Christ, Bonnie and I wish to thank all who have blessed us with cards, personal notes, family pictures, various gifts, and prayers said for us during the Christmas season and during our time of illness with COVID. Bonnie was hospitalized from Saturday, January 2nd, until Wednesday, January 6th. I felt symptoms on the 2nd. Both of us still have effects from the illness, but those are modest. We are quarantined until midweek. May God bless you in this new year. Pastor Gudgel

LLL Meeting Tuesday January 12th, 2021 @ 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Special Collection for LFS

Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska is an organization that provides help to families right here in our state including adoptions, refugee settlement, and job training services. On Sunday, January 24th you are invited to participate in a special collection to support their work. You can drop your gift in the designated plate at the door on that Sunday, mail or bring it in to the church office any time.

We want to thank all our family and friends who supported us during the loss of our Mother/Grandmother. Thank you for all the love, cards and memorials that were sent our way. What a comfort to know that she celebrated Christmas with Jesus and is at peace.

Gene, Sandy and Jeff Schlechte

Mark, Aftan, Barret and Case Schlechte

"Praying for Muslims 2021" booklet sign up sheet in at the Welcome Center