

# *The Baptism of Our Lord*

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Redeemer Lutheran Church, Owosso      Faith Landing Lutheran Church, Davison



## **Announcements**

### **Order of Confession and Forgiveness**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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 our ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## Kyrie

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: 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.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**C: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father.**

P: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

**C: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:**

P: You take away the sin of the world;

**C: Have mercy on us.**

P: You are seated at the right hand of the Father;

**C: Receive our prayer.**

P: For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

**C: You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## Scripture Readings

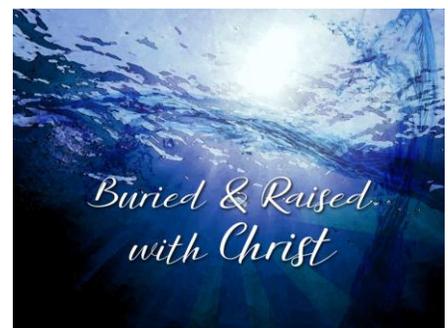
### **Romans 6:3-11**

3 Do you not know that all of us who have been  
baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

4 Therefore we have been buried  
with him by baptism into death,  
so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead  
by the glory of the Father,  
so we too might walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his,  
we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

6 We know that our old self was crucified with him  
so that the body of sin might be destroyed,



- and we might no longer be enslaved to sin.
- 7 For whoever has died is freed from sin.
- 8 But if we have died with Christ,  
we believe that we will also live with him.
- 9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead,  
will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.
- 10 The death he died, he died to sin, once for all;  
but the life he lives, he lives to God.
- 11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin  
and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**The Gospel Reading** *(Please stand for the reading of the Holy Gospel.)*

L: This is the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

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

**Mark 1:4-11**

- 4 John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming  
a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
- 5 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.
- 6 Now John was clothed with camel's hair,  
with a leather belt around his waist,  
and he ate locusts and wild honey.
- 7 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.
- 8 I have baptized you with water; but he  
will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”
- 9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee  
and was baptized by John in the Jordan.
- 10 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.
- 11 And a voice came from heaven,  
“You are my Son, the Beloved;  
with you I am well pleased.”



L: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

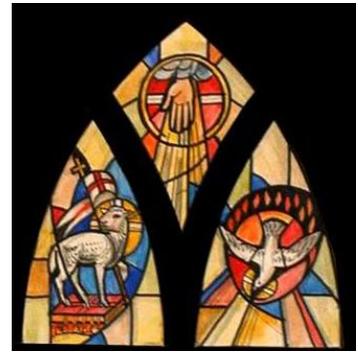
## The Message

### The Apostles' Creed *(Please stand.)*

L: God has made us his people through  
our Baptism into Christ.  
Living together in trust and hope,  
we confess our faith.

**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 catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### Prayer of the Church

With gratitude for the gift of Christ, let us draw near to our heavenly Father in prayer, asking his mercy for the Church, the world, and all who need his loving-kindness.

Most holy God, give us ears to hear your voice thundering amid the floodwaters of this world. Give us lips to cry “Glory!” Give us hearts to love you above all things. Give us faith to trust you in all things.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Fill the Church with your glory. Make it faithful in proclaiming your promise of salvation to those who need to come to know you and your grace. Let us rejoice when many repent, believe, and are joined to the Body of Christ.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide, guard and bless your persecuted servants throughout the world. Let your Word be found upon their lips and in their hearts. By their faithful witness, lead even their enemies to the light of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let your Word thunder in this congregation. Unlock our lips to cry “Glory” and proclaim your holy Name in word and deed. Conform our lives to the image of Christ. Let the light of his holy and forgiving love shine brightly in all we say and do.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Pour your Spirit upon those who waver between doubt and faith, despair and hope, rebellion and repentance. Nudge them to take the next small step of faith, even if it feels like a giant leap. Help us to walk with them along that path with understanding and grace, and love and timely wisdom.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let your Word shape the minds, hearts and wills of our elected and appointed leaders. Fill all of us with your Spirit of wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, knowledge and fear of you, and joy in your presence. Banish those things which lead to falsehood and deception, to hatred and violence, and to injustice and suffering. Speak your Word of peace to us all.



Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be the shield, light and safety of all who risk their lives for the sake of others. Especially we raise up to you the nurses and doctors in our community, and across our country. Give them such integrity and strength of character that the sick and helpless, the innocent and defenseless may always look to them for help. Day after day, when their work is done, bring them home in safety and wellness to their loved ones.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let your living Word bring health, wholeness and hope to all who suffer, especially.... Bless all who minister to them; and let the radiance of your Son's love gladden their hearts.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you, heavenly Father, for your powerful voice that splits open the tombs of your servants, and calls them out of death into eternal life. Give comfort and strength to all who grieve. Protect and guide for each of us, until we join those who continually cry “Glory” in your blessed presence, and dwell with you in the splendor of eternal light and life that you share with your Son and the Holy Spirit.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Graciously hear, and generously answer our prayers and petitions, dear Father, as may be best for us and to your greater glory, thorough your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Order for Holy Communion**

P: The Lord be with you.

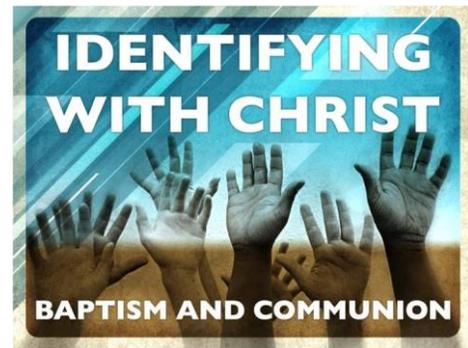
**C: And also with you.**

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 him thanks and praise.**



P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God. Sharing our life Christ lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with all the ranks of angels, with all the faithful of every time and every place, we praise your name and join their unending praise:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might! Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen.**

### **The Words of the Institution for Holy Communion**

P: 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.

**Our 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.**



*(Be seated for the distribution of Holy Communion. An usher will inform you when to come forward for Communion. Please do not pick up the plate. After you have taken the bread and wine, then dispose of the cup and plate in the containers provided. You may return to your seat or exit the sanctuary. Those receiving Communion at home are to follow the "Home Communion Guidelines" seen below and on our church web site.)*

**Benediction**

**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.

**C: Amen.**

**Dismissal**

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



***Guidelines for Home Holy Communion  
during Staying at Home due to Covid-19***

The temporary practice of Home Holy Communion is supported by Bishop Selbo of the NALC, and it is approved by the Church Council of Redeemer Lutheran Church. This is a temporary practice due to the impact of Covid-19 on church attendance. The limited time period will begin on Sunday, November 29, 2020 (the First Sunday in Advent) and go through the month of February. At that time, Pastor will determine if an extension of the practice is called for.

#### Steps to Follow:

- If you have guests with you, they may join with for Communion. Yet, they need to be baptized Christians. Also, they need to understand that Lutherans believe in “the real presence” of Jesus in the bread and wine of Communion. That is to say, we believe that the consecrated bread is the body of Christ, and that the consecrated wine is the blood of Christ.
- Before participating with the on-line worship service, set up a small serving of wine or grape juice for each person taking communion with you, and set up the appropriate pieces of bread. Set up only the amount that you are going to use for Holy Communion. You want to avoid having leftovers.

If you do have leftovers, the remaining wine and bread must be disposed of properly in one of two ways. You may drink and eat all the remaining wine and bread that had been set out for Holy Communion. Or, take them outside and pour the wine onto the ground, and bury the bread in the ground. Do not pour the leftover wine down any drain, and do not throw the leftover bread into the trash or garbage. As Lutherans believe that consecrated wine and bread is the body and blood of Christ.

- Participate with the entire on-line worship service.
- After some church members have come forward and received Holy Communion, then join us by taking Holy Communion there in your home.
- As people continue to receive Holy Communion at church, meditate upon God’s grace given to you through Jesus Christ, and his Cross.
- Continue to participate with us for the rest of the worship service.

You may still opt for making an arrangement with Pastor to gather as a household at the church in order to receive Holy Communion in the church setting. For the safety of all, masks and social distancing would be used.