

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



SONG OF SOLOMON 2:1-7, 6:1-3 AND MARK 1:4-11

“THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD 2021”

*Jesus chooses to be baptized for us by John in the Jordan River.
The Triune God is manifest.*

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SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER**

***BOLD** indicates congregational responses.*

GATHER

WELCOME

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

Psalm 96:1-2, 8-9, 11-13

P: We gather together in the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

C: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

P: Lift your eyes and look around:

C: all gather together to proclaim the praise of the Lord.

P: Your sun will never set again.

C: The Lord is our light and our salvation!

P: Your days of sorrow will end.

C: The Lord is our light and our salvation!

P: Whom shall we fear?

C: Whom shall we fear? The Lord is the strength of our life, whom shall we fear?

1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: 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. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

SONG OF SOLOMON 2:1-7, 6:1-3

The gift of husband to wife and wife to husband, the gift of God blessing and seeking His beloved bride the Church, this is the theme of the Song of Solomon. It is a gift for us today and points to the fulfillment to come.

¹I am a rose of Sharon,
a lily of the valleys.

²As a lily among brambles,
so is my love among maidens.

³As an apple tree among the trees of the wood,
so is my beloved among young men.

With great delight I sat in his shadow,
and his fruit was sweet to my taste.

⁴He brought me to the banqueting house,
and his intention toward me was love.

⁵Sustain me with raisins,
refresh me with apples;
for I am faint with love.

⁶O that his left hand were under my head,
and that his right hand embraced me!

⁷I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
by the gazelles or the wild does:
do not stir up or awaken love
until it is ready!

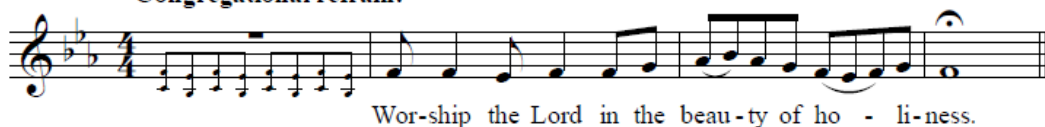
¹ Where has your beloved gone,
O fairest among women?
Which way has your beloved turned,
that we may seek him with you?

²My beloved has gone down to his garden,
to the beds of spices,
to pasture his flock in the gardens,
and to gather lilies.

³I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine;
he pastures his flock among the lilies.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Congregational refrain:

¹Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

²Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

³The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the voice of the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

⁴The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

⁵The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶The Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

Refrain:

⁷The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹The 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!"

Refrain:

¹⁰The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.

¹¹O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

Refrain:

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SECOND LESSON

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.

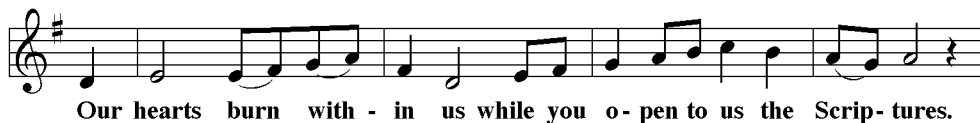
¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³Then he said, "Into what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

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 1:1, Luke 24:32



GOSPEL

MARK 1:4-11

Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel.

Response after the announcement:

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

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.

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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.



MESSAGE

“The Baptism of our Lord 2021”

On the Song and Delight in the Beloved

Washed, Cleansed, and Forgiven Sinners in Him

Remember your Baptism

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: Baptism is just a church ritual or sentimental symbol.

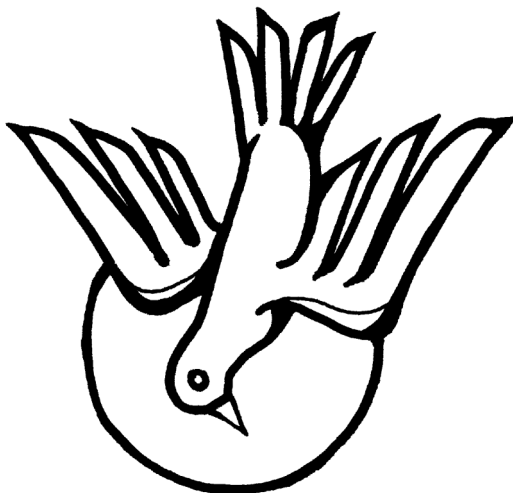
The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: The gift of Holy Baptism means we belong to God and we will be His forever.

