

*Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.*

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*St. James Lutheran Church*  
*Gettysburg, PA*

**Baptism of Our Lord**

January 10, 2021

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## *Gathering*

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

Video: *Living Water*

### Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *A Christmas Lullaby*

W. R. Voris

### Thanksgiving for Baptism and Naming of the Baptized

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

**C** Amen.

**P** Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
We lift up the Baptized of this year

*Brooklyn Marie Miller*

*Charles Scott Haberkorn*

*Annabelle Mae Haberkorn*

*Emma Lynn McCabe*

*Cole Anthony Johnson*

*Bexley Nadine Nicholas*

*Josephine Sue Crigger*

*Ronan Michelangelo Hawk*

Let us give thanks for this gift of baptism.

**P** 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.  
 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.

**C** By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
 making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.  
 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.  
 To you be given honor and praise  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn, *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized*

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1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you  
 2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant  
 3 Straight-way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the  
 4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as  
 true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's  
 call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to  
 signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.  
 ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.  
 give your life for all, to give your life for all.  
 per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

Pastoral Greeting

**P** Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the +  
 Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Prayer of the Day

**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.

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## *Word*

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

### First Reading: Acts 19: 1-7

*In Ephesus, Paul encounters people who had received John's baptism of repentance but had never heard of the Holy Spirit or of baptism in the name of Jesus. After Paul baptizes them, the Holy Spirit comes upon them and empowers them with gifts of the Spirit.*

<sup>1</sup>While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." <sup>3</sup>Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." <sup>4</sup>Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." <sup>5</sup>On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—<sup>7</sup>altogether there were about twelve of them.

### Holy Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

*Mark's gospel reports the story of Jesus' baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.*

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

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

Sermon, followed by a time of silent reflection



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.  
 2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.  
 3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,  
 4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.  
 Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.  
 and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.  
 All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door  
 For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:  
 As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:  
 Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.  
 end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.  
 pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.  
 one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

Apostles' Creed

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

Prayers of Intercession

Petitions conclude: "God of mercy," our response: "Hear our prayer."

Lord's Prayer

**C** 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

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# Sending

*God blesses us in mission to the world*

## Blessing

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

**C** Amen.

## Dismissal

**P** Go in peace. Be the light of Christ

**C** Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Trepak from "The Nutcracker"*

Peter I. Tchaikovsky

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## Lift up in prayers

Harry	Marc	Carolyn	Jennifer
Matthew	Laura	Jean	Rita
John Michael	Lynne	Mary	Tina
Courtney	Ed	Nicholas	Tommy
Franz	Sam	Todd	Virginia
Greg	Linda	Sean	

*We pray for the family and friends of Bruce Hill, who recently died.*

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## Participating in Worship

Presider: The Rev. Michael E. Allwein

Reader: Robert Cook

Preacher: The Rev. Andrew R. Geib

Organist: Steven Zumbrun

Assisting Minister: Lucinda Bringman

Choir: Wayne Hill and Sue Currens

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