



# LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

*A Growing Family of Faith*

January 10, 2021

Baptism of Jesus, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PASTORAL GREETING**

### **INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

P: We are called together to worship today in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen!**

P. The heavens open. The Spirit descends.

**C. Jesus emerges from the water.**

P. And a voice echoes through the blue expanse.

**C. "This is my child, the Beloved, with whom I am well-pleased."**

P. Jesus is named. Claimed.

**C. We come to the water. We remember we are named. Claimed.**

P. Can it be so? What a thing to be named. Claimed.

**C. Let us worship the one who names and claims us still.**

**GATHERING SONG** "All Creatures of Our God and King"

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

P: Most merciful God,

**C. we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. AMEN**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** Congregational response: **AMEN**

(Please be seated)

**WORSHIP SONG** "As the Deer"

### **SCRIPTURE LESSONS** **FIRST LESSON**

R. The first lesson is from the book of Acts 19: 1-7:

<sup>1</sup>And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup>And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have not even

heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”<sup>3</sup> And he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They said, “Into John's baptism.”<sup>4</sup> And 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, Jesus.”<sup>5</sup> On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.<sup>6</sup> And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying.<sup>7</sup> There were about twelve men in all.

R. This is the word of the Lord ***C. Thanks be to God.***

**RESPONSIVE PSALM** R. The responsive Psalm is Psalm 29:

R.<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

***C. <sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.***

R.<sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

***C. <sup>4</sup> The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.***

R.<sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

***C. <sup>6</sup> He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.***

R.<sup>7</sup> The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

***C. <sup>8</sup> The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.***

R.<sup>9</sup> The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, “Glory!”

***C. <sup>10</sup> The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.***

R.<sup>11</sup> May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

R. Here ends the reading of the Psalm. Please rise as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

**GOSPEL LESSON** (Please rise as you are able)

P. The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter, verses 4-11:

***C. Glory to you, O Lord***

<sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.<sup>5</sup> And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey.<sup>7</sup> And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.<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 when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.<sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

P. This is the Gospel of the Lord. ***C. Praise to you, O Christ.***

## **APOSTLE'S CREED**

*I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.*

(Please be seated)

## **SERMON SONG** "I Offer My Life"

**MESSAGE** "Baptism: Power or Presence?" Pastor Michael Birnbaum

## **OFFERING PRAYER and PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*(Offering plates located at rear-thank you thank you, thank you!)*

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

P. Let us pray, **C. We offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*Following general prayers, you are encouraged to share other prayer concerns out loud. Please close your prayer concern with "Lord in your mercy".*

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

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 and salutary.....we praise your name and join their unending proclamation: **C. (singing) Holy, holy, holy,**

***My heart, my heart adores you!***

***My heart is glad to say, the words:***

***You are holy, Lord!***

**Communion Prayer, Consecration of Elements, Lord's Prayer**

**(Please be seated during distribution of communion)**

We welcome everyone to the Lord's Table who shares the Biblical belief that He is present (1 Cor. 10:16) and our sins are being forgiven as He promises (Matt.26:28). This sacrament is a truly wonderful opportunity to share this miracle and our oneness as the Body of Christ together! (1Cor. 10:17-18)

**POST COMMUNION CANTICLE** *(please rise as you are able)*

Thank the Lord and sing His praise  
tell ev-ery-one what He has done  
Let all who seek the Lord re-joice  
and proud-ly bear His name.  
He re-calls His prom-is-es  
and leads His pe-o-ple forth in joy  
With shouts of thanks-giv-ing  
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING/BENEDICTION**

**SENDING SONG** "My Life is in You Lord"

P. Go in peace. Serve the Lord. ***C. Thanks be to God!***

***God Bless You! See you next week. Bring a friend or relative!***



**COMING UP:**

- **January 10-Zoom Memorial Service for Ken Bourlier 1 PM**  
**See announcement and information on next page**
- **January 16-Sanctity of Life Walk** See January newsletter for full information. Flyers available at back of our worship area.
- **January 31- CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AFTER WORSHIP**

**My Life Is in You**

Chorus: My life is in You Lord  
My strength is in You Lord  
My hope is in You Lord  
In You it's in You  
My life is in You Lord  
My strength is in You Lord  
My hope is in You Lord  
In You it's in You

I will praise You with all of my life  
I will praise You with all of my strength  
With all of my life  
With all of my strength  
All of my hope is in You  
Chorus

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Please join us  
celebrate the life of

*Ken Bourlier*

Sunday | January 10 | 1 pm



Virtual Zoom Memorial

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### **All Creatures of Our God and King**

All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and let us sing  
Alleluia, alleluia  
Thou burning sun with golden beam  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam  
O praise Him O praise Him  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Thou rushing wind that art so strong  
Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along  
O praise Him alleluia  
Thou rising morning, praise rejoice  
Ye lights of evening find a voice  
O praise Him O praise Him  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

### **I Offer My Life**

All that I am, all that I have  
I lay them down before You O Lord  
All my regrets all my acclaim, the joy and the pain  
I'm making them Yours

Chorus Lord I offer my life to You  
Everything I've been through,  
Use it for Your glory  
Lord I offer my days to You,  
Lifting my praise to You

As a pleasing sacrifice, Lord I offer You my life

Things in the past, things yet unseen  
Wishes and dreams that are yet to come true  
All of my hopes, all of my plans  
My heart and my hands are lifted to You

Chorus

What can we give that You have not given  
And what do we have that is not already Yours  
All we possess are these lives we're living  
And that's what we give to You Lord

Chorus x 2

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Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness  
O praise Him alleluia  
Praise, praise the Father praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit three in One  
O praise Him O praise Him  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit, three in one  
O praise Him O praise Him  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

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### **As the Deer**

As the deer pants for the water  
So my soul longs after You  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship You

Chorus: You alone are my strength,  
my shield

To You alone may my spirit yield  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship You

I want You more than gold or silver  
Only You can satisfy  
You alone are the real joy giver  
And the apple of my eye

Chorus

You're my friend and You are my brother  
Even though You are a King  
I love You more than any other  
So much more than anything

Chorus

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