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**Baptism of Our Lord
January 9, 2022 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel and on Facebook Live**

Classic Communion Service

Here at Gethsemane we practice open communion, meaning all who believe in the power of Jesus Christ to bring salvation are welcome to join in. In our Lutheran understanding, both sacraments—Baptism and Holy Communion—are best conducted among the gathered assembly. If you are present on this live-stream, you are present in our assembly. The body of Christ is not limited by place or time, so even if you are on the replay of this service, you are part of our assembly. Any bread and any wine or grape juice will do. If you are celebrating as a family, please feel free to break the bread into the right number of portions or have a separate piece for each person. Same with the cup. You may have one cup for all or each member of the household use a separate cup. We believe the Christ is fully present in both Word and Sacrament, in both the bread and the wine/grape juice so if you only have one or the other, or even if you refrain from communion, you are not missing out. Remember it is not the type of bread or wine, nor is it the quantity, but it is your faith in taking the elements that is the window for the Holy Spirit to enter your life.

Welcome

Gathering Song

“This Is the Spirit's Entry Now”

ELW #448

- 1 This is the Spirit's entry now:
the water and the word,
the cross of Jesus on your brow,
the seal both felt and heard.
- 2 This miracle of life reborn
comes from the Lord of breath;
the sinless one from life was torn;
our life comes through his death.
- 3 Let water be the sacred sign
that we must die each day
to rise again by his design
as foll'wers of his way.
- 4 Renewing Spirit, hear our praise

for your baptismal pow'r
that washes us through all our days.
Come, cleanse again this hour.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who creates us,
redeems us,
and calls us by name.

Rejoice in this good news:

In ✝ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.
You are descendants of the Most High,
adopted into the household by Christ,
and inheritors of eternal life.
Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

Amen.

We confess our self-centeredness in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

**We confess that we have sinned against you
and your beloved children.
We have turned our faces away from your glory
when it did not appear as we expected.
We have rejected your word
when it made us confront ourselves.
We have failed to show hospitality
to those you called us to welcome.
Accept our repentance for the things we have done
and the things we have left undone.
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe
in the glory of your Son born among us,
and reflect your love for all creation.
Amen.**

**All: Trusting in the power of the presence of God, which gives us a renewed
confidence of being the gospel we believe in, we worship together.**

Greeting

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

All: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

One: We join in prayer...

All: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn of Dedication “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart” ELW #800 vss 1, 2, 3

- 1 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,
and make me love you as I ought to love.

- 2 I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no op'ning skies;
but take the dimness of my soul away.

- 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!

Text: George Croly, 1780-1860

Children’s Message

First Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

Near the end of Israel’s exile in Babylon, God promises to bring the people home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.

Second Reading

Acts 8:14-17

Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.

Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God’s beloved Son.

Sermon

Pastor Karla

- 1 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.

- 2 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.

- 3 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.

- 4 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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Prayer Quilt Dedication

Prayers of the People

Let the people of God be strengthened!

May Your people be blessed with peace! (Psalm 29:11)

Offering our Gifts for the Mission and Ministry of God's Church

We have prayed. We have sung. We have heard the Word. Now, being thankful for the ministry we are called to do, we invite you to offer yourself; your time, talents and treasure in faithful witness of the good things God has done for us and in confidence that our worship extends beyond this place and time. Your financial contributions are gratefully accepted to further the life and ministry of Gethsemane Lutheran.

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion

One: And now, join me in praying as our Lord Jesus taught us...

**All: 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.**

Communion Blessing

Community Announcements

Bible Study—Women of the New Testament—starting January 22, 10-11:30am

Marta Brown's Celebration of Life—January 22, 1pm

Congregational Meeting January 23 on Zoom, immediately after the 9:30 service, then conversation about what all the LGBATQIA+ letters mean as part of our discernment about becoming a Reconciling in Christ Congregation and being fully welcoming.

Blessing

Sending Song

“Light Dawns on a Weary World”

ELW #726

- 1 Light dawns on a weary world
when eyes begin to see
all people's dignity.
Light dawns on a weary world:
the promised day of justice comes.

Refrain

The trees shall clap their hands;
the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy,
and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

2 Love grows in a weary world
when hungry hearts find bread
and children's dreams are fed.
Love grows in a weary world:
the promised feast of plenty comes. *Refrain*

3 Hope blooms in a weary world
when creatures, once forlorn,
find wilderness reborn.
Hope blooms in a weary world:
the promised green of Eden comes. *Refrain*

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

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Sending

One: Go in peace

All: To explore the Faith

One: Live in peace

All: To express our faith to others

One: Share the peace

All: By inviting others to join us on this journey.

All: THANKS BE TO GOD. REJOICE IN CHRIST THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD!

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