

# Baptism of our Lord

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.



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9:30 a.m.

HOLY NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

New Hope, Minnesota

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*Our Mission & Ministry: "Grounded in Christ's love, Holy Nativity Lutheran Church is a welcoming community dedicated to helping all know God's love through worship, service, and fellowship."*

**Join us for Sunday worship at 9:30am  
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## **ORDER FOR WORSHIP**

*Quote: "In the ritual of baptism, our ancestors acted out the bizarre truth of Christian identity: We are people who stand totally exposed before evil and death and declare them powerless against love."*

-Rachel Held Evans

### **WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

*This is a time to quietly listen, pause to pray, and reflect on why we are here.*

#### **GATHERING MUSIC**

*"O Blessed Spring"*

setting, R.B. Farlee

#### **WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **INVOCATION**

*P: We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen**

#### **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS (P-Pastor, C-Congregation)**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

*(silence is kept for reflection)*

P: Holy God,

**C: you search and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin – our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.**

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.**

**WE PRAISE GOD**

**GATHERING HYMN**

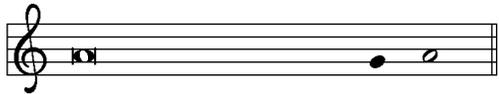
*“Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized”*  
(verses 1 & 4)

**Hymnal #304**

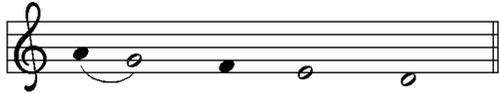
1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you  
2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant  
3 Straight-way and stead-fast un - til death you then o - beyed the  
4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be

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.



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



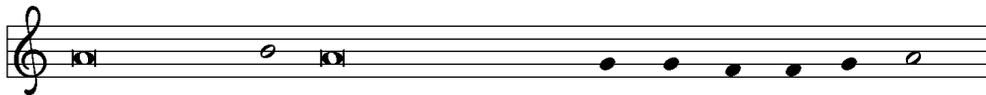
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - - men.

Assisting minister

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray together:

(unison) **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.**

**ANTHEM**

*“How Great Thou Art”*  
Cresta & Iver Hubert

Arr. Iver Hubert

*O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed;*

*(Refrain) Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!  
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*When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I heart the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; (Refrain)*

*When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, “My God, how great thou art!” (Refrain)*

**GOD’S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED**

**FIRST READING**

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.

*Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Words... Congregation: Thanks be to God!*

**PSALM 29**

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

<sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

<sup>3</sup> The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup> The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

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

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

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

<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 causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, “Glory!”

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

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

*Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Words... Congregation: Thanks be to God!*

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**SECOND READING**

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.

*Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Words...*    **Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL VERSE***"Alleluia "*

Hymnal Pg. 151

Al - le - lu - ia.      Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life.      Al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL READING**

Mark 1:4-11

*Pastor: The holy gospel according to Mark...*    **Congregation: 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."

*Pastor: The gospel of the Lord...*    **Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON***"God is Still Speaking"*

Rev. Jason Wahlstrom

**MOMENT TO REFLECT** (*We pause in silence.*)

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## WE RESPOND

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

Hymnal Pg. 105

**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.**

### **OFFERING/CHILDREN'S TIME**

*(You are invited to mail or drop off your offering, or donate online – go to our website at [holynativity.net](http://holynativity.net) and click on "Make Donation." Thank you!)*

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*(After each prayer petition... P: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.)*

**LORD'S PRAYER (unison) 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 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**

### **BENEDICTION**

**P: Now may the light of God surround us, the love of God enfold us, and the presence of God watch over and protect us. For wherever we are, our God is also there. We close as we began, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. C: Amen**

1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard  
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,  
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,  
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -  
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the  
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.  
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man - kind let there be light.  
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.  
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

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**DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God.****SENDING MUSIC***“I’ve Just Come from the Fountain”*

Richard Billingham

*Flowers by the altar are given by Delphine Arme in honor of essential workers.***WEEKLY INFORMATION**

