

EPIPHANY - Baptism of Jesus SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021

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Prelude: Song for Sienna; Marty Stuart CD Track 8 **“His Love Will Lead Us On”**

Welcome & Announcements

- **Tentative reconvening of activities** is set for after Jan. 22 if all is well.
- **The church is open 9-4 for any who would like to come in and meditate, talk or worship privately and in safety.**

Invocation

Prayer of Confession

P: Let us pray... Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, empowered by Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (brief silence)

L: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen

Absolution: Words of Comfort & Forgiveness

Hymn of **Thanksgiving and Praise:** Hymns of Faith II Track 2 **“The Church’s One Foundation”** (#369 green hymnal)

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 29

Listen to the Voice of God in a Great Storm (responsive reading) A Psalm of David.

¹Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, (*Heb. sons of gods*) **ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.**

²Ascribe to the LORD the glory of His name; **worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

³The voice of the LORD is over the waters; **the God of glory thunders,**
the voice of the LORD is **over mighty waters.**

⁴The voice of the LORD is powerful; **the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; **the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.**

⁶He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, **and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.** (*Kadesh is the Israelite camp near Mount Sinai, where they had been camped for nearly a year, before possessing the Promised Land according to Numbers 10:11-14:45*)

⁹The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, (*and causes the deer to calve*) **and strips the forest bare; and in His temple all say, “Glory!”**

¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; **the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

¹¹May the LORD give strength to His people! **May the LORD bless His people with peace!**

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**

Invitation to participate in the **Prayers of the Church**:

L: “Forgiven through grace and filled by the Spirit, let us join the whole people of God in Christ Jesus by praying for the church, our nation, the world, those in need, and all of God’s creation. Let us bring our hopes and needs to God who listens.” (brief silence)

Loving God, we give You thanks for the common life we share in You. We grieve the loss of unity in Christ and beg Your help in tearing down the walls of division within Your church. Lord in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit, You moved across the waters in Creation breathing life, growth, and beauty into all that You touched. Move us to gratefully receive all we have as Your gift; and to preserve the earth for the sake of all who follow us now, and in the ages to come. Lord in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Healer of our every ill, bless our *leaders*, our decision-makers, our peace officers, our medical personnel, and all who teach with strong moral values, good judgement, patience, compassion, and knowledge. In Your mercy give healing, peace, and comfort to all who suffer in mind, body or spirit, especially (list). Lord in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Gracious Father, comfort the forgotten, those separated from home and family, those near death and those who grieve. Lord in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Savior of all, in the waters of baptism, You claim us as beloved children and heirs of Your kingdom. Shower Your joy on all those who are preparing to confirm their faith, that all may know the delight and freedom of Your presence, and the relief of Your guidance. We pray especially for the families of Bennett & Gloria Osmonson, Nina Palubicki, Darren & Lori Paulson, Vera Pearson, and Nathan & Jessie Pederson. Lord in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Lord of the Nations, we give thanks for the saints from every place and generation who followed You through the waters of baptism, renewed by holy communion, that followed You with willing steps leaving us with a legacy of faith. **Amen.**

Hymn in preparation to hear the Word: Ultimate Collection CD 1 Track 5 “**For the Beauty of the Earth**” (#561 green hymnal)

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 1:1-5 **Six Days of Creation and the Sabbath**

In 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 (*ruha the breath*) from God, (*like a mighty wind*) 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.

SECOND LESSON: Acts 19:1-7 **Paul in Ephesus**

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.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (Psalm 119:105) Songs 4 Worship Song #2 (Blue Hymnal p184)

THE GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11

John 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."

Children's Sermon/Sermon

Hymn of Faith: 100 Best Loved Hymns CD 2 Track 24 "Just as I Am" (p96 green hymnal)

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day, he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

P: THE PEACE OF THE LORD BE WITH YOU. C: **AND ALSO WITH YOU**

P: Lift up your hearts. C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord. C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly right and salutary ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn...

"Awesome God" Songs 4 Worship CD song #3

The Words of Institution

(During these holy words of Jesus, those of you at home please lift your earthly elements to the Lord to be blessed.)

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.

*During Distribution of Holy Communion, please maintain a **6-foot distance** from the family unit in front of you, wear **masks** & use **hand sanitizer**. Feel free to take **prayer time** afterwards in your pew.*

L: *The body of Christ given for you; and the blood of Christ shed for you.* C: **Amen.**

Songs during Communion Distribution: Joel Dunrud CD Track 3 "Medley Seek Ye First /Alleluia/ I Love You Lord"

Communion Blessing & Benediction

P: God calls us in Baptism to be His own beloved children. C: **And that makes all the difference.**

Closing Hymn: Hymns of Worship Best Loved Hymns CD2, Track 5 "A Mighty Fortress" (p228 green hymnal)

P: Go in peace; rest in the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional: Marty Stuart Tracks 7 & 8 "Walking in Jerusalem Just like John" & Fear Not" & Brian Crane