

January 10, 2021
9:30 Worship
Baptism of our Lord



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
“Participating in God’s mission of life”
7104 - 39th Avenue
Kenosha, WI 53142

*We are a Reconciling in Christ Congregation
(All are welcome here)*

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John the Baptist prepared those in the wilderness for Jesus’ coming. Once baptized, people had to decide...are they ready for change or resistant to it?

The mission of God is life. Hope replaces despair. Faith replaces fear. Life replaces death. How are you participating in God’s mission of life?

WELCOME

AM: Good morning. Welcome in the name of the Lord to Trinity, Kenosha. We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America who welcomes and affirms all persons into the life of our faith community.

We extend a special welcome for those watching who are new to our faith community and invite you to explore our ministries by visiting our website at trinitykenosha.org. Our new member team leader, Joe Falduto, is eager to listen and answer your questions about our ministries. Please feel free to email him. Welcome to worship!

GATHERING SONG

♪♪ *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized.....Hymn #304*

*Christ, when for us you were baptized, God's Spirit on you came,
As peaceful as a dove, and yet as urgent as a flame, as urgent as a
flame.*

*God called you, "My beloved Son"; you are God's servant true,
Sent to proclaim the reign of heav'n, God's holy will to do, God's holy
will to do.*

*Straightway and steadfast until death you then obeyed the call
To serve with free and willing heart, to give your life for all, to give your
life for all.*

*Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord; your cross on us be signed,
That likewise in God's service we may perfect freedom find, may perfect
freedom find.*

FORGIVENESS AND CONFESSION

P: We gather in the name of God the Creator, God the Incarnate, and God the Advocate. Amen.

Trusting in the abundant mercy and everlasting love of the Holy Triune God, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: God of light,

C: ...You light a fire within us and ask us to shine, but we are quick to hide and make excuses. We shrink from challenges, avoid responsibility, and deny the goodness of your creation. We seek hollow praise and then don't believe it. Forgive us for hiding our God-given light and remaining self-absorbed.

P: Children of God, never fear, for you have always lived in the mercy of your creator. Hear the words of absolution and believe them: you are forgiven, you are made whole, you are restored to God. Hallelujah!

All: Amen

SONG OF PRAISE (sing twice)

♪♪ **You Are Holy**..... *Hymn 525*

You are holy, you are whole.

You are always evermore than we understand.

You are always at hand.

Blessed are you coming near.

Blessed are you coming here to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

You are holy, you are wholeness, you are present.

Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!

Sing hosanna in the highest!

Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day. God of truth,

C: ...through John you challenged your people to repent. Move us also to put aside the things that get in the way of truly serving you, for the sake of Jesus our savior. Amen.

AM: Scriptures today will be read by Kirsten Carson.

L: Through the proclaimed word of God, the Holy Spirit moves to instill and deepen faith.

A reading from the book of Psalms. (Psalm 51:6-17)

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore, teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

A reading from the gospel of Luke.

(Luke 3:1-22)

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraca and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” In reply he said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

As people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into

his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother’s wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Tom

A moment of silence follows the sermon for the movement of the Holy Spirit.

HYMN OF THE DAY

♪♪ Spirit Break Out

Spirit break out; break our walls down.

Spirit break out; heaven come down.

Spirit break out; break our walls down.

Spirit break out; heaven come down.

Our Father, All of heaven roars your name.

Sing louder; let this place erupt with praise.

Can you hear it? The sound of heaven touching earth.

The sound of heaven touching earth.

Our Father; all of heaven roars your name.

Sing louder; let this place erupt with praise.

Can you hear it? The sound of heaven touching earth.

The sound of heaven touching earth.

*Spirit break out; break our walls down.
Spirit break out; heaven come down.*

*King Jesus, you're the name we're lifting high.
Your glory, shaking up the earth and skies.
Revival - we want to see your kingdom here.
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APOSTLES CREED

AM: Let us confess our faith together with the words of the Apostles Creed.

**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 OF THE CHURCH

AM: Please text your prayer requests to 287-8098.

AM: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: God of power,.... **"Hear our prayer"**

AM: You invite us to open our hearts to your message of transformation, but it is still up to us to do so. Give us courage to take the plunge into a life of service, with all its surprises and challenges. God of power,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: Show us how to serve you in our jobs, responsibilities and leisure so that our daily lives reflect the restored relationship which we have with you. God of power,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: Your creative might could raise children from stones. Teach us to regard all that you have made with awe, and likewise to care for it with diligence and love. God of power,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Not every disease of ailment is visible, nor is sickness always a physical experience. Heal those things which plague our minds and spirits as well as our bodies, and restore us to wholeness in you. Be with those whose names we bring before you today...God of power.

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: With all your saints we praise you, in this life and the next, remembering the amazing things you have done for us. God of power,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: (*Here other petitions are offered*) God of power,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: Receive our prayers and shed light on our path as we seek to walk in your ways and bring glory to you through your son Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

C: Amen.

PEACE

AM: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

AM: If you are gathered with friends or family, share a word of peace with one another.

OFFERING

AM: During this season of “together while apart” your financial gifts given to the glory of God are especially precious and needed.

There are three ways to give:

1. Mail a check to Trinity, 7104 - 39th Avenue, Kenosha, WI 53142
2. Text a dollar amount with dollar sign (i.e. \$20) to: 262-429-9785
3. Select the “Giving” button on our homepage,

www.trinitykenosha.org

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

AM: Let us pray:

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your

feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. Amen.

C: Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS - Pastor Tom

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pr. Tom will be available until 11:15 this morning for persons to drive to church to receive individually packaged communion kits. If transportation is not possible, you may use bread and wine or juice that you have available in your home during this time of physical distancing.

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh
you have opened the eyes of faith
to a new and radiant vision of your glory,
that, beholding the God made visible,
we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

AM: As we pray together the Lord's Prayer, please use the version that
best nurtures your faith.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed
be your name, your Kingdom
come, your will be done, on
earth as in heaven. Give us
today our daily bread. Forgive
us our sins, as we forgive those
who sin against us. Save us
from the time of trial and
deliver us from evil. For the
kingdom, the power, and the
glory are yours, now and
forever. Amen.**

**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**

P: God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your
creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we
care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and
Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father +Son and Holy Spirit bless us and keep us,
guiding our thoughts and our actions in the grace of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen

SENDING HYMN

♪ *We Are Called*..... **Hymn #720**

*Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city
of God.*

*We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly; we are
called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.*

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!

*We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and blindness will be
no more.*

*We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly; we are
called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.*

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!

*God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers
united in love.*

*We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly; we are
called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.*

DISMISSAL

AM: Go. Walk in the light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.