



Welcome!

We are glad that you are here and hope that you will be enriched by this time of worship. In this unprecedented time, we are exploring worship in new ways and ask for your input and patience. If you are new with us today – welcome!

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Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Gathering Song

“Wade in the Water” (ELW 459)

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

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, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

Read by AJ C

¹In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ²But the earth became chaos and emptiness, and darkness came over the face of the Deep—yet the Spirit of God was brooding over the surface of the waters. ³Then God said, “Light: Be!” and light was. ⁴God saw that light was good, and God separated light from darkness. ⁵God called the light “Day” and the darkness “Night.” Evening came, and morning followed—the first day.

Second Reading

Acts 19:1-7

Read by Jeff V

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior of the country and came to Ephesus. There Paul found disciples, ²to whom he put the question, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we were never even told there was such a thing as a Holy Spirit.” ³“Then how were you baptized?” he asked. “With John’s baptism,” they responded. ⁴Paul then explained, “John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance; he insisted that the people believe in the one who was to come after him—in other words, Jesus.” ⁵When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. ⁶And the moment Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came down on them, and they began to speak in tongues and prophesy. ⁷There were about twelve of them.

Children’s Time

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:4-11

⁴And so John the Baptizer appeared in the desert, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to John and were baptized by him in the Jordan River as they confessed their sins. ⁶John was clothed in camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist, and he ate nothing but grasshoppers and wild honey. ⁷In the course of his preaching, John said, “One more powerful than I is to come after me. I am not fit to stoop and untie his sandal straps. ⁸I have baptized you in water, but the One to come will baptize you in the Holy Spirit.” ⁹It was then that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan River by John. ¹⁰Immediately upon coming out of the water, Jesus saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹Then a voice came from the heavens: “You are my Beloved, my Own. On you my favor rests.”

Sermon Bishop Jason Zinko

Song

“Waterlife” (ELW 457)

Apostles’ Creed

The Prayers

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

For wilderness and water, wind and wild beasts, and all living things on earth, that God’s goodness be revealed through creation and that we, as faithful stewards, care for all God has made.

Let us pray, **have mercy, O God.**

For the church throughout the world and its leaders, that guided by the Holy Spirit they proclaim the forgiveness of sins. For nations in turmoil that ways of reconciliation, respect and renewal may be sought.

Let us pray, **have mercy, O God.**

For the nations of the world and their leaders, for frontline and health care workers labouring day and night and for peacemakers amid strife, that God inspire all of us to use our strength wisely. We

especially lift up in prayer the people of the United States - that where division and distrust has been sown, that unity, equality, equity might be established for all people. Let us pray, **have mercy, O God.**

For this congregation gathered for worship online, for students returning to school, for those seeking renewal in their daily work, that all the beloved of God experience grace and peace in these challenging times. 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, that God shower compassion. Let us pray, **have mercy, O God.**

For those who are living with mental illness and anxiety in these trying times. For those who are grieving the loss of loved ones, and those whose hearts are lonely due to isolation. We especially pray for: Clarence M, Tom d, Cody M, Emmitt B, Myrtle W, Ramon J, Tonia & Jason, Susan K, Tim, Charlotte, Diana M, Pr. Richard R, Muriel A, Yvonne, Eva H, Darren F, Pr. AnnE & Joel Z, Diane R, the Anderson family, Roland S, Roman W, Wayne & William, Anne L, Jaxon, Elijah P, Deborah, David, Anne and the Raine family, Ted and the Youck family and those on our hearts... Reveal your power to heal and to save.

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.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering Prayer

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.**

Holy Communion

God is with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We live them to God

Let us give thanks to God

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

With the water of baptism reminding us of your love for us, Voice of heaven, we lift our praises to you.

Before you breathed the Word which tamed chaos, you named us your children, heirs of all the goodness you desired for us.

You sang to us in Eden's fields, even when we chose to walk away. Yet, you persisted in your hopes for us, knowing that where no life is anticipated, no hope is expected, no future is seen, it is in those barren and desolate places that you gather your children up to carry us home once more. Holy Spirit, Flow through us like baptismal waters, so we might become a river of reconciliation. Grant us your peace, so we might carry this gift to the world.

Set our hope on Christ, so we might build such hope in our neighbors and communities.

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 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, Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection, we await Christ's coming again when all things will be restored.

Through Christ all glory and honor is yours, loving God, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen.

We join our hearts together to pray as Jesus taught us singing:

The Lord's Prayer (contemporary sung)

Communion Song (ELW 579)

"Lord, You Give the Great Commission" vs 1-3

Prayer after Communion

Community Life

Blessing

God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✠ keep you in peace. **Amen.**

Sending Song

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" (ELW 855) vs 1-4

Dismissal

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God!

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