



And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Mark 1:11

Baptism of Our Lord

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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.

*The mission of Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church is to glorify God
by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through
worship, witness, education, service and fellowship.*

On the center aisle of each pew is a folder known as the Friendship Register. Please sign the register and check if you are communing today. Be sure to review the sheet to identify visitors. Please hand the completed pages from the register to an usher during the singing of the Hymn of the Day.

HOLY COMMUNION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Setting Four

*The paraments are white today, calling to mind the purity of the newborn Christ,
and to our light and joy in Him.*

✠ GATHERING ✠

ACCLAMATION

Timothy Olsen

Alleluia. A voice from heaven said, “This is my Son the Beloved,
with whom I am well pleased.” Alleluia.

OPENING VOLUNTARY Adagio in A Minor, BWV 564ii

J.S. Bach

We stand.

RINGING OF THE BELL

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
the Word made flesh,
our life and our salvation.

Amen.

Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of life,
you promise good news of great joy for all people,
and call us to be messengers of your peace.
We confess that too often we hoard our joy,
our resources, and our security.
We nurture conflict and build barriers.
We neglect the needs of our neighbors
and ignore the groaning of creation.
Have mercy on us.
Where we are self-centered, open our hearts.
Where we are reluctant, give us courage.
Where we are cynical, restore our trust.
Renew us with your grace
and give us again the hope of eternal life in you.
Amen.

Hear the good news:
We are children of God and heirs of God's promises
through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
In ✠ Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed.
Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth
shall know the salvation of God.
Amen.

*The assembly turns to face the cross as it enters the sanctuary, following the cross as we have followed Jesus
into this holy place and time of corporate worship.*

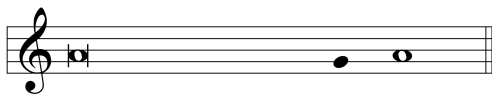
GATHERING HYMN 448 This Is the Spirit's Entry Now

LAND OF REST

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

And also with you.

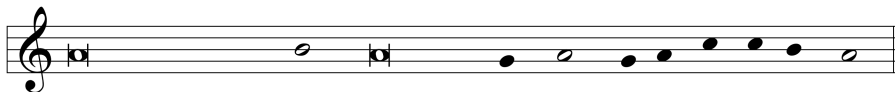
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



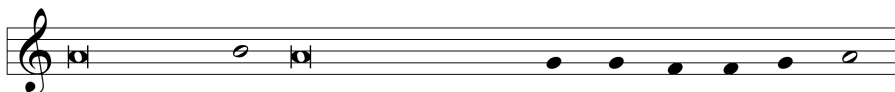
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



glo - ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord



God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have



mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the



Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the



most high, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the



glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

After the prayer the assembly responds: **Amen.**

We sit.

WELCOME

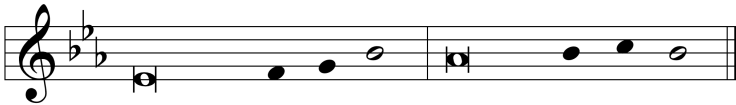
✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING Genesis 1:1-5

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.

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 29



- ¹Ascribe to the [|] LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo- [|] ry and strength.
- ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory [|] due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beau- [|] ty of holiness.
- ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of [|] glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the [|] mighty waters.
- ⁴The voice of the LORD is a pow- [|] erful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a [|] voice of splendor.
- ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the [|] cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the ce- [|] dars of Lebanon;
- ⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip [|] like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a [|] young wild ox.
- ⁷The voice [|] of the LORD
bursts forth in [|] lightning flashes.
- ⁸The voice of the LORD [|] shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilder- [|] ness of Kadesh.

- ⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the ¹ forests bare.
 And in the temple of the LORD all are ¹ crying, “Glory!”
- ¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned a- ¹bove the flood;
 the LORD sits enthroned as king for- ¹ evermore.
- ¹¹O LORD, give strength ¹ to your people;
 give them, O LORD, the bless- ¹ ings of peace.

SECOND READING Acts 19:1-7

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

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL Mark 1:4-11

The holy gospel according to Mark.



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.”

The gospel of the Lord.



We sit.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

Rev. Joe Yucha

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY 453 Baptized and Set Free

BAPTIZED AND SET FREE

We sit.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

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We stand.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

Each portion of the prayers conclude:

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The congregation is invited to share a sign of God's peace with one another. Please honor those who prefer not to physically share the peace.

We sit.

✠ MEAL ✠

OFFERING

We pass the offering plates in recognition that we are all invited to participate in sharing the gifts of abundance with what God has first given us. We recognize that many share their financial gifts online or at different frequencies; passing the plates connects us in our giving, no matter how we share. Please pass the plate down the pew and then onto the next row.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM This Is My Beloved Son Text, Music: Dan Uhl

When John baptized the Christ, our Lord, the heavens opened wide.

The Spirit from on high came down, descending like a dove.

Assuring those on Jordan's banks a voice proclaimed these words:

This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.

Come Holy Spirit heav'nly dove. Come now in visitation.

Renew in us baptismal grace throughout each day in ev'ry place.

You are the way, the truth, the light. Lead us to our salvation.

We stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN

So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne Him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

Let us pray.

**God of all creation, all you have made is good,
and your love endures forever.**

**You bring forth bread from the earth
and fruit from the vine.**

Nourish us with these gifts,

**that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn titled "GREAT THANKSGIVING". It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two measures: "The Lord be with you." and "And al-so with you." The second staff has two measures: "Lift up your hearts." and "We lift them to the Lord." The third staff has two measures: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff has two measures: "It is right to give our thanks and praise." The music is written in a simple, melodic style with various note values and rests.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

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 the 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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us. Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,

one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

We sit.

COMMUNION.

You are invited forward to receive the bread and wine through the method of intinction. Please let an usher know if you need a gluten-free wafer. The pastors will come to the pews of those unable to come forward. Those who would like to receive a blessing instead of communion are asked to cross their hands over their chest when they come forward.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond Amen.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

HYMN *WOL* 646 We Three Kings

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,
 2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain;
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty nigh;
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice;

field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 king for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
 prayer and prais - ing, glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
 sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 heav'n sings al - le - lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

Refrain

Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;

west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

We stand.

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Good Christ-ian friends, re-joice with heart and soul and voice; now ye need not
fear the grave; Je-sus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to
gain the ev-er-last-ing hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

BLESSING

The Lord bless you...and ✠ give you peace.

A - - - men.

The assembly faces the cross as it leaves the sanctuary, following the cross as we follow Jesus into the world. All remain facing the cross for the dismissal.

SENDING HYMN 673 God, Whose Almighty Word

ITALIAN HYMN

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Soli Deo Gloria!

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