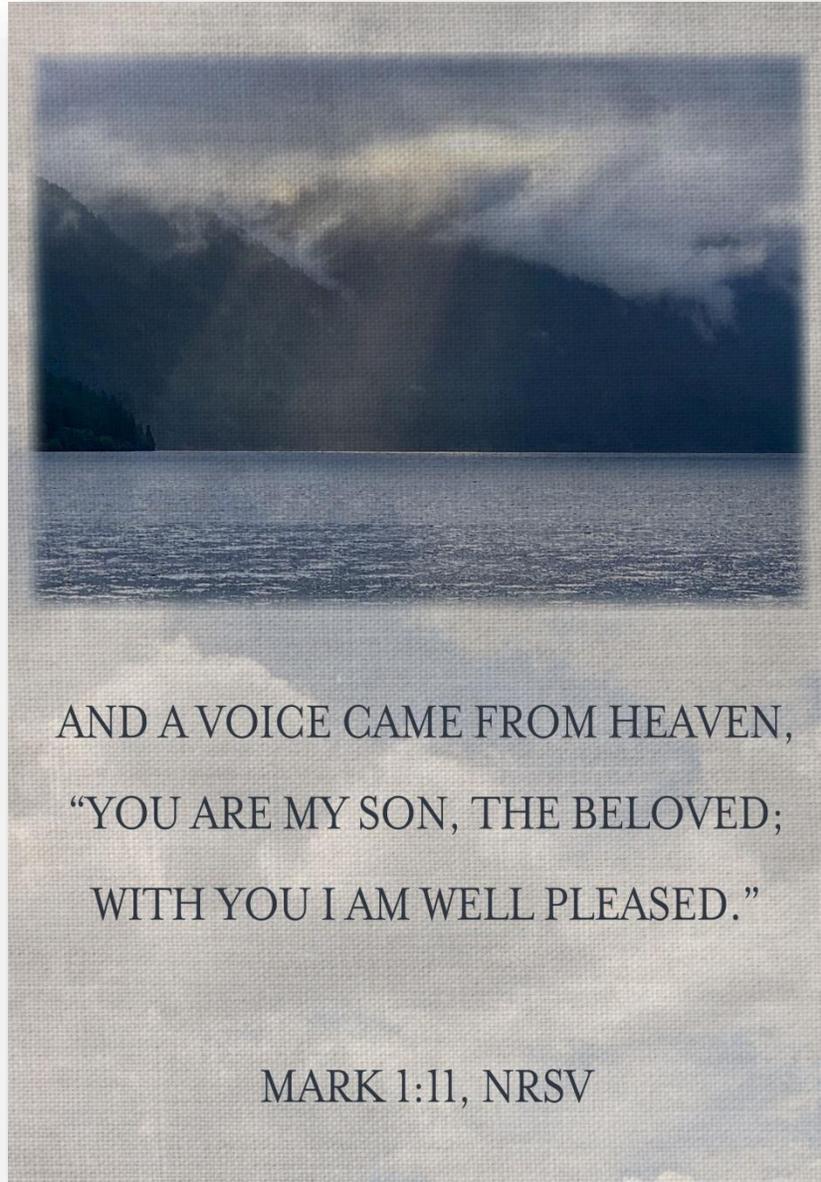


Baptism of Our Lord



AND A VOICE CAME FROM HEAVEN,
“YOU ARE MY SON, THE BELOVED;
WITH YOU I AM WELL PLEASED.”

MARK 1:11, NRSV

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Appleton, Wisconsin
January 10, 2021**

Mission Statement
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is a family of Christians
Growing in Faith and Reaching out in Love

PoP Vision 2024
We will be...
... an engaged and inclusive congregation of disciples,
transforming the lives in our community
through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Welcome to God's House which is the spiritual home of all who worship today, wherever you may be. Part of Prince of Peace Church's mission statement says that we are "a family of Christians." Because God has made us family, we are together, even though we are physically separated, to receive the Lord's strength, comfort and peace. Christ, our brother, is with us, and his presence will change us. As new people, we leave this time of worship to live our daily lives in the world as ambassadors for Christ. Go, but remember to come home. See you next Sunday!