So What? The gift of my baptism connects me to the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit and to His people - the dead, the living, and those yet to come. Remember your baptism and that **you belong to Him** always.

Memory Verse:

**⁶Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm;
for love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave.**

Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame -Song of Solomon 8:6





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!

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Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathy Skogen-Soldner

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in Him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 1:13-14

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

THE NICENE CREED

All are invited to confess our faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have not received the gift of baptism or would like to affirm your faith in Jesus and join His mission here, please indicate on the attendance registry and talk to an usher or the pastor.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith:

C: pray in the Holy Spirit. *Jude 20*

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Jude 21*

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

2 Corinthians 5:17

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by Your Spirit so that we may live and serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Matthew 5:22-24: Ephesians 4:1-3

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. *2 Corinthians 13:11*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

1 Timothy 2:1-4

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence may be kept. Each prayer will conclude: Lord in Your mercy, and the congregation may respond **Hear our prayers.**

Prayers are commended in Jesus' Name.

P: All these prayers and whatever else You see that we need we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

SENDING

THE BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

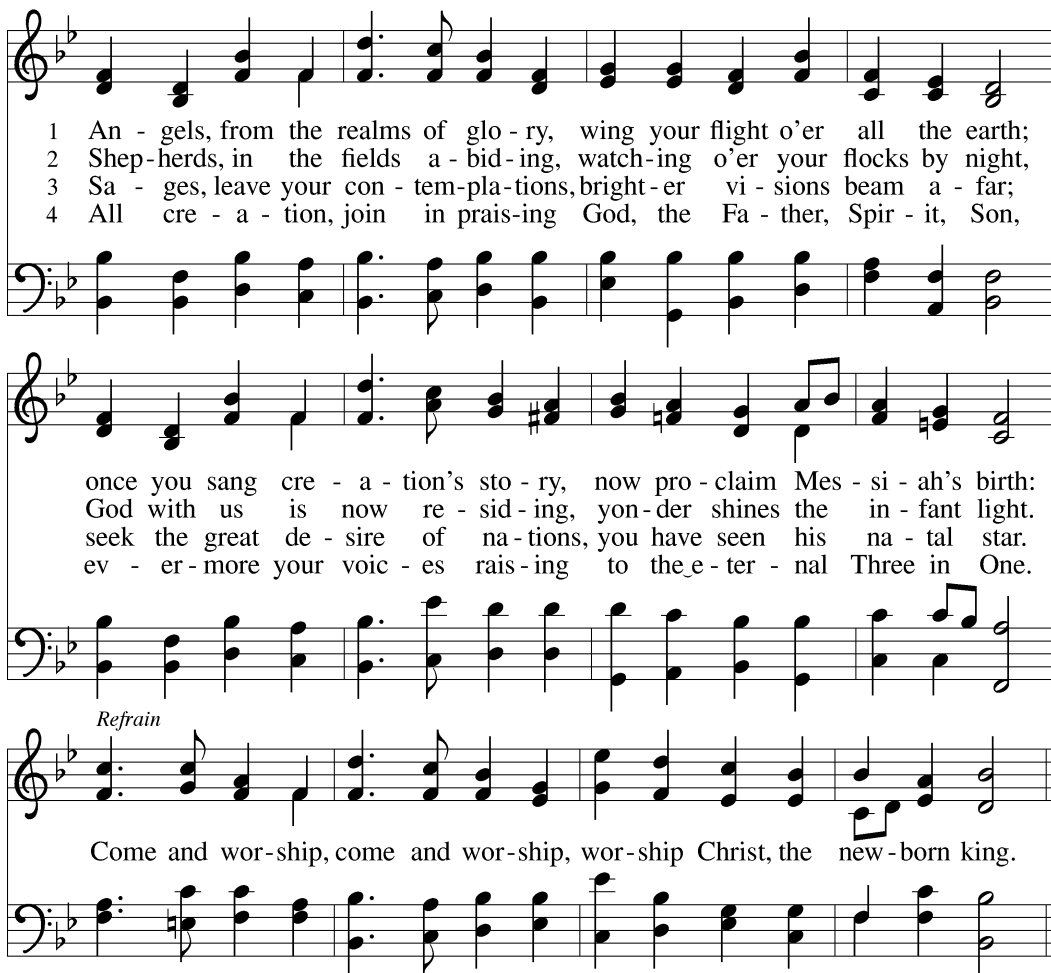
P: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the Name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

ELW #275



1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,

once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.
 seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.
 ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt., sts. 1–3; *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857, st. 4
 Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Henry and Debra Hoffman in thanks for the blessings of family.

