

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JANUARY 10, 2021 GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

PRELUDE

SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE

CHERWIEN

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God, you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us.

We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.

How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of + Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN 308

- O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's own truth and light, aglow with grace and mercy! Of Jacob's line, King David's son, our Lord and Savior, you have won our hearts to serve you only! Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing! Rule and might o'er all possessing!
- 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.

O MORNING STAR, HOW FAIR AND BRIGHT

3 Almighty Father, in your Son you loved us, when not yet begun was this old earth's foundation! Your Son has ransomed us in love to live in him here and above: this is your great salvation. Alleluia! Christ the living, to us giving life forever, keeps us yours and fails us never!

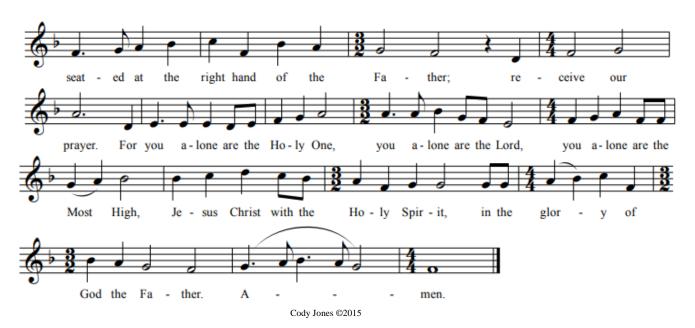
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GREETING

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

HYMN OF PRAISE





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.**

READING

GENESIS 1:1-5

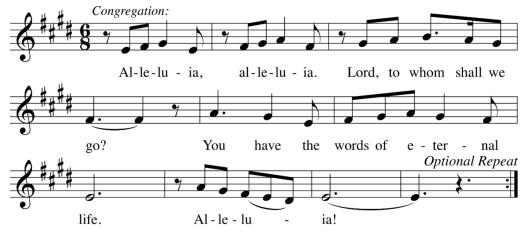
A reading from Genesis

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 453

CODY JONES

BAPTIZED AND SET FREE

CODY JONES

1 We peo sen by God. ple ted, cho are cre a 2 We fed and we're ished. filled freshed. are nour and re 3 We nour - ished by all liv ing things, are wa ter. -4 Now with praise and thanks giv join the song. ing, we Then we're washed, ev gent - ly, love. er in mer _ cv and Then our turns and bless'd. hun ger re _ gain we are a that brings. and by life the Spir - it а bun - dant - ly gath - er All are wel - come! We sing loud and strong. to Sin pow door has no more. Je - sus o - pened the er For the God deed: what - ev need, is great - er in er jour - ney As we toward home. may your pres - ence be known: Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on. all will be a Foun-tain bring-ing heal - ing, and to whole - ness and more. end-less O - cean, al-ways deep - er than all of our need. pre-cious Riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now home. car - ry us one in wa - ter, bap - tized Je - sus, one in and set free!

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APOSTLES' CREED

Let us confess our faith.

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

The congregation responds to each petition with "Have mercy, O God."

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. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The congregation is invited to share the peace either by waving to your car neighbors or by taking this time to quickly send a text message offering God's peace.

BENEDICTION

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

SENDING HYMN 310

- Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise; manifested by the star to the sages from afar, branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem: anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.
- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest, and king supreme; and at Cana wedding guest in thy Godhead manifest; manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine; anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

- 3 Manifest in making whole weakened body, fainting soul; manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might; manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill: anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.
- 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, present in thy holy word; grace to imitate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou; that we might become like thee at thy great epiphany, and may praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.

POSTLUDE

O MORNING STAR, HOW FAIR AND BRIGHT

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LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Blue Ridge of Sumter – Virginia Stephens Colonial Gardens Nursing Home – Irene S. Poole Lowman Home – Rosemarie Brown, Marianne De Werdt, Martha Haigler NHC Parklane – Mary Allen, Becky Silvia The Palmettos – Sara Loyd Rice Estate – Grace Boozer Wellmore of Lexington – Dot Correll, Bev Weymouth Wellmore of Daniel Island – Barbara Sutton Wildewood Downs – Joanna Carpenter, Dot Gibert At their homes – Gwen Barnes, Helen Derrick, Sylvia Anne Derrick, Larry Evans, Bonnie Hammond, Jeannine Jameson, Carol Mayfield, Doris McCaughey, Margaret Moody, Mary Sox, and Nancy Taylor

DECEMBER 31, 2020 ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

No Drive-In Worship Service Held January 3, 2021

While we are not worshiping in the Sanctuary, Financial Reports may be obtained by calling the church office

*Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Collections needed: \$8,825 *Current Expenses & Benevolences Received: \$25,515

Office Windows Replacement	\$30	Food Pantry	\$130
Memorial Fund	\$605	Memorial Garden Interment Reservations	\$1,800
Ramp Fund – Curtis Easter Memorial	\$175	Memorial Garden Nameplate	\$700
Capital Improvement-FAB Lighting	\$2,000	December 2020 Social Ministry Focus – Lighthouse for Life and Children's Advocacy Center	\$120
Organ Fund	\$100	Processing Fee	\$2

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS OFFERINGS

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE – will meet Sunday, January 24, 2021, at 2:30 p.m. in the FAB. Zoom invites will be made available upon request. Contact: Peter Zornow at zornowpd@juno.com, 803-542-7071, or cell: 803-739-7570.

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION – will meet via Zoom, Sunday, January 31, 2021, at 2:30 p.m. Contact Peter Zornow for a Zoom invite at zornowpd@juno.com, 803-542-7071, or cell: 803-739-7570.

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES are on a table in the Chapel. If you have not done so, please come by and pick up your envelopes.

SOCIAL MINISTRY JANUARY EMPHASIS – The Woodyard Fund is a joint project of The State newspaper and The Salvation Army. The Woodyard Fund helps residents in crisis in Richland, Lexington, Newberry and Fairfield counties pay utilities bills. Applicants are vetted and must meet certain criteria to receive aid. If you'd like to support this effort, you may contribute any time during

January by sending your offering to the church office or dropping it off when you come to the Drive-In Worship Service. Checks should be made to Good Shepherd and designated for The Woodyard Fund.

SIGN UP TO OFFER FLOWERS FOR 2021 — The sign-up chart for offering altar flowers is on the **BULLETIN BOARD** in the Narthex. Please sign up – with your phone number – for the dates you want to offer flowers in 2021. We will not be ordering the altar rose and narthex flowers until we are meeting in the Sanctuary again.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY – Meet in the FAB on Tuesday mornings at 11:30 a.m. for a Bible Study. *Masks and social distancing required.*

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY will be led by Pastor Andrew each Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. A reminder with a meeting link will be sent by email each week.