



Baptism of Our Lord

January 10, 2021
9:30am Livestream

St. Luke Lutheran Church

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Gathering

Prelude: "Amazing Grace" by John Newton/W. Walker Sir James McDonald Pipe Band

Welcome (Announcements) Pastor Beth Brashear

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.

Service of Holy Baptism for William Amsden and Andreas and Dominic Peirce

Presentation

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to a new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Lee Allis-Hayes: **I present William Mark Amsden for baptism.**

William, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

William: **I do.**

Ken and Kris Peirce: **We present Andreas Esteban Peirce and Dominic Kenneth Peirce for baptism.**

Ruth Helen and Joel, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your children baptized into Christ?

Ruth Helen and Joel: **We do.**

Ruth Helen, Joel, as you bring your sons to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

- To live with them among God's faithful people,
- To bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
- To place in their hands the holy scriptures,
- To nurture them in faith and prayer, so that they may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Ruth Helen and Joel, do you promise to help your sons grow in the Christian faith and life?

Ruth Helen and Joel: **We do.**

Ken and Kris, as sponsors for Andreas and Dominic, and Lee, as sponsor for William do you promise to nurture them in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

We do.

People of God, do you promise to support William, Andreas, and Dominic and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

We do.

Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

- Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? **We renounce them.**
- Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? **We renounce them.**
- Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? **We renounce them.**

And now we also invite those who are gathered online to join us in professing our shared faith: Do you believe in God the Father? **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in 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 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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? **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.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for how 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, and 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 the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Baptism of William Mark Amsden

William and Lee, come and join me at the font.

William Mark, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

[Laying on of Hands] Let us pray. Sustain William Mark with the gift of your Holy Spirit; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

William Mark, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.** *[Oil is used to make the sign of the cross]*

[A candle is lit representing William's new life that comes from Christ Jesus.]

Lee Allis-Hayes: **Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**

Baptism of Dominic Kenneth Peirce

Joel, Ruth Helen, Ken and Kris, Peirce brothers, come and join Pr. Patti at the font.

Dominic, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

[Laying on of Hands] Let us pray. Sustain Dominic with the gift of your Holy Spirit; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Dominic, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.** *[Oil is used to make the sign of the cross]*

Baptism of Andreas Esteban Peirce

Andreas, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

[Laying on of Hands] Let us pray. Sustain Andreas with the gift of your Holy Spirit; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Andreas, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.** *[Oil is used to make the sign of the cross]*

[Candles are lit representing Dominic's and Andreas' new life that comes from Christ Jesus.]

Ken and Kris: **Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**

Welcome

Let us welcome William, Andreas and Dominic.

Congregation: **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

Gathering Hymn: **"Borning Cry"** by John Ylvisaker Modern Worship Team
Kendall Cunningham-Parmeter, Tom Lynham, Deb and Jim Steele, Scott Swigart, Molly Wheeler

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.**

The Word

Children's Sermon

Pastor Patti Welch

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5

Barb Roady, reader

In 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.

Second Reading: Acts 19:1-7 (*The Message* translation)

Jennifer & Claire Niemeyer, readers

Now, it happened that while Apollos was away in Corinth, Paul made his way down through the mountains, came to Ephesus, and happened on some disciples there. The first thing he said was, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed? Did you take God into your mind only, or did you also embrace him with your heart? Did he get inside you?"

"We've never even heard of that—a Holy Spirit? God within us?"

³"How were you baptized, then?" asked Paul.

"In John's baptism."

⁴"That explains it," said Paul. "John preached a baptism of radical life-change so that people would be ready to receive the One coming after him, who turned out to be Jesus. If you've been baptized in John's baptism, you're ready now for the real thing, for Jesus."

⁵⁻⁷And they were. As soon as they heard of it, they were baptized in the name of the Master Jesus. Paul put his hands on their heads and the Holy Spirit entered them. From that moment on, they were praising God in tongues and talking about God's actions. Altogether there were about twelve people there that day.

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia" by Jacques Berthier

Music leader: Dan Hibbett

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

Pastor Patti Welch

⁴ John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And 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. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He 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. ⁸ I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And 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. ¹¹ And 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!**

Sermon: God's Beloveds

Pastor Patti Welch

Prayers of the Church

Prayer Leaders: Lisa and Molly Sickler

Music: Dan Hibbett, Lisa and Molly

Prayer Chorus: **"Emmanuel"** (words and music by Bob McGee)

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called, Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel**

Lord's Prayer

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.

Sending

Ministry Opportunities:

Connect:

Annual Meeting Mail-in Ballots! We encourage all voting members to join us via Zoom on Sunday, January 31, if you are unable to do so due to lack of technology or technical ability, call or email us at (503)246-2325 or office@stlukechurch.com by **this Thursday, January 14** for a mail-in ballot. Ballots will be counted on Sunday morning, January 31, and will need to be returned to the office by Friday, January 29, 2021.

How are you doing in this pandemic winter? How can we best support you? We would like to know! If you haven't done so already, please follow the link to complete the short survey. <https://forms.gle/4DkbHkXeJLCjwY4AA>

(Although the link looks different, this is the same survey in the January Messenger!)

Serve:

Cards for Jeremy: Jeremy Eckhardt is a St. Luke member serving time in Two Rivers Correctional Institution, which is currently having a COVID outbreak and power outages. In this difficult season, we invite you to send Jeremy notes of encouragement. (Note: please use regular paper or professionally-printed greeting cards, as homemade cards and postcards are not permitted.)

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Benediction

Sending Song:

“Baptized and Set Free”

Red Book No. **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, 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!

Postlude: "Once in Royal David's City" by Lani Smith Tom Skyler, organ

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