GRACE LUTHERAN CHAPEL

*Grace Chapel exists to make and keep disciples for Jesus Christ.*

The Baptism of Our Lord

**Saturday, January 9, 2021 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, January 10, 2021 - 8:00 a.m.**

WELCOME/GREETING

OPENING HYMN “To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord,” No. 405

**1 To Jordan’s river came our Lord,  
The Christ, whom heav’nly hosts adored,  
 The God from God, the Light from Light,  
 The Lord of glory, pow’r, and might.**

**2 The Savior came to be baptized—  
The Son of God in flesh disguised—  
 To stand beneath the Father’s will  
 And all His righteousness fulfill.**

**3 As Jesus in the Jordan stood  
And John baptized the Lamb of God,  
 The Holy Spirit, heav’nly dove,  
 Descended on Him from above.**

**4 Then from God’s throne with thund’rous sound  
Came God’s own voice with words profound:  
 “This is My Son,” was His decree,  
 “The one I love, who pleases Me.”**

**5 The Father’s word, the Spirit’s flight  
Anointed Christ in glorious sight  
 As God’s own choice, from Adam’s fall  
 To save the world and free us all.**

**6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;  
This man is Christ, our substitute!  
 He was baptized in Jordan’s stream,  
 Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.**

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INVOCATION

*In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

*In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.*

**And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.**

*And God said, “Let there be light.”*

**The voice of the Lord is over the waters.**

*The voice of the Lord is powerful.*

**The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

*The voice of the Lord reveals Jesus as His Son.*

**The voice of the Lord reveals we are His children too.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*In Holy Baptism, each of us was baptized into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. In Baptism, we were united with Christ. Yet, we have often lived as if we were entirely independent. We have lived as if our identity were not in Jesus, but in our own selfish desires. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to turn back to Him and ask for His forgiveness.*

*(Silence for reflection.)*

*Heavenly Father,*

**we confess that we are by nature sinful and have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. On account of Jesus, forgive us, renew us, and unite us to Your name.**

*Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you. In Baptism, you were united to Christ in both His death and resurrection. You were buried with Him, but also raised to walk in newness of life. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen. We are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.**

HYMN OF PRAISE “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,” No.790, vv. 1 & 5

**1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!  
    Let all who hear  
    Now to His temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration!**

**5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
    Let the Amen  
    Sound from His people again;  
Gladly forever adore Him!**

SALUTATION

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Let us pray. Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River, You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. **2**The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

**3**And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. **4**And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. **5**God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

*This is the Word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 29 *(Spoken responsively)*

*1Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.*2Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

***3****The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters.***4The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

***5****The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.*6He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

***7****The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.***8The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

***9****The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, “Glory!”*

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

***11****May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!*

EPISTLE Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? **2**By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? **3**Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? **4**We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

**5**For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. **6**We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. **7**For one who has died has been set free from sin. **8**Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. **9**We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. **10**For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. **11**So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

*This is the Word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL Mark 1:4-11

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

**4**John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. **5**And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. **6**Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. **7**And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. **8**I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

**9**In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. **10**And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. **11**And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.* **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come 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.**

OFFERING PRAYER

SERMON “Baptism and Identity in Christ”

Romans 6:1-11 – Pastor Eric Stacy

SERMON HYMN “God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It,” No. 594

**1 God’s own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!  
He, because I could not pay it, Gave my full redemption price.  
Do I need earth’s treasures many? I have one worth more than any  
    That brought me salvation free Lasting to eternity!**

**2 Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!  
I have comfort even stronger: Jesus’ cleansing sacrifice.  
Should a guilty conscience seize me Since my Baptism did release me  
    In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus’ blood?**

**3 Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!  
Drop your ugly accusation, I am not so soon enticed.  
Now that to the font I’ve traveled, All your might has come unraveled,  
    And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!**

**4 Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ!  
When I die, I leave all sadness To inherit paradise!  
Though I lie in dust and ashes Faith’s assurance brightly flashes:  
    Baptism has the strength divine To make life immortal mine.**

**5 There is nothing worth comparing To this lifelong comfort sure!  
Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I’ll sleep secure.  
Though my flesh awaits its raising, Still my soul continues praising:  
    I am baptized into Christ; I’m a child of paradise!**

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.  
Dear heavenly Father, in the Jordan River, You revealed Jesus to be Your beloved Son. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,*

**reveal Your grace to us.**

*Lord, strengthen all those who have been baptized, especially those who have been baptized recently, with Your heavenly protection. Lead them to find their true identity in You as Your beloved sons and daughters. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,*

**reveal Your grace to us.**

*Lord, comfort all those who are suffering in grief. Console them with the sure and certain hope that just as we have been united with Christ in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,*

**reveal Your grace to us.**

*Lord, give courage to all those who live in conflict with their family members, especially regarding differences of faith. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,*

**reveal Your grace to us.**

*Lord, bless all pastors, church planters, missionaries, and servants in Your Church who proclaim Your Word and administer Your Sacraments. Embolden them to seek and to save the lost and bring those who have strayed back into Your family. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,*

**reveal Your grace to us.**

*Lord, place Your healing hand upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering. Have mercy upon them, and lead them on the path to health according to Your will. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,*

**reveal Your grace to us.**

*Lord, we commend all these things to You in the name of Your beloved Son, Jesus. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,*

**reveal Your grace to us. Amen.**

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.**

BENEDICTION

*The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to*

*you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.*

**Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “Baptized into Your Name Most Holy,” No. 590

**1 Baptized into Your name most holy, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
I claim a place, though weak and lowly, Among Your saints, Your chosen host.  
 Buried with Christ and dead to sin, Your Spirit now shall live within.**

**2 My loving Father, here You take me To be henceforth Your child and heir.  
My faithful Savior, here You make me The fruit of all Your sorrows share.  
 O Holy Spirit, comfort me When threat’ning clouds around I see.**

**3 My faithful God, You fail me never; Your promise surely will endure.  
O cast me not away forever If words and deeds become impure.  
 Have mercy when I come defiled; Forgive, lift up, restore Your child.**

**4 All that I am and love most dearly— Receive it all, O Lord, from me.  
Let me confess my faith sincerely; Help me Your faithful child to be!  
 Let nothing that I am or own Serve any will but Yours alone.**

POSTLUDE

*Grace is for all!*