

Agnus Dei Lutheran Church

Baptism of Our Lord

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Gather

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Let Streams of Living Justice

Gustav Holst, arr. Wendy Lynn Stevens

Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

C We give you thanks, O God,
for 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.

P Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
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 water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

C We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

P To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen

Hymn of Praise

Baptized in Water

1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Prayer of the Day

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.

P 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.

C Amen.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

¹In 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.

Word of God, Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

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

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of our Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Seth Novak

Silence for reflection

Hymn of the Day

Come, Beloved of the Maker



1 Come, be - lov - ed of the Mak - er, come, be -
 2 See the Morn - ing - star now beck - on to those
 3 Fol - low to the birth of new - ness; fol - low
 4 There we too will burn and bright - en, God's re -
 5 Christ, bright im - age of the Mak - er, God, whose



hold the First - born One; see re - vealed cre - a - tion's
 bound to doubt and night; "Fol - low me," Christ calls in
 to the life of peace; fol - low to the hill of
 splen - dent work be - gun; glo - ry will as - cend and
 glo - ry none may pass, Spir - it, sun of love and



splen - dor crowned in glo - ry like the sun.
 wel - come, "come from dark - ness in - to light."
 an - guish; fol - low to the gar - den bliss.
 height - en, crown - ing us with glo - rious sun.
 splen - dor, bear us in - to light at last.

Prayers of Intercession

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

For the whole Church, its ministry, and the mission of the gospel...

For the well-being of creation...

For peace and justice in the world, the nations and those in authority, and our local community...

For the poor, oppressed, sick, bereaved, lonely...

For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit...

For Agnus Dei, and for the people closest to us...

For the faithful departed...

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offertory

Wade in the Water
Randy and Laurie Spitzer

spiritual

Wade in the water, wade in the water, children, wade in the water,
'cause God's gonna trouble the water.

See that host all dressed in white, God's gonna trouble the water.

The leader looks like the Israelite, God's gonna trouble the water.

See that band all dressed in red, God's gonna trouble the water.

Looks like the band that Moses led, God's gonna trouble the water.

Look over yonder and what do I see? God's gonna trouble the water.

The Holy Ghost a-coming on me, God's gonna trouble the water.

You don't believe I've been redeemed, God's gonna trouble the water.

Follow me down to Jordan's stream, God's gonna trouble the water.

Wade in the water, wade in the water, children, wade in the water,

'cause God's gonna trouble the water.

Eucharistic Prayer

Blessed are you, O God,
creator of heaven and earth.
You rescued your covenant people,
led them on all their journeys,
and taught them by the prophets.
You so loved the world
that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
may not perish but have eternal life.

On the night in which he was betrayed,
he took bread and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
saying: Take and eat;
this is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,
he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink,
saying: This cup
is the new covenant in my blood
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

As often as we eat of this bread
and drink of this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes again:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit
in this meal,
and make us one
in this community of faith
and with your people
throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you, O God,
Author of life,
Word made flesh,
Power of the Most High,
now and forever.

Amen.

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.

Communion

What Feast Of Love



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?
What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in eternal life.

C Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

P 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.

C Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Shine with the light of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

Peace

The greeting of peace is shared by all.

Postlude

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!

Johann Pachelbel

Serving in Worship:

Presiding Minister Pastor Seth Novak

Minister of Music: Shari Shull, Deacon

Minister of Programs: Sister Ann Shultz, Deaconess

Assisting Minister: Marilyn Colyar

Church Musician: Susan Luebeck

Lector: Margaret Duncan

Cantors: Christopher Jones, Ashley Ortenzo

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Congregational Meeting, January 17, 2021

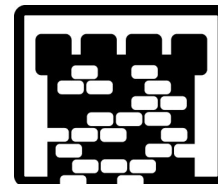
All voting ADLC members are encouraged to attend the Congregational budget meeting on January 17 at 10:30 am via Zoom, where we will vote on the 2021 budget. For an in-depth preview of the budget before the meeting there will be a Zoom meeting on Saturday, January 16. The links for these meetings will be in the weekly email. These meetings can also be joined by phone using the mailed out instructions. If you have questions please call the church office at 253-851-6222.

Book Group

The Agnus Dei Book Group typically meets on the third Sunday of the month at 11:30 am. This month the meeting moves to January 24 so members may attend the congregational budget meeting on the 17th. The January book is "Lost and Found Bookshop" by Susan Wiggs and as always, the book group invites everyone to join the discussion. The link can be found on the events page of our website.

Community Outreach Toilet Paper Drive, Let's Build a Fortress!

Each January, for the last several years we have held a toilet paper drive to stock the shelves at FISH, our local food bank. Our successful effort to build a bigger and longer wall each year has been met by the folks at FISH with immense gratitude. This year will be a bit different, instead of building our wall down the hallway where it won't be easily seen, we will build our wall into a MIGHTY FORTRESS of toilet paper in the middle of our narthex. Please bring your contributions to the church through the month of January. If the front door is locked leave it on the bench by the front door. All sizes of packages are welcome, but Costco sized packages make sturdy construction blocks.



Racial Justice, Steps in Understanding

On Thursday, January 28th, at 7:00 p.m., the Racial Justice Committee is hosting a presentation on the book *The Color Of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America* by Richard Rothstein. Rothstein extensively researched racially explicit and implicit policies by government entities that intentionally created racial segregation in the United States. Racial Zoning, IRS tax codes, Private Real Estate Agreements, State-Sanctioned Violence and more. Many of his topics will be presented for our discussion. Come and be enlightened by how laws were established specifically to instill racial segregation. For those with ears to hear and eyes to see. Please join us.

Join us at 10:30 AM for virtual fellowship at zoom.us

Meeting ID 919 5498 1166, the password is in the weekly all church email

All upcoming events may be accessed from the Events page of our church web page, agnusdeilutheran.org

Sunday, Jan 10	8:30 AM Forum: Pastor Seth/ Gospel of Mark 9:45 AM Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 AM Zoom Fellowship
Monday, Jan 11	
Tuesday, Jan 12	
Wednesday, Jan 13	10:00 AM Text Study 1:00 PM Worship Committee 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:30 Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, Jan 14	9:00 AM Staff Meeting
Friday, Jan 15	
Saturday, Jan 16	
Sunday, Jan 17	8:30 AM Forum 9:45 AM Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 AM Congregational Budget Meeting

Sunday, January 17, 2 Epiphany
1 Samuel 3:1-10[11-20]; Psalm 139:1-6,13-18; 1 Cor 6:12-20; John 1:43-51