



**Sunday, January 10, 2021**

**Baptism of Our Lord**

## **Welcome to Worship and Announcements**

### **Prelude**

### **\*Thanksgiving for Baptism:**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

### **Congregation: Amen.**

P 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.

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. 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.

C **Amen.**

**\*Gathering Hymn: "I Bind unto Myself Today" ELW 450 Verses 1, 2, 5**

1 I bind un - to my - self to - day the strong name  
of the Trin - i - ty by in - vo - ca - tion  
of the same, the Three in One and One in Three.

2 I bind this day to me for - ev - er, by pow'r of  
faith, Christ's in - car - na - tion, his bap - tism in the  
Jor - dan Riv - er, his cross of death for my sal - va - tion, his  
burst - ing from the spic - ed tomb, his rid - ing  
up the heav'n - ly way, his com - ing at the  
day of doom, I bind un - to my - self to - day.

5 I bind un - to my - self the name, the strong name of the  
Trin - i - ty by in - vo - ca - tion of the same, the  
Three in One and One in Three, of whom all na - ture has cre -  
a - tion, e - ter - nal Fa - ther, Spir - it, Word. Praise to the  
Lord of my sal - va - tion; sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord!

Text: attr. Patrick, 372-466; para. Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895  
Music: ST. PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE, sts. 1-3, 5; Irish melody, DEIRDRE, st. 4; Irish melody

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**\*Greeting:**

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:**

**All 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.**

**Our first reading is from Genesis 1:1-5**

*Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the formless void, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for us. God created and continues to create new life.*

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the 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. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

L Word of God. Word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 29: (Read responsively between Lector and Congregation.)**

<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 asking forevermore.**

<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

\*Please stand as you are able.

## **Our Second reading is from 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.

**L** Word of God. Word of life.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **\*Gospel Reading: 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.*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**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** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon:** – Pastor Jerry O'Neal

**\*Hymn of the Day:** "Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized" ELW 304



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.

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**\*Apostles' Creed:**

**P&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:** (Congregation's response in bold type.)

L For our prayers today, I will conclude each petition with "let us pray," and your response is, "Have mercy, O God."

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence.*

For the church throughout the world and its leaders, that guided by the Holy Spirit they proclaim the forgiveness of sins, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For wilderness and water, wind and wild beasts, and all living things on earth, that God's goodness is revealed through creation and faithful stewards care for all God has made, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the nations of the world and their leaders, for laborers busy both day and night, and for peacemakers amid strife, that God inspire all people to use their strength wisely, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the sick and those who provide medical care, for the imprisoned and those who show them mercy, for the lonely and those who provide companionship, for all who suffer that God shower compassion, and to those we now name either aloud or in the silence of our hearts (pause), let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the congregation gathered here and online, for students returning to school, for those seeking renewal in their daily work, that all the beloved of God experience grace and peace, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the newly baptized with the water of grace and the gift of the Holy Spirit we give thanks, especially for Hadley, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their labors, that their witness inspire us in our baptismal vocations, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

**\*Sharing the Peace:**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

\*Please stand as you are able.

**Offering:**

If you would like to give electronically, you may

1. Download the ELCA Giving App from Google Store or Apple Play, or
2. Go to our website [www.holytrinitylutheranchurch.com](http://www.holytrinitylutheranchurch.com) and click on the green "Give" button.
3. Using your bank's online BillPay features.

Thank you for your support of Holy Trinity and our ministries!

**Offering Music:** "Morning Has Broken" sung by Kathleen Stout and Becke Bly

**\*Offering Prayer:**

L 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.

C **Amen.**

**\*Lord's Prayer:**

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. (Lord's Prayer)

All **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 Call and Response:**

L God's work!

C **Our hands!**

L God's love!

C **Our hearts!**

L God's story!

C **Our voices!**

**\*Benediction:**

P "Barocha" - Michael Card

C **Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn: "Baptized and Set Free" ELW 453**



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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**\*Dismissal:**

P Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C **Thanks be to God.**

\*Please stand as you are able.

## Announcements for January 10, 2021

### Birthdays and Anniversaries for the week of January 10-16, 2021:

#### Birthdays:

January 11 – Shirley Foster  
January 12 – Sherri Elwood  
January 13 – Dale Cameron  
January 13 – Essilee Smith  
January 13 – Blake Wuthrich

#### Anniversaries:

No anniversaries on record.

#### **This week's Prayers:** Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Ted Peterson, Dawn-Marie Oberly's father

Diane Scholer and Elaine Henrickson on the death of their beloved family member, Allen Berg

Denise Amschler

Those who are infected with the COVID-19 Coronavirus and the frontline workers who are caring for them.

