

St Paul's and St. Matthias Lutheran Churches
Service of the Word
January 10, 2021

P: Pastor **V:** Vicar **C:** Congregation **VC:** Voice of Congregation **WA:** Worship Asst.

PRELUDE (Played by Will Goetze) "Now Thank We All Our God" by Karg-Elert

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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.

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.

P: 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.

P: 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.

P: To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

(Played by Will Goetze and you are invited to sing while muted at home.) ELW p. 204

(Sung by Miguel Acta, Dave Meeks and Jane Cuccia.)



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

GATHERING

V: You are invited to sing along while muted at home.

GATHERING SONG “Arise, Your Light Has Come” ELW #314

(Sung by Deb Horn, Carlee Layton, Diane Harrop, Barb Christ and Rob Toth)

1. Arise, your light has come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God
which shines on you today.
2. Arise, your light has come!
Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty,
good tidings to the poor.

- 3.. Arise, your light has come!
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.
4. Arise, your light has come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing,
God's pow'r will make us strong.

GREETING

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

V: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

V: Let us pray. 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.

WORD

READING: Genesis 1:1-5 (*Read by Doris Hanson*)

WA: A reading from the book of Genesis the first chapter.

WA: 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.

WA: Word of God, word of life.

V: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Celtic Alleluia" ELW #174 (*Sung by Fremont Ogle*)

Alleluia, alleluia.

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GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11 *(Read by Jodee Hub)*

WA: The holy gospel according to St. Mark the first chapter.

V: Glory to you, O Lord.

WA: 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."

WA: The gospel of the Lord.

V. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The creed will be shared on the screen. *(Read by Judy Ormsby)*

V: With all Christians around the world we confess our faith in the words of "The Nicene Creed"

**VC: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the**

scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(WA: Read by Diane Harrop) (VC: Read by LaDelle Daly)

Invitation To Prayer

WA: Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

WA: For the church throughout the world and its leaders, that guided by the Holy Spirit they proclaim the forgiveness of sins, let us pray.

VC: Have mercy, O God.

WA: For the nations of the world and their leaders, for laborers busy both day and night, and for peacemakers amid strife, that God inspire all people to use their strength wisely, let us pray.

VC: Have mercy, O God.

WA: For the sick and those who provide medical care, for the imprisoned and those who show them mercy, for the lonely and those who provide companionship, for all who suffer especially Herb and Teresa Schaepering, Mary Cramer, the family of Marcie Moore, the family and friends of Carl Johnson, William Fino, Anthony Fino, Eric Johnson, Lou Saugstad, Charles and Audry Klien, Michael Perron and sons, Jay Croft, Linda Fino, Rick Spaulding, Barbara Christ, Dawn Miller, Barbara Ann Shepherd, Steve Wren, the family of Clifford Whitmoyer, Christina, James Glass, Emmy Volenberg, Marcia Engler, Karen Braaksma, Ken Pheasant, Sharon Matusiak, Ed Fiordigigli and all others whom we name now aloud or in our hearts. **(Prayer leaders will pause and you are invited to unmute your mic and offer prayers.)**

VC: Have mercy, O God.

WA: For the congregation gathered here, for students returning to school, for those seeking renewal in their daily work, that all the beloved of God experience grace and peace, let us pray.

VC: Have mercy, O God.

WA: In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their labors, that their witness inspire us in our baptismal vocations, let us pray.

VC: Have mercy, O God.

WA: Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

VC: Amen.

STEWARDED GOD'S CREATION

V: Siblings in Christ, as we pause to listen to the offertory we are encouraged to consider our invitation to be stewards of the resources given to us by God. Offerings are an act of worship. Prayerfully consider how God invites us to offer what God has given to us. Offerings that are discerned to be offered to the Lord through the church of St. Matthias may be mailed to the church office. Offerings that are discerned to be offered to the Lord through the church of St. Paul's may be mailed to the church office or given online at the St. Paul's website. Let us prayerfully consider our offerings.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

(Sung by Deb Horn, Carlee Layton, Diane Harrop, Barb Christ and Rob Toth)

OFFERING

*To give your offering to St. Matthias, mail your offering to 417 Plaza Drive Dunedin, FL 34698.
To give your offerings to St. Paul's mail your offering to 407 S. Saturn Ave. Clearwater, FL 33755 or give online at www.stpaulsclearwater.org*

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD *(VC: Read by Judy Wylde)*

P: Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

VC: we give you thanks and praise.

P: By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

VC: we give you thanks and praise.

P: Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

VC: we give you thanks and praise.

P: Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

VC: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

V: Let us pray,

All will be muted. A bell will be rung to represent the magnitude of and joining together of our voices.

(VC: Jerry Glavin, and Bell Ringer, Carol Dunn.)

**VC: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Bell

Give us today our daily bread.

Bell

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

Bell

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

Bell

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Bell

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, who sent the Holy Spirit to Mary, proclaimed joy through the angels, sent the shepherds with good news, and led the magi by a star, bless you this day ✝ through the Word made flesh.

Amen.

P: *You are invited to sing along while muted at home.*

SENDING SONG “Alleluia, Song Of Gladness” ELW #318

Sung by Miguel Acta, Gretchen Bush, Dave Meeks and Bill Horne.)

1. Alleluia, song of gladness,
voice of joy that cannot die;
alleluia is the anthem
ever dear to choirs on high;
in the house of God abiding
thus they sing eternally.
2. Alleluia you are sounding,
true Jerusalem and free;
alleluia, joyful mother,
bring us to your jubilee;
here by Babylon's sad waters
mourning exiles still are we.
3. Alleluia cannot always
be our song while here below;
alleluia our transgressions
make us for a while forgo;
for the solemn time is coming
when our tears for sin shall flow.
4. In our hymns we pray with longing:
Grant us, blessed Trinity,
at the last to keep glad Easter
with the faithful saints on high;
there to you forever singing
alleluia joyfully.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

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