

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD
 Baptism of Our Lord
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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

PRELUDE

Baptized in Water

Various composers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the Father, ✠ and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God, who forgives all our sin, and whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God's mercy.

Silence for reflection.

God who searches us and knows us,
 you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way. We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. With what shall we come before you? Forgive us our sin,
 and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

Beloved of God,
 you have not received the spirit of the world,
 but the Spirit that is from God,
 poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ.
 Receive the promise of baptism:
 You are God's child; † your sins are forgiven.
 Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Baptized and Set Free

ELW #453

- 1 We are people created, chosen by God.
 Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.
 Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door
 to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.
- 2 We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed.
 Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed.
 For whatever the need, God is greater indeed:
 endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.
- 3 We are nourished by water, all living things,
 and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.
 As we journey toward home, may your presence be known:
 precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.
- 4 Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.
 All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.
 Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be
 one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

GREETING

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
Jesus Christ is the light of the world. The light no darkness can overcome.

May the grace and truth of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving Father, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit, and revealed him as your dear Son. Thank you for making us your children by water and the Spirit. Keep us faithful to you throughout our lives. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

KIDS' TIME

Pastoral Assistant Sandra Anderson

FIRST READING*Genesis 1:1-5*

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.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM*Psalm 29**Refrain:*

The Lord will bless his people with his peace.

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly powers,
Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
Bow down before the Lord, majestic in holiness. *Refrain*
- 2 The voice of the Lord upon the waters,
The Lord on the immensity of waters;
The voice of the Lord full of power;
The voice of the Lord full of splendor. *Refrain*
- 3 The God of glory thunders;
In his temple they all cry, "Glory!"
The Lord sat enthroned above the flood;
The Lord sits as king forever. *Refrain*

SECOND READING*Acts 19:1-7*

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—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

Word of God. Word of life. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia (I Am the Light of the World)

Al-le-lu-ia Al-le-lu-ia, I am the light of the world.

Al-le-lu-ia Al-le-lu-ia, I am the light of the world.

Those who fol-low me will not walk in dark-ness.

Those who fol-low me will have the light of life.

The holy gospel according to Mark. Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

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."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Erin Heidelberger

HYMN OF THE DAY

Baptized in Water

ELW #456

- 1 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
faithfully now God's praise we sing.
- 2 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our king:
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praise we sing.
- 3 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our king:
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dwelling in the presence of God with us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Prayer response: O LORD, give strength to your people;
 give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

Trusting in the presence of God by the power of the Holy Spirit, we commend all for whom we pray, dwelling in the light and hope of Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

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OFFERING SONG

Children of the Heavenly Father

Lorie Line

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. By your grace, use these gifts to spread your name and salvation through our community and our world. We pray this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray in confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**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.

BENEDICTION

May the God of glory dwell in you richly, call you beloved, and shine brightly on your path. The blessing of Almighty God - the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon and remain with you always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Shine, Jesus, Shine

ELW#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 grace and mercy;
 send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

- 1 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*

- 2 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*

SENDING WORDS

Glory to God in the highest!
Peace to God's people on earth!

Go in the peace that comes from Jesus the Son of God.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Beautiful Savior

Melody Bober

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