#### **2021 Offering Envelopes:**

Your 2021 Offering Envelopes may be picked up at the church in the vestibule by the front doors. Since the vestibule is unlocked you may pick up your envelopes at your convenience. If you would like offering envelopes and you can't find a set with your name on them, please contact Jenni in the office at 765-282-0619.

#### **Volunteers Needed:**

We need volunteers to work in the Christian Ministries Food Pantry on Wednesday, January 27; Thursday, January 28; and Friday, January 29 from 9:00am to 12 Noon. We need 2 people per day. If you can help with this, please contact the church office.

### **Mark Your Calendar!**

**Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, January 24, 2021, Virtually on Zoom at 11:00am**

Reports are to be emailed to the church office no later than Monday, January 11. The church email is: holytrinitymuncie@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please contact Jenni in the church office.

Reports will be emailed and mailed (to members who do not have email access) the week of January 18. Copies will also be available in the vestibule for pick up.

During this meeting we will be voting on the new Council members and the proposed budget for 2021.

We will also hear about how God's mission through Holy Trinity continues to touch lives in our community, even through a pandemic. God works in and through all of life's ups and downs.

Below is the link for the Zoom Annual Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/6616571423?pwd=b3NqMldPTXkxS0RuOXZ3RVNabC9rUT09>

For those who do not have internet access, please call the church office by Friday, January 22 to reserve your spot in the conference call. This will let Jenni know that you want to be included in the conference call for the Zoom meeting. Jenni will call each of you on Sunday morning, January 24, and put you all into a conference call that she will attach to the Zoom meeting.

We will be mailing out letters with detailed information for everyone on how this virtual annual meeting will work.

\*Please stand as you are able.

## **Congregation Council Election**

### **Sunday, January 24, 2021**

In accordance with Holy Trinity's Constitution, the Congregation Annual Meeting will be called on Sunday, January 24, 2021 at 11:00am via Zoom, with the purpose of electing 2021 Council Members, approval of the 2021 proposed budget and to hear the annual reports from the various ministries of Holy Trinity. C12.02.01 of the Constitution state that notice of candidates must be given by the nominating committee at least two weeks prior to the meeting. C12.02.02 states that the congregation may nominate additional candidates providing that the nominees have agreed to stand for election and the names of such nominees are submitted to the Secretary of the congregation no later than 5 days in advance of the election.

The nominating committee submits the following names for the election:

#### **President:**

**Nancy Carlson:** Nancy Carlson joined Holy Trinity in 1982, shortly after having moved from her home state of Illinois. She is a retired professor of telecommunications at Ball State. Married 39 years to John Carlson, she has two grown children, Katie and John. Nancy is an active volunteer in the community and has previously served on church council. She led HTLC's 500th anniversary commemoration of the Reformation and the most recent vision planning activity.

#### **Vice-President:**

**Roger Hollands:** Roger Hollands and his family joined Holy Trinity when he came to Muncie as a young Assistant Professor of Political Science at Ball State in 1970. Over the years he has served several times on the council as well as being elected its secretary and as council president. Currently he is a member of the Holy Trinity Foundation Board. He has served as worship leader during Sunday services and is active in food outreach. I have been blessed in many ways here at Holy Trinity and I am thankful for the opportunity to give back.

#### **Member-At-Large [to elect 3]:**

**John Huff:** I have been a member of HTLC for decades and an usher for over 20 years. I'm retired from a 30+ year career as a Pharmaceutical Sales Representative, but please don't hold that against me! I love our HTLC people and want to see things get back to normal, whatever that will be, as soon as possible!

**Jan Segedy:** I have been a member of Holy Trinity since 2001 and am currently a choir member and secretary of Holy Trinity's Foundation Board. This will be the second time I have served on the Church Council. Teaching Elementary School children has been my passion in Michigan and at Burriss Laboratory School. After retiring from teaching in 2014, I began working part time for Michelle Walker and Thrivent Financial. I enjoy quilting, ballroom dancing, walking and traveling. My son, David, lives in Seattle and is a band drummer and home remodeling worker.

**Kate Leigh:** I joined Holy Trinity in 2009 after my son (Ian James) and I moved to Muncie. Richard and I were married here in 2011. I have assisted with the Project Stepping Stone dessert auction on several occasions. I am the Head of Cataloging and Metadata Services at Bracken Library, Ball State University. In my spare time, I read, go for walks, and watch a lot of sports, including cheering for my Green Bay Packers.

***Thank you to the Nominating Committee: Becki Bergs, Gwen Carey, John Kelly and Sue Donnellan for their work and for our nominees' willingness to serve!***