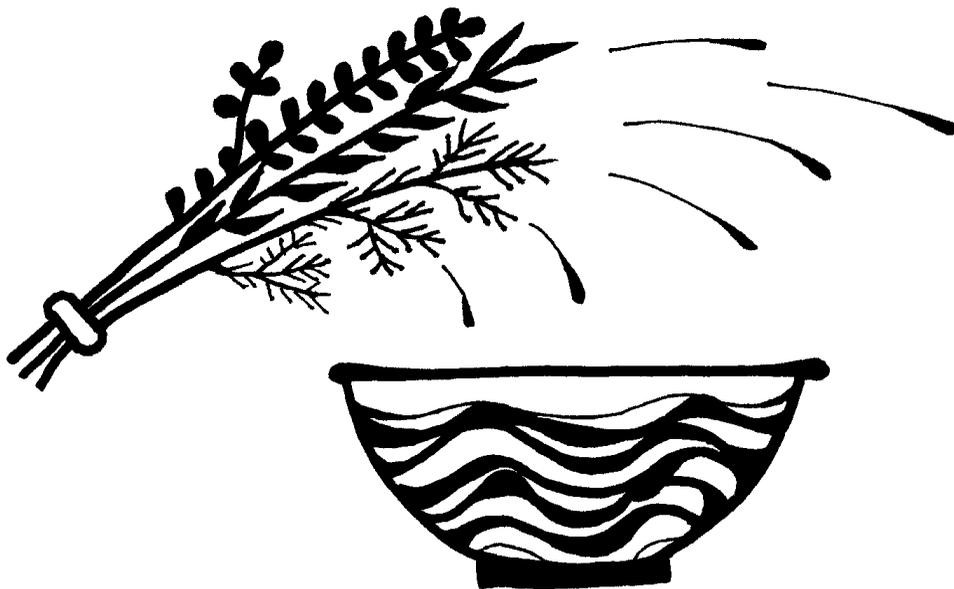


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## **Baptism of Our Lord Sunday** **January 10, 2021**

10:30 AM Service of Communion  
**Luther Place Memorial Church**

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# GATHERING

Prelude: O WALY, WALY      *The Water Is Wide*      arr. Daniel Kallman  
Justin Fitch, piano | Jeff S, saxophone

We welcome you to worship today! We are a church that uses social media.  
You are invited to interact on this live video through the comment section.  
We will offer communion today and ask that you prepare bread and wine/juice.  
*Additional Prep: a bowl filled with water for Thanksgiving of Baptism*

## *Noticing*

Portions of today's liturgy are from the Disrupt Worship Project

### **\*Confession:**

P: Blessed be God, Creator, † Christ, and Holy Spirit,  
whose forgiveness is sure and whose steadfast love endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Silence...*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are mired in sin and cannot get free on our own. We have judged others based on skin color, sex, gender, sexuality, religion, nationality, ability, financial and social status. We have preferred the ease and simplicity of placing others into boxes to the complexity of getting to know one another as siblings. We have contributed to and often benefited from systems that maintain the power of a privileged few. We have remained silent in the face of racism, sexism, heterosexism, ableism and other forms of prejudice. Through both our action and inaction, war, poverty and environmental degradation continue on massive scales. We have ignored your prophets and turned from your command to put you first and neighbor second. We have permitted the ends for which we live to become confused with the means by which we live. Forgive our ignorance. Forgive our weakness. Forgive our sin. May your love overwhelm us, your peace disturb us and your spirit move us so that we cannot help but do your will at all times and in all places, always glorifying your name.**

P: How vast is God's grace!

Through the power and promise of † Christ Jesus,  
our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved.  
Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness,  
we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice  
and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

C: Amen.

Kyrie::



*Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -*  
*Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .*



*so - tros. Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -*  
*mer - cy. Lord, . . have mer - cy on*



*dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.*  
*us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.*



*Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -*  
*Christ, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Christ, have . .*



*so - tros. Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie -*  
*mer - cy. Christ, . . have mer - cy on*



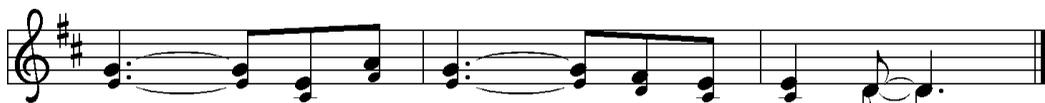
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*Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -*  
 Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .



*so - tros. Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -*  
 mer - cy. Lord, . . have mer - cy on



*dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.*  
 us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.

**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.

**\*Prayer of the Day**

**P:** Holy God, 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**

**FIRST 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.

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## Psalm 126

<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.

### SECOND READING

Acts 19:1-7

<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.

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## Gospel Acclamation:

Whom shall I fear, whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life; whom shall I fear?

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## HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark

C: Glory to you, O Lord

<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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

## Noticing Time

Sermon: Epiphany Movements

Rev. Karen Brau

# Wade in the Water

*Refrain*

All



Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,



wade in the wa - ter, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Leader

All



- 1 See that host all dressed in white,
- 2 See that band all dressed in red, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the
- 3 Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?
- 4 If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed,



wa - ter; the lead - er looks like the Is - ra - 'lite,  
looks like the band that . . . Mo - ses led,  
the Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me,  
just fol - low me down to . . . Jor - dan's stream,

All

*Refrain*



God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: WADE IN THE WATER, African American spiritual

In these days that are so difficult, we mine our liturgical tradition to creatively engage practices that build us up. So, for the next weeks, we will say “words of renunciation” together.

