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January 10, 2021: Baptism of Our Lord



Mark 1:4-11

Welcome

Announcements

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Ron James in memory of loved ones

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.

C: Amen.

P: People of God, in the baptismal waters we travel with Christ from death to life. Our past, our sin, our failure, our doubt, and our shame are drowned and gone here.

C: You, O God, wash us clean.

P: Our fear, our confusion, our self-righteousness, our despair -- all are washed away by grace.

C: You, O God, wash us clean.

P: Our pride, our hypocrisy, and other people's opinions of us no longer have the power to define us.

C: You, O God, give us new life.

P: The Spirit lives and moves through us now, a great and joyful mystery, so we may bring love and mercy into the world as the body of Christ.

C: You, O God, give us new life.

P: Rejoice that God has claimed us in this baptismal grace, not by our own doing or believing but by God's mercy alone.

C: You, O God, give us new life.

P: And so, as we begin worship, we give thanks to God for the gracious gift of baptism that joins us together in Christ by the Spirit's power. Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

We praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

To you be given honor and praise

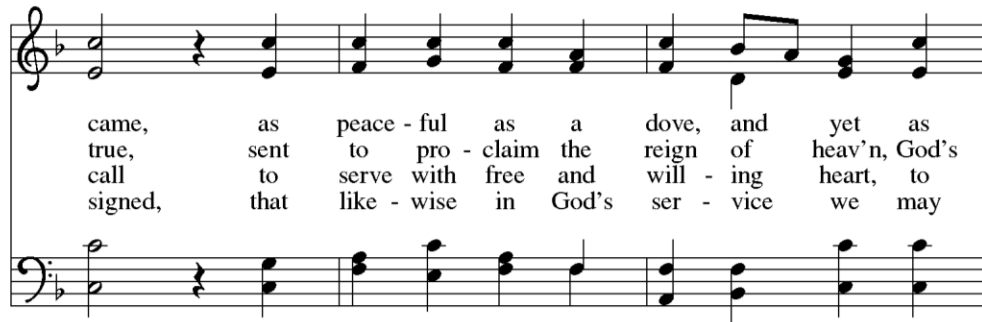
through Jesus Christ our Lord

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you
 2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant
 3 Straight - way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the
 4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as
 true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's
 call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to
 signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.
 ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.
 give your life for all, to give your life for all.
 per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

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Apostolic Greeting:

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

Response: **And also with you.**



Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!



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

Reading:

Acts 19:1-7

Read by Linda Hughes

While 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— ⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

Gospel Acclamation:



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

P: *The Holy Gospel according to Mark 1:4-11*



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

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.”

P: *The Gospel of the Lord...*



Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

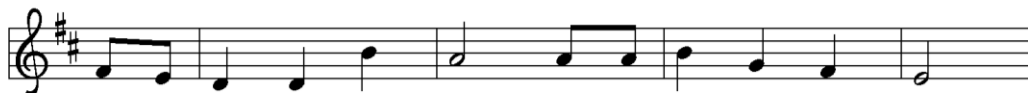
Pastor Russ Leeper



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
 2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
 3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
 4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
 Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
 and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
 All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
 For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
 As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
 Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
 end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
 pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
 one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

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The Creed

The Apostles' Creed

**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 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**

The Prayers (P): Lord in your mercy,
Response: **hear our prayer**

Please Keep the following in prayer:

Sue Baron	Ellen Hobb	Helen Schmidt
Sondra Coen	Mike Laue	Lorna Scringner
Norm Bauer	Sandra Link	Yolanda Van Ausdall
Dan Carey	Mary Obermeier	Ann Voelker
Alan Farmer	Steven Patten	Bill Wohlers Jr.
Angie Hansen	Helen Peterson	

Please pray for all serving in the Armed Forces & their families: Alex Buenger, Kim Hall, Dalton Schutjer, Robson Shankland, Elliott Sinnwell

The Prayer List: Names will be kept on the list for 3 weeks. Family members can request a name be left on longer. The office number is 228-3397.

Family of Helen Marie Nysven Goplerud

Special Music:

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

Lydia Johnson & Susan Leeper, Melanie Johanningmeier, piano

The Lord’s Prayer:

**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**

The Benediction

P: Let’s hold each other in prayer & stay safe!

Sending Song

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Hymnal #671

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, Shine,
fill this land with the Father’s glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with love and mercy;
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me: **Refrain**

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me: **Refrain**

Postlude

“Praise Him! Praise Him!”
“I Sing Praises”

Carol Tornquist

From the St. John Lutheran Church Council:

Due to the rising cases of COVID, a high positivity rate that's expected to rise after Thanksgiving, & a shortage of hospital beds in the area, the Church Council has decided **to do only online & radio services for the rest of the year.** Sunday School Confirmation and other meetings will be online. Baptisms & funerals can be held at the church will 25 or less in attendance. Pastor will continue to do "Drive-Through" Communion on the 1st Sunday of the month.

Though the St. John building is closed to the public, you can call the office with any questions or concerns. Kathy is in the office from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. You can also reach her by emailing khoeft@stjohncharlescity.com.

2021 Offering Envelopes: Are available. Call the office at 228-3397 to arrange picking yours up.

Altar Flower & Radio Sign-up: If you would like to sign up to sponsor the Altar flowers &/or the radio broadcast contact Kathy in the office at 641-228-3397! We will continue to have flowers as they are on the online service & the radio broadcast reaches many of our at home congregation!

**Offering from the week of
January 3, 2021**

General Receipts	\$	10,986.00
Designated offering		650.00
<i>General receipts of \$9,757.00 are needed weekly to meet the approved budget</i>		

**Your offering can be mailed to St. John Lutheran, 200 S Main St, Charles City, IA 50616
OR...**

Electronic Giving – this is an option that has been added to the St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church website in recent months. You can use this option to set up your giving on a weekly, monthly or yearly plan. But it is also convenient if you want to use it for one-time transactions – to give to specific funds, events, or memorials for instance. You can give through your personal accounts or credit cards. Just remember that if you use your credit card, unless you specifically indicate the service charge be taken from your account, St. John will be assessed that charge. This means of giving has seen some activity and we are really excited to be able to give you this option. Please keep in mind electronic giving as you plan your budgeting needs. At <http://www.stjohncharlescity.org/>, you will find Digital Simply Giving on the blue menu bar at the top of the page; that is your link to electronic convenience!



We extend a big thank you to Linda Klemesrud, Kay Tjaden, Mary Augustin, Judy Thornton, Judy and Kip Hauser, Diane Melrose, and Shirley Platte for making phone calls to check in with our St. John members. If you didn't receive a call, please contact the church office to update your phone number.

Angel Tree 2020

Words cannot express how truly grateful we are for the generosity to Angel Tree, again this year. Whether you purchased gifts, donated toward the program, or prayed for those in the program.... Thank You, Thank You, Thank You! Your help and generosity touched the hearts of many people, proving that we are "God's Love in Action"!

Shirley Holm & Jessie Holm



"We extend our gratitude and appreciation to Gladys Kellogg, Leon & Jan Mulford, Dennis & Jan Brinkman, Lynn & Peg Poppen, Kay Tjaden, Virginia Young, Arlene Thomas, Leona Howe and Paul & Yolanda Van Ausdall for the recent memorials they gave to St. John in memory of Helen Marie Nysven Goplerud. Thank you!"