PARISH NEWS

ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR: June 27 is the last remaining Sunday available on the 2021 altar flower calendar. Please contact Susan Lewis at 704-864-5242 if you'd like to sign up for it.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB: The next novel in our women's book club will be *Mere Christianity*. The next meeting will be on **Thursday, January 21st at 6 pm** in the Chapel. If you are interested in attending this book club session, please contact Amy at amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org.

SPROUTS: We will continue with virtual meetings through January. Our next youth group meeting will be **Wednesday, January 20 at 6 pm**. We will also be meeting on **January 24 at 9:30 am** for *Zoom Sunday School*. Amy will email the Zoom link during the week.

ROOTS SERVICE PROJECT: Roots youth group will have a work day at the church on **January 23 from 10am - 12pm**. Lunch will be provided.

THANK YOU!: Dear Lutheran Chapel family, We would like to thank you for your generous Christmas bonus. We appreciate your support and caring hearts. Hopefully one day we will all be able to sing and fellowship together. Soli Deo Gloria, *Roger and Jeanette*

DAILY PRAYER

EACH MORNING AND EVENING, PRAY TO THE LORD. (Psalm 1:2) A prayer list, daily lessons to read the Bible together each year, and a song of praise are below. The “*Our Daily Bread*” devotional is available as a booklet, an app in eBook format, daily e-mail, or podcast. Visit odb.org/subscribe.

Please share prayer concerns or updates on the prayer list with the church office (704-864-6491), call/text Pastor Comer (704-787-6439) or call our prayer team (Katherine Carpenter 704-214-2493). Intercessions will be for a month and then removed unless requested to continue.

PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: BT & Pauline Bradley, Jerry & Shirley Carpenter, Elona Collins, Helen Hoffman, Henry & Debra Hoffman, Dru Huffstickler, Robert Park, Bill Robinson, and Bob Thornburg

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Eula Brazell, Lee Brinkley, Taylor Brinkley, Garry & Carole Farmer, Jamison Franklin, Sherry Hester, Paula Kadel, Suzanne Ledford, Dawn Lemmond, Lee Norris, Chris Owings, the family of Pr. Peter Setzer, Charlene Sorenson, and Anne & Roger Stowe

WEEK 02: JANUARY 10 to JANUARY 17, 2021

01/10 Morning Reading: Matthew 8:1-17—Evening Reading: Genesis 25, 26
01/11 Morning Reading: Matthew 8:18-34—Evening Reading: Genesis 27, 28
01/12 Morning Reading: Matthew 9:1-17—Evening Reading: Genesis 29, 30
01/13 Morning Reading: Matthew 9:18-38—Evening Reading: Genesis 31, 32
01/14 Morning Reading: Matthew 10:1-20—Evening Reading: Genesis 33, 34, 35
01/15 Morning Reading: Matthew 10:21-42—Evening Reading: Genesis 36, 37, 38
01/16 Morning Reading: Matthew 11—Evening Reading: Genesis 39, 40
01/17 Morning Reading: Matthew 12:1-23—Evening Reading: Genesis 41, 42

Song Of Praise “*Borning Cry*” ELW #732

Next Sunday, JANUARY 17, 2021

8:30 Morning Prayer: Ecclesiastes 1:1-3, 12-14 and John 1:43-51
9:00 Zoom Sunday School: Daniel in Exile (*The Story*, Chapter 18)
10:30 Holy Communion: Ecclesiastes 1:1-3, 12-14 and John 1:43-51 ~ “*The Calling*”

This QR code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that list the commemorations for the week.



CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK
SUNDAY, JANUARY 10 - SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2021

Sun-10	8:30 am	Early Worship w/ Holy Communion (Family Life Center)
	9:00 am	Sunday School via Zoom
	9:30 am	Sprouts Sunday School via Zoom
	10:30 am	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	4:00 pm	Council Meeting via Zoom
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Prayer Hut)
Mon-11	8:30 am	Preschool
Tues-12	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
Wed-13	8:30 am	Preschool
	6:15 pm	Handbells
Thur-14	8:30 am	Preschool

*We are so happy you joined us for worship this morning.
Please fill out the information below and leave this page in the pew
following the service. Thank you!*

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

_____ Member _____ Visitor _____ Desire a call from the Pastor

Prayer Request: _____
