Welcome to Worship - Immanuel Lutheran Church

January 9, 2022 – The Baptism of Our Lord

A voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” (Matt. 3:17)

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We are returning to more cautious ways of worshipping together, placing our offerings in a plate on the table in the narthex, and taking a wine or juice communion kit from one of the baskets on the same table. Please continue to wear masks that cover both your mouth and nose and sit at an appropriate distance from non-relatives. Thank you.
GATHERING

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

(Please stand as you are able)

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of the Father,
and of the † Son,

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.

(Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.)

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.
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
As a reminder of the gift of baptism, the assembly may be sprinkled with water during the singing.

Gathering Hymn: ELW #311 - Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Greeting
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.
Kyrie

Karla Rasche

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. Amen.
Let us pray.

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(The assembly may be seated.)
WORD
God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7

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

PSALM: Psalm 29

Psalm Refrain

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

1 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God’s name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

2 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor. R

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

5 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!"

6 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for evermore.

O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace. R
Second Reading: Acts 8:14-17

Karen Sause

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

(Please stand as you are able)

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, O Lord.
This is the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

(The assembly may be seated.)

Sermon – Pastor Jeffrey Schulz

(Please stand as you are able.)
Hymn of the Day: ELW # 450 - I Bind Unto Myself Today

1. I bind unto myself today the strong name
   of the Trinity by invocation
   of the same, the Three in One and One in Three.

2. I bind this day to me forever, by power of virtues
   faith, Christ's incarnation, his bounties in the
   Jordan River, his giving rays, the cross of white ness
   burst from the spicéd tomb, his riding whirl ing
   up the heaven's way, his coming at earth, the
day of doom, I bind around the old eternal rocks.

3. I bind unto myself the name, the strong name of the
   Trinity by invocation of the same, the
   Three in One and One in Three, of whom all nature has cre
   a tion, eternal Father, Spirit, Word, Praise to the
   Lord of my salvation; salvation is of Christ the Lord!
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 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.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION prayers of the people
Karla Rasche leads the prayers; Pastor Jeffrey leads the final prayer.

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

Each petition concludes:
God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.
Please greet one another with signs of peace while remaining at a safe distance.
MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

While the offering hymn is sung the table is set and the offering plate is brought to the altar.

Offering Hymn: “Let the Vineyards be Fruitful” ELW 184

(Please stand as you are able.)

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God,
Sovereign of the universe.
You offer us new beginnings
and guide us on our journey.
Lead us to your table,
nourish us with this heavenly food,
and prepare us to carry your love
to a hungry world,
in the name of Christ our light.
Amen.
GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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\text{Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,} \\
\text{heav'n and earth are full of your glory.} \\
\text{Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes} \\
\text{in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.}
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EUCARISTIC PRAYER
The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. **We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. **We thank you, O God.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus 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 for the 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.

Remembering his love for us
on the way,
at the table,
and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering;
within this meal;
among your people;
throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks
to you, holy God,
through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit,
in your church,
without end.
Amen.

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ invites us to this table.
Come, eat and be satisfied.

Distribution
(The assembly may be seated.)
Please partake of the communion elements following the singing of “Lamb of God”, as the pastor says,

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Pastor:

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Please stand as you are able.

Post Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Amen.

Post Communion Hymn: ELW #396 - Spirit of Gentleness, verses 1 & 4

Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness

calling and free; Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,

stir me from placidity, wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
2 You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.

then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and you good ed your people with a law and a land;
then you whis hered in silence when the whole world was still;
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;

and over the eons you called to each thing;
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,
and down in the city you called once again,
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.

"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."
when you blew through your prophets to open their eyes.
With... bold new decisions your people arise.
Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ✝️ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please be seated.)

(Please stand as you are able.)

Sending Hymn – ELW # 304 - Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized
DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a weary world.
Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Karla Rasche

Go with Christ into a weary world.
Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

Colleen Harris

Worship Leaders:

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