<b>Sunday, January 10 <i>Baptism of Our Lord</i></b> 9:30am Worship (Online) 12:00pm Word of Life worship 6:00pm Word of Life Youth	<b>Thursday, January 14</b> Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm
<b>Monday, January 11</b> Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm 5:30pm – 6:30pm Centering Prayer (on Zoom) 7:00pm Ensemble	<b>Friday, January 15</b> Office Hours 9:00am – 1:00pm  7:00pm Word of Life Choir
<b>Tuesday, January 12</b> Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm 2:30pm Staff Meeting (on Zoom) 6:00pm Executive Committee 7:00pm WAM	<b>Saturday, January 16</b>
<b>Wednesday, January 13</b> Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm 11:15am HNCCCC Chapel  7:00pm Confirmation (online)	<b>Sunday, January 17</b> <b><i>Second Sunday after Epiphany</i></b> 9:30am Worship (Online) 10:30am Sunday Forum (online) 10:30am Youth Forum (online) 12:00pm Word of Life worship 6:00pm Word of Life Youth 7:00pm High School Forum (online) 7:00pm Equipping Parents (online)
<b>PRISM is accepting food donations</b> Monday to Thursday, 9-3. Items in short supply are ramen noodles, pasta, pancake mix and breakfast cereal. Also see school supplies drive information below! <b>January’s Mission Offering</b> is designated to Lutheran Disaster Response.	

**TODAY...****Education Hour is at 10:30am:**

- **Sunday School** returns! Video lessons are being posted weekly on YouTube here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mv4IANtS9Rs>.
- Today’s **High School forum** is later today. 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders should have received the link – if not, please contact Wendy Grimes.
- **No Sunday Forum today.** Sunday Forums are the first and third Sundays of the month.

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## **MORE INFORMATION...**

### **Equipping Parents is back in January – online!**

- **When the World Feels Like a Scary Place: A Zoom Conversation with Author Abigail Gewirtz is on Sunday, January 17th, 7:00 – 8:00pm.** In a complicated world, big issues make both parents and children anxious--from disturbingly routine active shooter drills at school, to frightening news about climate change, pandemics, social justice issues, and violence. It's all too easy for parents to feel at a loss for how to equip their child to deal with it all in a healthy way. Join us as Dr. Abigail Gewirtz, an award-winning child psychologist and leading expert on families under stress, offers parents a clear and practical guide to discussing these sensitive topics in a calm, reassuring, and productive way that will help kids comprehend and process the world around them.
- **Use this Zoom link:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85255480757?pwd=b1grcURXR1daS1pLNVBlcmFLMTgvUT09>.

**Holy Nativity Book Club is back!** You are invited to participate in an online discussion of the book, “How to Be an Antiracist,” by Ibram X. Kendi. In this book, Ibram X. Kendi, the founding director of the Antiracist Research and Policy Center at American University, presents an original approach to understanding and uprooting racism and inequality in our society – and in ourselves. Antiracism is a transformative concept that reorients and reenergizes the conversation about racism – and, even more fundamentally, points us toward liberating new ways of thinking about ourselves and each other. In his book, Kendi takes readers through a widening circle of antiracist ideas – from the most basic concepts to visionary possibilities – that will help readers see all forms of racism clearly, understand their poisonous consequences, and work to oppose them in our systems and in ourselves. Pastor Jason will lead the discussion on Google Meet. We will meet on three Wednesdays, from 7-8pm: January 20, 27, and February 3. Read the introduction and the first six chapters for the first meeting. The book is available on Amazon or at your favorite local bookseller. The Google Meet link for all three sessions is: <https://meet.google.com/vtp-vrog-pre>. If the link doesn't work, open Google Meet and enter: vtp-vrog-pre.

**Scripture readers needed** for Sunday morning worship! Readers come to church in-person. Please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b48afad2fa4fb6-scripture1>.

**Thank you for your continued financial support!** During this time of online worship, there are still many ways you can financially support Holy Nativity!

1. **Mail your offering** (you may use your offering envelopes or mail checks to us at Holy Nativity, 3900 Winnetka Avenue N, New Hope, MN 55427).
2. **Give online** via [our link](#). Or just go to our website at [holynativity.net](http://holynativity.net) and click on “Make Donation.”
3. **Ask the office to send you a Simply Giving form** for automatic withdrawals.

*Today's cantor: Cresta Hubert ~ Today's scripture reader: Kathy Davis*

*People & needs to keep in your prayers this week:*

*Geri Lingen, Michelle Hanson, Linda Botner,*

*Rhaegar Waters (son of Alicia Waters/grandson of Chris Cerra), Lori Cowman, Roiger family.*

*If you have a prayer request or update, or wish to be added to our prayer group, please contact the church office at 763-545-1647 or [office@holynativity.net](mailto:office@holynativity.net).*