

BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY JANUARY 10, 2021

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Preparing for Worship –

Come down, O God of glory!
Come down, O humble Christ!
Come down, O baptizing Spirit!
Spill into every nation, every land, every heart, every mind.
Make us one with your and with all your chosen children.

Prelude **Jan Mauck, Church Pianist**

Welcome, Announcements & Greeting Time

Opening #231 “Arise, Your Light Has Come” *FESTAL SONG*

*Call to Worship

May the Lord of his great mercy bless you,
And give us understanding of his wisdom and grace.
May the Lord nourish us with the riches of the universal faith,
And make us persevere in all good works.
May the Lord keep our steps from wandering,
And direct us into the paths of love and peace.
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*Invocation Prayer

Songs of Faith **“I Put My Trust”** **Worship Team**

The Prayer of God’s People and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

A Reading from the Psalter

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters, the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

The Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say,

“Glory!”

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

New Testament Reading

Acts 19:1-7

*Gospel Reading

Mark 1:4-11

Responsorial #241 “When Jesus Came to Jordan” *MUNICH*

Children’s Message (3rd Grade and younger to Junior Church)

Invitation to the Offerings, Prayer, and Offertory Special

Message

“The Baptism of Believers”

The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

***Invitation to Faith and Fellowship** – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God’s forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to be a follower of Jesus in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

***Song #352** **“Spirit Song”** *WIMBER*

***Spoken Benediction**

***Postlude** **Jan Mauck, Church Pianist**

*Please stand if able

BELIEVER’S BAPTISM – We practice “believer’s baptism” which is the immersion of a person in water – regardless of age – who receives Jesus Christ as his/her personal Savior and publicly professes faith to walk the Jesus way. The Council schedules baptisms on most Sunday mornings throughout the year. If you would like to be baptized, then come to the front during the last song.

THE LORD’S SUPPER – We celebrates the Lord’s Supper (Holy Communion) on the first Sunday of each month. All persons, regardless of age, race, or church affiliation, are welcome to partake of the Table of the Lord. In solidarity with our brothers and sisters, we use only non-alcoholic grape juice. Please hold each element until everyone is served, then we will feast together.

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