### **Profession of Faith**

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**C: I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**C: I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C: I renounce them.**

### **Apostles' Creed**

**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 power of 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 the People

Please comment with your prayers for each category

On this Sunday of the baptism of our Lord, let us offer our prayers for all in need, responding to each petition with words from today's psalm, "Give us your blessings of peace."

For our distressed congregants, staff, and neighbors, who were witness to the painful insurrection in the Capitol this week and are worries for what it says about white supremacy in our midst. For those of this nation and other nations of the world taken to the brink of fascism, starvation, or exile. For all local and world-wide efforts to prevent war and eliminate violence, and for peacemakers: that God inspire all people to work for the harmonious well-being of others, let us pray. O God, give strength to your people. **Give us your blessings of peace.**

For all who are in trouble, want, or sickness; for the countless who are suffering with COVID-19; for healthcare workers; for people who are hungry, experiencing homelessness, imprisoned or lonely; and for those we name here. . . .: that God grant health and wholeness to a world so filled with pain, let us pray. O God, give strength to your people. **Give us your blessings of peace.**

For students; for teachers and school administrators; for parents assisting their children in home schooling; and for young people who are finding a way toward graduation: that as the academic year resumes, God give resilience to everyone in the search for education, let us pray. O God, give strength to your people. **Give us your blessings of peace.**

For the worldwide church; for those who minister in the church; for all who will be baptized this year; and for their godparents and sponsors: that the Holy Spirit will empower all the faithful for lives of service, let us pray. O God, give strength to your people. **Give us your blessings of peace.**

For the waters of the earth; for the seas, the lakes, the rivers; for the wells that provide drinking water; and for the water that is piped into our homes: that God provide clean and nourishing water for all living things, let us pray. O God, give strength to your people. **Give us your blessings of peace.**

In gratitude for our beloved dead, especially . . . , we offer our praise for all the baptized who have accompanied us and supported us and taught us throughout our days; that at our end we join with them in everlasting joy, let us pray.

O God, give strength to your people. **Give us your blessings of peace.**

For ourselves: that we rejoice in our adoption as members of God's family, and that now in this silence we bring to God our heart's requests, let us pray.

O God, give strength to your people. **Give us your blessings of peace.**

Almighty and most merciful God, you are the mighty Voice from heaven, you are our beloved Savior, you are the descending Dove. We give you thanks for all your goodness and tender mercies, and we ask you to accept our prayers for the sake of your mercy, today and forever. **Amen.**

### **Announcements**

Please subscribe to our eNews at [lutherplace.org/calendar-news](http://lutherplace.org/calendar-news) or [click here](#) to view our full list of announcements.

### **Offering**

*You can donate by texting the dollar amount to +12028166673 or clicking [this link](#). We are inviting you to give financially, out of your heart and love for God. Our giving is a spiritual practice as part of our faith and discipleship.*

### **Mission of the Moment: Pastor's Discretionary Fund**

#### **Offering Prayer**

P: O God, receive these 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.**

<b>MEAL</b>
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#### **\*The Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you **C: And also with you**

P: Lift up your hearts **C: We lift them to the Lord**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise**

P: It is indeed right...

# Sanctus: ELW 525



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer  
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.  
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,  
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,  
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!  
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,  
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.  
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

## **Thanksgiving at the Table**

In the night of the betrayal,  
our Lord Jesus gathered with faltering friends  
for a meal that tasted of freedom.

Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to them, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, Jesus 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.

We remember that night Jesus spent with friends, and we feel Jesus' presence with us now. We ask God, through the Holy Spirit to bless these gifts we offer and share, making them Christ for us, and making us into Christ's holy body. Together with all the church, we give you thanks: Creator, Redeemer, Spirit of love. Bind us together. Open our hearts. Grant us peace.

## **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.**

## \*Agnus Dei: ELW 341 Now Behold the Lamb



1 Now be - hold the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God, who  
2 Ho - ly is the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Why  
3 Thank you for the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Be -



bore all my sin, that I may live a - gain: the pre-cious Lamb of God.  
you love me so, Lord, I shall nev - er know; the pre-cious Lamb of God.  
cause of your grace I can fin - ish the race; the pre-cious Lamb of God.

Text: Kirk Franklin, b. 1970

Music: NOW BEHOLD THE LAMB, Kirk Franklin

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### Communion:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

### Prayer after Communion

J: 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.**

### \*Table Blessing

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

**C: Amen.**

# SENDING

## Recessional

*We will exit the sanctuary and process around the perimeter of the church as a witness to those around us.*

## Oculi Nostri/Our Eyes Are Turned

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of eighth notes, with some chords. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The second system also ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. There are dashed circles around the final notes of the first system in both staves.

O - cu - li nos - tri ad Do - mi - num Je - sum,  
*Our eyes are turned to the Lord Je - sus Christ.*

o - cu - li nos - tri ad Do - mi - num nos - trum.  
*Our eyes are turned to the Lord God, our Sav - ior.*

Text: Taizé Community  
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994  
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## Dismissal

**J:** Go forth to love and serve in Christ's name.

**C:** Thanks be to God!

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