The Glass Cross on the Altar is unique. There are only 3 of these handmade crosses in the world. The other two are in congregations with whom we share our ministry. One is on the altar of Kopano Lutheran Church in Mogwase, South Africa and the other is at the Evangelische Stadtpfarrkirche Hermannstadt in Sibiu, Romania. These Lutheran churches are ministry partners with us with whom we have shared visits, resources and mutual support. Each Sunday as we gather in worship under this common cross, we are reminded of our faith in our Savior, Jesus the Christ, whose Spirit unites peoples of different countries, races, cultures and histories under His benevolent love.

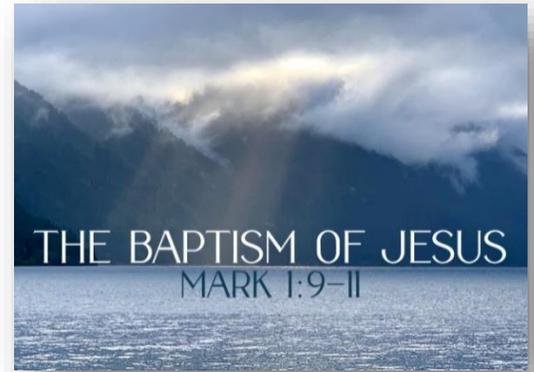
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P-Pastor R-Reader C-Congregation



GATHERING MUSIC

Waterlife

Handt Hanson/arr. Phil Kadidlo

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

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.

C **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.**

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

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.

C **Amen**

GATHERING SONG

Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God

ELW 458

Praise and thanksgiving be to God our maker,
source of all blessing, prodigal creator.
Baptized and made your own, now we come before you,
and we adore you.

Not our own holiness, nor that we have striven
brings us the peace which you, O Christ, have given.
Baptized and set apart, strengthen us, O Savior,
with grace and favor.

Come, Holy Spirit, come in visitation;
you are the truth, our hope, and our salvation.
Baptize with joy and pow'r; give, O Dove descending,
life never ending.

Praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
 one Lord, one faith, one source of ev'ry merit.
 Here now renew your church through this symbol given;
 grant peace from heaven.

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GREETING

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

C **And also with you.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Glory Be to God in Heaven



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, throned on 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!

Text: Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951, based on "Gloria in excelsis Deo"
 Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, adapt.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **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**

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-5

Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the formless void, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for us. God created and continues to create new life.

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.

R Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND 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.

¹While 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.

R Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:4-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

C **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."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE & SONG

Brigetta Wingender & Musicians

I Was Baptized, Happy Day!

I was bap-tized, hap-py day! All my sins were washed a-way.

God looked down on me and smiled. I be-came God's own dear child.

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Music: French traditional
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SERMON

Pastor Jennifer DeNetz

HYMN OF THE DAY

Baptized and Set Free

ELW 453

We are people created, chosen by God.
Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.
Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door
to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.

We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed.
Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed.
For whatever the need, God is greater indeed:
endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.

We are nourished by water, all living things,
and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.
As we journey toward home, may your presence be known:
precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.

Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.
All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.
Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be
one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

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NICENE CREED

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith of the Nicene Creed.

C **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**

OFFERING

We Are an Offering

ELW 692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to You: we are an offering.
Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands,
Lord use our lives they are Yours: We are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are,
All that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to You: we are an offering, we are an offering.

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OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

C **O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. Amen**

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

Petitions end: Hear us, O God.

Response: **Your mercy is great.**

P 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.

C **Amen**

P And now, let us pray together the prayer our Lord Jesus, the Christ, taught us to pray.

C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

FINAL BLESSING

P God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter † keep you in peace.

C **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN

Borning Cry

ELW 732

"I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."

"When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun."

"In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise."

"I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold."

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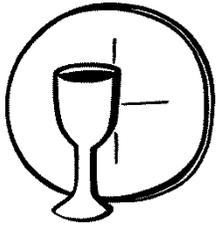
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DISMISSAL

P Prince of Peace is a family of Christians, growing in faith and reaching out in love.
Be at peace. Be the light of Christ.

