

**Nativity Lutheran Church Worship January 10, 2021**  
**Baptism of Our Lord**

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering Song      *Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God*      ELW #458

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.**

A: In the beginning was the Word,

**C: and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

A: In the Word was life,

**C: and the life was the light of all people.**

A: The Word became flesh and lived among us,

**C: and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.**      *(John 1)*

Hymn of Praise (sung)      *Glory to God*      *(from With One Voice)*

**Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to God in the highest;  
glory to God, glory to God,  
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:  
We worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to God in the highest;  
glory to God, glory to God,  
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of  
the world: have mercy on us.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father;  
receive our prayer.**

**Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to God in the highest;  
glory to God, glory to God,  
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to God in the highest;  
glory to God, glory to God,  
and peace to God's people on earth,  
and peace to God's people on earth.**

Prayer of the Day

**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.**

Lesson: Genesis 1:1-5

You may follow along in your Bible if you would like to

Psalms 29

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of  
glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;**

**the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup>**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD  
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup>**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe  
and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

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Sermon

Hymn: Baptized and Set Free

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Remembrance of Baptism

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: In the waters of holy baptism God liberates us  
from the power of sin and death, forever  
joining us to the death and resurrection of  
our Lord Jesus Christ. With the whole church  
let us confess our faith as we remember our  
baptism.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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 into hell.**

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints,**

Offering Prayer

**O God, receive our 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

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

*A brief silence.*

**the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

THANKSGIVING FOR WATER

*The pastor will conclude each petition with*

*"We praise you, O God, for water"*

*The people respond:*

**We praise you, O God, for water!**

*The pastor will end the prayer*

*"Amen, and Amen"*

*The people respond:*

**Amen, and Amen!**

BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

*Using the water in your bowl gently trace a sign*

*of the cross upon your forehead as you say*

*"I am God's beloved, marked by the cross of  
Christ and sealed by the Holy Spirit."*

P: Almighty God,

You have given us a new birth by water and the  
Holy Spirit and bestowed on us the forgiveness  
of sins. Keep us in eternal life through the grace  
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

For the church throughout the world and its  
leaders, that guided by the Holy Spirit they  
proclaim the forgiveness of sins, let us pray.  
**Have mercy, O God.**

For wilderness and water, wind and wild beasts, and all living things on earth, that God's goodness is revealed through creation and faithful stewards care for all God has made, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the nations of the world and their leaders, for laborers busy both day and night, and for peacemakers amid strife, that God inspire all people to use their strength wisely, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the sick and those who provide medical care, for the imprisoned and those who show them mercy, for the lonely and those who provide companionship, for all who suffer (*especially*), that God shower compassion, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the congregation gathered here, for students returning to school, for those seeking renewal in their daily work, that all the beloved of God experience grace and peace, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their labors, that their witness inspire us in our baptismal vocations, let us pray.

**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.**

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### 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.**

### Blessing

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

**Amen.**

Closing Hymn: *Shine Jesus Shine* ELW #671

### Postlude and Announcements

### Dismissal

Our worship has ended but our service has just begun. Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God**

### Fellowship time

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### Scripture for individual devotions or study this week:

<b>Mon — Jan. 11</b>	Genesis 17:1-13	Romans 4:1-12	Psalms 69:1-5, 30-36
<b>Tue — Jan. 12</b>	Exodus 30:22-38	Acts 22:2-16	Psalms 69:1-5, 30-36
<b>Wed — Jan. 13</b>	Isaiah 41:4-12	John 1:29-34	Psalms 69:1-5, 30-36
<b>Thu — Jan. 14</b>	Judges 2:6-15	2 Corinthians 10:10-11	Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18
<b>Fri — Jan. 15</b>	Judges 2:16-23	Acts 13:16-25	Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18
<b>Sat — Jan. 16</b>	1 Samuel 2:21-25	Matthew 25:1-13	Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

Revised Common Lectionary readings for next Sunday, January 17, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-20, Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18, 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, John 1:43-51

## Weekly Announcements

### **Please remember in your prayers this week**

Joni Amalfitano; The family of Margaret Guilkey; Beccy Chamberlain; Henry Marchetti and Anna Rich; Holly; Ajay; Chris Haines; Tina Huntley; Kathleen Sheets and family; Karin Pratt; Sue Dawson; Esther Guy; Janet Dawson; Lester Avery; Ethan Thompson; Irene Olson; Dick Pelletier; Pastor Tim Roser; Peter DeRuiter; Beth Guiseley; Ray Geraldson; Christopher LeLacheur; Peter Perry; Irene Eaton; Peter Perry II; Carla Sykora; Sharon Rowling; Linda and Timothy Pratt.

- We'll be using the "Glory to God" Hymn of Praise in our Sunday worship for the next several Sundays. The words will be printed in the handout each week but the music will only be emailed this one time. Please save the file or your printout if you prefer to have the music for singing.
- Christ in Our Home devotional booklets finally arrived. If you would like one dropped off or mailed to you email Pastor Anderson. Or stop at the church most mornings Monday-Thursday (but not the 11<sup>th</sup>) or whenever you see her car there.
- How many Strand seats can Nativity fill for The AIO food and funds drive? You can drop your food donations off at church mornings Tuesday -Thursday this week (12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>) or whenever you see Pastor's car. Items especially needed include ready rice pouches, macaroni and cheese & pasta, cereal & oatmeal, pop-top canned foods and Chef Boyardee meals, single serving lunch items, 100% juice boxes, shelf stable milk, powdered milk, and kid-friendly snacks (granola bars, peanut butter crackers, 6-pack raisins). They are asking no glass items for this drive. Drop your items at the church no later than Jan 17. For other drop off locations and more information see the story in the January View.
- *Committed to Listen, a public reading of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Letter From a Birmingham Jail* will be presented by the BTS Center and The Maine Council of Churches via Zoom and Facebook Live on MLK day, Monday January 17 at 12:15 p.m. The gathering, will include multiple voices, contemplative music, and space for reflection. To receive Zoom information by email, register at the BTS website here <https://www.thebtscenter.org/committed-to-listen/>