First Sunday after EPIPHANY



Welcome to Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

By God's grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, we are called to: Worship God, Grow in faith, Share the Gospel, Serve others, Welcome all



Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.



WELCOME Pastor Judy Brennan

PRELUDE Dean Robinson, organ

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Let us remember our baptism with thanksgiving.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.
Amen.

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.

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.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

LITANY FOR EIPHANY

from "Godspace" an online resource created by Christine Sine

God who revealed yourself to wise men following a star, Guide all who search and journey towards your light today.

God who unveiled yourself in the gift of a Son, Show yourself to all who seek after justice and righteousness today.

God who was baptized with those who declared their repentance in the Jordan river, Manifest yourself to all who come with repentant hearts today.

God who fed the five thousand with a handful of fish and loaves, Satisfy our hunger with your word of truth and love.

God who changed water into wine at a wedding, Fill all who thirst with the free gift of the water of life.

God whose light shines like a bright guiding star, open our eyes in this season of revelation, That we may see anew both your gentleness and your glory. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN ELW #304



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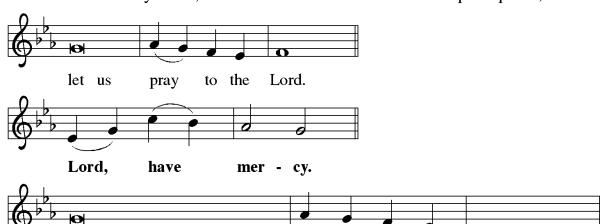
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KYRIE





For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



This Is the Feast



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.



FIRST LESSON Doug Lieberg

Genesis 1:1-5 (NRSV)

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.

SECOND LESSON Kirsten Clark

Acts 19:1-7 (NRSV)

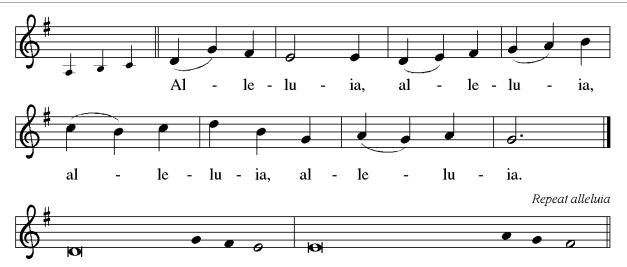
A reading from Acts.

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.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Holy Communion: Setting One



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11 (NRSV)

The gospel as recorded in the first chapter of 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.

Pastor Mark Griffith St. Luke's Lutheran Church

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #838



Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord of Light be with you this day and always. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition ends, "Hear us, O Lord."

To which the congregation responds, "Your mercy is great."

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.

OFFERING Dean Robinson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

May the power of God the Father strengthen you; May the love of God the Son be your shining star; And may the wisdom of God the Spirit guide your thoughts, words, and deeds; Now and forevermore. Amen.



CLOSING HYMN ELW #673



Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796

SENT TO SERVE

Jesus said, "As I have been sent, so also I send you."
By God's grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, we are called to:
Worship God,
Grow in Faith,
Share the Gospel,
Serve Others,
Welcome All. — Thanks be to God!



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