



**January 10, 2021**  
**Baptism of Our Lord**

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**PRELUDE**

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*Christ, When For Us You Were Baptized*

**HYMN #304**

1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you  
2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant  
3 Straight- way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the  
4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be

came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as  
true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's  
call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to  
signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may

ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.  
ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.  
give your life for all, to give your life for all.  
per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

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**GREETING**

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.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive 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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## KYRIE

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

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 mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

KRISTY WICKLUND

## READING: Acts 19:1-7.

*In Ephesus, Paul encounters people who had received John's baptism of repentance but had never heard of the Holy Spirit or of baptism in the name of Jesus. After Paul baptizes them, the Holy Spirit comes upon them and empowers them with gifts of the Spirit.*

<sup>1</sup>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."

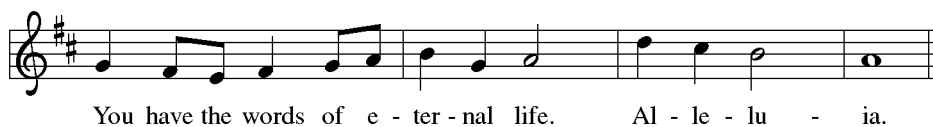
<sup>3</sup>Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism."

<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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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## GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11

The holy gospel according to St. Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Mark's gospel reports the story of Jesus' baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.*

<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." <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."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

*Marked By God's Love*

VICAR LYNN MELCHIOR

HYMN OF THE DAY

All Are Welcome

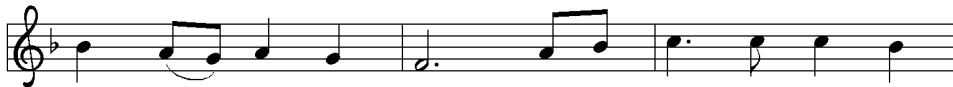
HYMN #641, v.1,3



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
 end to fear and dan - ger:  
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

*For those of us who have been baptized, this is an opportunity to remember our baptism. Many of us were too young to remember our baptism. These are the promises that our parents and sponsors made for us during our baptism. Also, when someone is confirmed, they affirm their baptism. This is not considered a baptism or second baptism or a confirmation – simply a recommitment.*

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**C: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

P: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

**C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

*O Morning Star How Fair and Bright*

**HYMN #308, v.3**

3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there falls from God above a ray of purest pleasure. Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood refresh our souls with heav'nly food. You are our dearest treasure! Let your mercy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.

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## COMMUNION

This is the Lord's Table, all are welcome here. In your home is an ordinary table now set apart and holy, Christ is present there. All are welcome to partake in the Lord's Supper, wherever you may be. The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, throughout the generations you have come to be present with us at our tables, turning ordinary meals into holy moments for us to experience your grace in tangible ways. In an upper room of a guest house 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.

The body of Christ given for you. *(all share in eating the bread)*

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.

The blood of Christ shed for you. *(all sharing in drinking of the cup)*

Together as the body of Christ, trusting that the distance that separates us is bridged by the Holy Spirit who makes us one, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

### COMMUNION HYMN

*Beautiful Savior*

**HYMN #838, v.1,4**

- 1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- 4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904

### 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.**

### BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

*Shine Jesus Shine*

**HYMN #671, v.1,2**

*Refrain:* Shine, Jesus, shine Fill this land with the Father's glory; Blaze, Spirit, blaze Set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow Flood the nations with grace and mercy; Send forth your word Lord, and let there be light

v.1 Lord, the light of your love is shining, In the midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us, Set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me:

*Refrain*

v.2 As we gaze on your kingly brightness, So our faces display your likeness, Ever changing from glory to glory, Mirrored here may our lives tell your story, Shine on me, shine on me:

*Refrain*

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### DISMISSAL

**Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

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**FIRST LUTHERAN ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY JANUARY 10, 2021**  
Church phone number 739-3348 and email [office@flcff.org](mailto:office@flcff.org)

**The flowers on the altar** are given by Augustana Lutheran Church.

**The radio broadcast** is sponsored by Russell Anderson in memory of his wife Alice, who joined the church triumphant 6 years ago this day.

**In-person worship is paused.** Worship continues to be with Augustana and will be broadcast on the radio and YouTube. **On-site meetings (except for recovery groups) and education** also continue to be paused. The church building remains locked, however staff will be in the office. Please call 739-3348 if you need to get in the building.

**Coming up this week:**

- Monday, January 11, 2021 at 5:15 pm Foundation Annual Meeting via Zoom.
- Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 6:00 pm Church Council via Zoom.
- Wednesday, January 13, 2021 FLY K-6 – watch for info.

**Ice Skating on Lake Alice for Sunday School age children** on Sunday, January 17 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. See the Messenger for additional information, or contact Kristy.

**How Can I Help? If you have items to drop off, please call the church office and we will open the door for you. 739-3348.**

- **The Riverside Lions collect eyeglasses** for reuse. Drop off bin in the Narthex.
- **Change to Make a Change** – There is a large plastic bottle in the Narthex. The money collected will go to help feed the hungry – 75% locally and 25% worldwide.
- **Green Living is promoted by Lion Clubs International.** There is a receptacle in the narthex for recycling clean plastic bags & wraps.

**Meals by Wheels Board of Directors** is looking for additional people to join their board. The board meets four times a year. If you are interested, please contact one of the board members from First Lutheran: Joan Anderson 218-731-7664 or Dolores Simdorn 218-770-5530.

**Sponsorship Sheets for 2021 Radio broadcasts and Altar flowers** are on the kiosk in the Narthex. Radio broadcasts are \$100.00 and flowers cost approximately \$45.00. Call the office to check on available dates.

**Christ in Our Home Devotional booklets** for January – March 2021 are available in the Narthex or the Little Free Library.

**Finance Open Forum** to discuss questions on the proposed 2021 budget will be held via Zoom on Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am.

**Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held via Zoom on January 31, 2021 at 12:30 pm. Please call the church at 739-3348 to sign-up so we can assure we have a quorum of 50 members.

**Pay it Forward Drive-Thru Meal** from the American Legion will be on Sunday, January 31 from 10:45 am until the food is gone. Sign-up to reserve a dinner (call the office 739-3348) before noon on January 21 to ensure we have ordered enough dinners. Menu is ham, cheesy potatoes and a dinner roll. If you don't make a reservation, you can stop to see if there is a meal available. You may make a contribution for your meal, or pay it forward for someone else, but a contribution is not required. Thank you to the Discipleship and Fellowship Committees are coordinating this event.

**Financial Update:** As of December 28, 2020, year-to-date revenue: \$454,320, year-to-date budget \$469,000.



ANNUAL  
CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING

2021 First Lutheran Annual Meeting  
Sunday, January 31, 2021



12:30 pm via Zoom  
(link will be sent)



*Please call the church office 739-3348 before January 27 to sign-up  
(to make sure we have a quorum of 50 members)*

*“Pay it Forward Drive Thru American Legion Ham Dinner”*

**Sunday, January 31**

**Pick-Up begins at 10:45 am - Upper Level - Under the Canopy**

- Call the church office at 739-3348 before noon on January 21 to reserve a dinner. We pre-ordered 200 dinners and can order more if needed.
- Meal: Ham, cheesy potatoes and dinner roll.
- Non-reserved dinners will go out on a first come first served basis.
- There will also be drive thru Holy Communion.
- You may make a contribution for your meal, or pay it forward for someone else, but contributions are **not** required.

*Thanks to the Discipleship and Fellowship Teams for coordinating this event!*

