

Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)
North Branch, MN
Sunday, January 10th, 2021
Baptism of Our Lord/First Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome & Announcements

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.**

Song *"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)" (led by Barb Mork)*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul. Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul. I worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up. It's a new day dawning. It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the ev'ning comes.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul. Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul. I worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger. Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing; ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul. Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul. I worship Your holy name.

And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come,
still my soul will sing Your praise unending; ten thousand years and then forevermore!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul. Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul. I worship Your holy name.

I worship Your holy name. I worship Your holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul. I worship Your holy name.

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.

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.**

Scripture Reading *Acts 19:1-7 (read by Jane Magnison)*

While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?"

They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."

So Paul asked, "Then what baptism did you receive?"

"John's baptism," they replied.

Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve men in all.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 1:4-11

And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Pastor Jon Yurk

Song *"Baptized and Set Free" (led by Barb Mork)*

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, everflowing, 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!

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.

Prayers of Intercession

O God, give strength to your people.

Give us your blessings of peace.

Communion Liturgy/Communion

The Lord's Prayer *(led by Lee & Donna Setter)*

**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.**

Post-Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray, Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey.
Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in
your name. **Amen.**

Blessing

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

Song *"Beautiful Savior" (led by Barb Mork)*

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.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

Dismissal

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

Trinity's Prayer List

Those with cancer...

Wendy G - ovarian cancer (friend of Lori Goodroad) **Tim Rye** (brother of Lynda Chilstrom)
Deborah Jackson-brain tumors (niece of Kathleen Nordaune)
Scott Anderson-healing & treatment (son of Beverly Otterness)
MonaRae Cich-stage 4 cancer (niece of Darlene Nelson)
Phyllis Boho-stage 4 brain cancer (mother in law of Corey Ploetz)
Jerry Mollberg (friends of Jim & Pat Guptill)
Tom Schoon-kidney cancer stable, continued prayers of thanksgiving
(husband of former Trinity Pastor Sue Schoon)
Tom Olsen- Stage 4 lymphoma, lung and bladder cancer (dad of Jen Minick)
Corey Ploetz-Acute Myeloid Leukemia-hospitalized for treatment (son of Joanne Ploetz), bone marrow transplant at Phoenix Mayo, brother Craig was his donor
Danita Mattick-aggressive carcinoma (niece of Steve & Shari Denny)
Karla Hermann-cancer **Joy Lenzen** - breast cancer
JoAnn Peterson (friend of Jane O'Brien Bliss)
Kim Salo – breast cancer **Deb Nagle** – breast cancer **Tim D**-cancer (friend of Dan Newes)

And For...

Pam Mattick-at Gracepointe Crossing **John Elmstrand**-recovering at home
Pam Johnson-health concerns- Walker Health Facility, Mpls.
The Damjanac family as their mother battles cancer & depression
Summer Danich-(8 yr old daughter of Andrea & DJ – pacemaker surgery 1/28/2021)
Matthew Seidlecki-young child with spinal meningitis, surgeries, recovery
(friend of Kelly Rogstad)
Emily Rafferty- Lyme disease and serious co-infection
(daughter of Shawn & Tara Rafferty, niece of Dennis & Melissa Rafferty)
Diane Turnacliff-health concerns (mother of Gail Mattson)
Haiden Gallagher-heart transplant, stroke (friend of Allen Matkaiti)
Jason Battles- awaiting heart transplant (friend of Steve Hals)
Jan Nunery-cardio defibrillator implant (friend of Kathleen Nordaune)
Becca Nyreen-early stages of dementia (niece of Kathleen Nordaune)
Annabelle Johnson (friend of Nordaunes)
Bob Rupar-leukemia in remission (friend of Doug & Vicky Trampe)
Christopher Staples-personal crisis (son of Ron & Sharon Sperry; friends of Rosanne Johnson)
Kari Hoffman—stage 4 colon cancer (friend of Laura & Chris Darst)
Emmett Norman –multiple health concerns (infant son of Tandra & Matt Norman)
Scott Jensen -heart transplant (nephew of Kathleen Nordaune) **Ardell Ring**—health concerns
Dan & Shirley Walden (Martha Arnold's brother & sister in law)
Craig Nelson – stroke recovery (son of Karen Nelson)
Hope Tanko -undetermined autoimmune disease (daughter-in-law of Ann Tanko)
Orlando Brown-on dialysis, needs kidney transplant (friend of Tom & Candi Hals)
Earl Klint – broken hip & leg (friend of Tom & Candi Hals)
Rosemary Morrison & Allan Sissala, Orv (hospitalized) **& Bev Otterness**-Covid recovery
Rachel & Arick Madrigal family -house and all belongings destroyed in a fire (daughter of Cindee Anderson, niece of tom & Candi Hals)
Joanne Ploetz-health concerns

Missions: Pawaga, our sister congregation in Tanzania

Missionary: Dr. Stephen and Jody Swanson family, Tanzania

Those Serving in Active Duty: Eric Chilstrom, Abigail Peno Hales, Robert Hales, Aly Wuertz, Adam Wuertz, Jon Amundson, Rachel Bogart, Alex Fitcha, Josh Pfaffendorf, Gina Amundson, Justin Murray, Jonathan Fish, Jolene Amundson.

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