

Baptism of our Lord  
Virtual Worship Service  
Little Cedar & Marshall Lutheran Churches  
January 10, 2021 ~ 10:00AM  
*Pastor Jeremy D. Johnson*

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation. **Amen**

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

P: Gracious God,

**C: you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin, our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen**

P: How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of † Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace. **Amen**

Hymn "Give Me Jesus"

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Holy God, **C: 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**

## First Reading ~ Acts 19:1-7

### Paul in Ephesus

**19** While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup> He 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.” <sup>3</sup> Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” <sup>4</sup> Paul 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.” <sup>5</sup> On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup> When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— <sup>7</sup> altogether there were about twelve of them.

L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 29 The Voice of God in a Great Storm

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.

<sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup> The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

<sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

<sup>6</sup> He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox

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<sup>7</sup> The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

<sup>8</sup> The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

<sup>9</sup> The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, “Glory!”

<sup>10</sup> The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

<sup>11</sup> May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

## **Gospel Acclamation:**

P: Holy Gospel Mark 1:4-11 **C: Glory to you O Lord.**

<sup>4</sup> John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

## **The Baptism of Jesus**

<sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

P: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to You O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

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**Hymn** "Come to the Water"

## **Apostles Creed**

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## **Prayers of the Church**

P: Lord in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

## **Offertory**

## **Offering Response**

## **Lord's Prayer**

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## **\*Blessing**

P: May the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter † keep you in peace **All: Amen**

**Hymn** "Bind us Together"

P: Go in peace. To love and serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**