C **Thanks be to God.**





LIVESTREAM COMMUNION LITURGY

We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus

ELW 451

We are baptized in Christ Jesus, we are baptized in his death;
that as Christ is raised victorious, we might live a brand-new life.
And if we have been united in a dreadful death like his,
we will all be reunited, for he lives.

In the water and the witness, in the breaking of the bread,
in the waiting arms of Jesus who is risen from the dead,
God has made a new beginning from the ashes of our past;
in the losing and the winning we hold fast.

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son,
glory to the Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one;
as it was in the beginning, glory now resounds again
in a song that has no ending. Amen

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WELCOME

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

- P Blessed are you O God, for you made the earth and all that is, and declared it good.
C **Blessed are you.**
P In Christ you entered into creation, into our humanity, into our vulnerability, into our mortality.
C **Blessed are you.**
P You stayed with us through conflict, through suffering, through death.
C **Blessed are you for raising Jesus from the dead, in him promising new life to all.**

INVITATION

- P Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus. Come and be fed.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(Pastor will lead this, line by line; you are invited to repeat each line and do the same actions. When we have finished these words, then communion may be shared.)

- P In the night in which our Lord was betrayed ... *(repeat)*
he took bread and gave thanks ... *(repeat, may raise bread)*
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying ... *(repeat)*
Take and eat; this is my body given for you ... *(repeat)*
Do this for the remembrance of me *(repeat)*
Again, after supper he took the cup, and gave thanks ... *(repeat, may raise cup)*
and gave it for all to drink, saying, ... *(repeat)*
This cup is the new covenant in my blood ... *(repeat)*
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin *(repeat)*
For as often as we eat of this bread ... *(repeat)*
and drink from this cup ... *(repeat)*
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes... *(repeat)*

(You may now share the bread and wine with one another. You may use these or similar words.)

- This is the body of Christ, broken for you.
- This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

Parents/Caregivers speak a blessing over younger children who have not completed communion instruction, saying, “Remember always, you are a beloved child of God!” (or another blessing listed below).

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P Great God of gifts,

C **We Thank You!**

P You feed us in many ways

C **and we are grateful to receive!**

P We look to you;

C **we look to each other, and we praise your name.**

P As you’ve fed us,

C **now make us food for the world!**

P As this meal empowers us

C **To Grow in Faith and Reach out to others in Love! Thank you, Great God of gifts! AMEN**

DISMISSAL

P Go in Peace! Serve the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God!**

What to do about blessing children?

Parents/Caregivers should speak a blessing over younger children who aren’t communing. Please do not commune children who have not completed instruction from PoP. You may place your hands on their heads as you speak the blessing. Both parents/caregivers can do this together. Here are some suggestions. You may use these or similar words that come from your heart.

- Remember always, you are a beloved child of God!
- May you always know Jesus loves you!
- Jesus died and rose again for you and for all and watches over us.
- May God keep you in the covenant of your baptism.

What to do with the leftovers?

Any bread or wine/grape juice that is left over may be consumed. Even though it has been consecrated for this meal, it is not any more holy than ordinary bread, wine or grape juice. It is to remind us that all food is holy and is a gift from God. Wine may be consumed or poured out on the ground as a sign of God’s gift poured out for all on the earth. Bread may also be placed outside to benefit God’s creatures or used in one’s daily meals as a reminder of God’s gift of our daily bread. If you have a loaf of bread left over, why not use this as a gift to share with your family or neighbors. Include a little note that says something like, “Jesus is the Bread of Life. Here is a gift of bread that was made for your daily life! Enjoy!”

A final favor! Let us know how it went!

This Livestream Communion is new to us during this pandemic. However, if we go back to the earliest days in Christian history, this was how communion was done, in peoples’ homes. Of course, they didn’t have computers or cell phones to unite them all together, but we do! So, we would like to see and hear your stories. Send us a picture or two, or even a video (popappleton.org) of how you set your table, what bread or wine you used, who was there (names optional), greetings to other members of the Church Deployed! Then come back to the Table on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 9:40 a.m. during this pandemic and invite your friends, family and neighbors to join us!

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