

Baptism of Our Lord: A Service of Holy Communion

Leader's Guide

GATHERING

***Weekly Announcements** (begin at 10:10 a)

***Prelude** (begins at 10:15a)

Welcome Pastor Dustin (begins at 10:20a)

Thanksgiving for Baptism***

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

P. 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.

P. 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 – All Creatures of Our God Now Sing VIDEO

Welcome

P. The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A. And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P. 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.

A. **Amen.**

WORD

First Reading – Genesis 1:1-5

VIDEO

L. In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the 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. Then 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.

Musical Meditation

VIDEO music with overlay video

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:4-11

P. The Gospel according to Saint Mark.

A. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P. John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And 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. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He 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. 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 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. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

P. This, my siblings in Christ, is the Gospel of our Lord.

A. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Rev. Dustin G. Wright

Hymn of the Day – *All Who Are Thirsty*

VIDEO

Prayers of Intercession

- P. We ask that you lift up your prayers in the comments section of Facebook Live (or in your hearts) at this time.
- P. Hear us, O God
- A. Your mercy is great.**

Intro to Response to God's Call: Micah 6:8

- P. As we have lifted up prayers for our community and world, we are reminded that we are called to go and bring the witness of God's love to the world. Will you join us in our sung response as we consider the words of the prophet Micah - what does the Lord require of you?

Response to God's Call: Micah 6:8

Peace

- P. And may the peace of Christ be with you always.
- A. And also with you.**
- P. Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

MEAL

Contact Us and Offering***

TWO SLIDES

- P. We know that some are joining us here at Messiah for the first time. If you'd like to learn more about our ministries and activities, or for any one with questions about Messiah, please contact us by email or by phone. At this time, if you'd like to make an online gift using tithe.ly or via mail to Messiah, feel free to do so.

Offering interlude music and slide

VIDEO

Offering Prayer

- P. 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.**

The Meaning of the Sacrament

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Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ,
the holy Supper which we are about to celebrate
is a feast of remembrance, of communion, and of hope.
We come in remembrance
that our Lord Jesus Christ was sent of the Father into the world
to assume our flesh and blood
and to fulfill for us all obedience to the divine law,
even to the bitter and shameful death of the cross.
By his death, resurrection, and ascension
he established a new and eternal covenant of grace and reconciliation
that we might be accepted of God and never be forsaken by him.
We come to have communion with this same Christ
who has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the world.
In the breaking of the bread he makes himself known to us
as the true heavenly Bread that strengthens us unto life eternal.
In the cup of blessing he comes to us as the Vine
in whom we must abide if we are to bear fruit.
We come in hope,
believing that this bread and this cup
are a pledge and foretaste of the feast of love
of which we shall partake when his kingdom has fully come,
when with unveiled face we shall behold him,
made like unto him in his glory.
Since by his death, resurrection, and ascension
Christ has obtained for us the life-giving Spirit
who unites us all in one body,
so are we to receive this Supper in true love,
mindful of the communion of saints.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

VIDEO

Lord's Prayer

P. God remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

VIDEO

Eucharistic Prayer

VIDEO

P. On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus was gathered with his disciples around a table. And while he was with them took bread, and gave the Father thanks for it and he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. As often as you eat of it do so in remembrance of me.

And in the same manner after they had eaten he took the cup, and poured it out for them saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, as often as you drink of it do so in remembrance of me.

Invitation to Communion

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Friends this not my table, this is not Messiah Lutheran Church's table, this is not the ELCA's table, this is CHRIST'S table. It does not belong to any one of us but to Christ who welcomes all to partake, here at this feast.

Friends the bread which we break is our communion with the body of Christ and the cup of blessing which we bless is our communion with the blood of Christ. Come for all things are now ready!

Distribution of the Sacrament

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At this time, all may share Holy Communion amongst their families.

Post Communion Blessing

VIDEO

P. Friends as we have been fed at this table, let us give thanks to God for this meal:

**A. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!
Amen!**

Prayer After Communion

P. 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. **Amen.**

Blessing

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

Sending Hymn – *O The Deep, Deep, Love of Jesus*

VIDEO

Benediction

P. Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

A. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

VIDEO