

# Christ Lutheran Church

January 12, 2020  
Baptism of our Lord



*The Hands of Christ  
Worshiping Learning Serving  
Together*

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**INTRODUCTION:** In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

**Welcome Visitors!** Please sign our guest book in the Gathering Area.

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** is celebrated every Sunday. Everyone who seeks the Lord for forgiveness, mercy, and new life for daily living is welcome to the table. Ushers will direct you. If you prefer grape juice to wine, cups will be provided at the altar. Please dispose of your cups in the baskets at the end of the altar rail. Children are also invited to participate.

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Thanksgiving fir Baptism*

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.

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. Amen.**

	January 12, 2020	January 19, 2020	January 26, 2020
<b>Reader</b>	Liz Ellett	Betty Massy	Jean Warren
<b>Ushers</b>	Ronnie Tweedle Pat Northam	Jose Saavedra Bob Drake	Donna Tetlow
<b>Greeter</b>		Louise Drake	
<b>Ppt Tech</b>	Patty Northam		
<b>Musician</b>	Sandy Naill	Sandy Naill	Linda Pirtle
<b>\$ Counters</b>	Ronnie Tweedle Agnes Harris	Byron Sims Esther Braden	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jean's Team		
If you would like to be a part of the <u>Altar Guild</u> contact the Church Office: clcoffice2019@gmail.com or 979-297-2013.			

**Calendar:**

Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, Worship, 9:00AM

Discussion Group, 10:15AM

Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, Boredom Busters, 12:30PM

Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, Book Club, 10:00AM

Bread for Life, 11:30AM

Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, Choir Practice, 6:30PM

Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, Worship, 9:00AM

Discussion Group, 10:15AM

Council Meeting, 2:00PM

**Attendance Last Weekend: 37**

Lord's Work	Income	Expenses	+/-
<b>November</b>	\$18,281.00	\$15,809.95	\$2,471.05
<b>YTD 2019</b>	\$160,662.14	\$181,914.15	-\$21,252.01
Bldg Loan	Income	Expenses	+/-
<b>November</b>	\$3,226.00	\$4,949.53	-\$1,723.53
<b>YTD 2019</b>	\$52,568.00	\$54,444.83	-\$1,876.53

11  
Up from the wa - ters, child of light.

13  
How you were raised from death in - to glo - ry:  
Now you be - hold God's mer - cy and par - don:  
Now let the grace of Je - sus en - fold you:  
This is the new life Je - sus has giv - en:

15  
Up from the wa - ters in - to life

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Let your light shine.  
**Thanks be to God.**

***Preaching/Presiding: Paul Geisler, Jr.***

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**GATHERING HYMN:** *Baptized and Set Free* #453 Red Hymnal

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters. **Amen.**

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God who searches us and knows us,

**you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way. We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. With what shall we come before you? Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved of God, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Receive the promise of baptism: You are God's child; † your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven. **Amen.**

#### GREETING

As God has poured out the grace of forgiveness and love and peace through Christ, let us also share that grace with among ourselves.

Peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Share the peace with those around you.*

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* #310, vs 1&2, Red Hymnal

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

### READING: *Isaiah 42:1-9*

*God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.*

<sup>1</sup>Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

<sup>2</sup>He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;

<sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

<sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

<sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:

<sup>6</sup>I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,

<sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

<sup>8</sup>I am the LORD, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.

<sup>9</sup>See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;

evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table of mercy and joy.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## WE ARE SENT

### BLESSING

May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always. **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN: *Up from the Waters*

Up from the wa-ters God has claimed you, Up from the wa-ters, child of light

Praise to the One who called and named you Up from the wa-ters in-to life.

Al - lays pro - claim the won - der - ful sto - ry:  
Now you have crossed the Ri - ver of Jor - dan:  
No more shall sin have pow - er to hold you:  
This is the life that rains down from heav - en:

by the touch of another of your children - both the ones we meet and the ones we will never know.

**Thank you, Loving God!**

We give you thanks for all who have come before us, Grandmothers and Grandfathers - by blood and by faith, who have loved us and taught us, by their stories and by their lives. They have shared your love in their love. We celebrate that they are a part of your great community of saints - of which we, too, are a part.

**Thank you, Loving God!**

All creation thanks you, Loving God, and we join them, saying,

**Holy, holy, holy God! God of love and life  
heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in God's name!  
Hosanna in the highest!**

When the time was right, you shared yourself with us in a new way - in the life and teachings, in the death and resurrection, of Jesus – the One we call Christ. So we remember the night before he was to be put to death. He gathered with his friends and shared a meal of celebration. In love, he tried to help his disciples understand what was to come. He took a loaf of bread, blessed it, and broke the bread saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it. This is my body, given for you."

**Amen!**

He took a cup of wine and blessed it and offered them the cup, saying, "Take this, all of you, and drink from it. In this is my covenant – my promise - offered to you, that sin might be forgiven."

**Amen!**

Holy God, fill us and these gifts with your Presence - that they and we might be the Body of Christ - feeding your world. Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most holy, forever and ever.

**Amen.**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

And so, as Jesus' taught us, we are bold to say...

**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**

before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia. A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved,  
**with whom I am well pleased." Alleluia. (Matt. 3:17)**

#### **GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17**

The holy gospel according to the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of Matthew.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.*

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.  
<sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### **MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized* #304 Red Hymnal

#### **STATEMENT OF FAITH**

**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.** *\*universal*

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Called together through water and the Word, we boldly pray for the church, the world, and all who long to hear God's voice. *A brief silence.*

Renewing God, thank you for the gift of baptism. Give your church boldness to proclaim your promises. Tear down obstacles of injustice so that your word of hope reaches the ends of the earth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, we rejoice in the glory of your creation: the beauty of rivers and streams, glaciers and oceans, lakes and ponds. Bring restoration to your earth, and free us from overuse and abuse of water, air, and land. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of peace, we give thanks for order in the midst of chaos, though we long for greater justice in our world. Raise up wise and compassionate servant leaders so that all experience your reign of peace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, thank you for the powerful healing we witness through doctors and nurses, medication, therapy, and holistic means. Break through clouds of pain and anguish with your voice of comfort. Proclaim hope to all who grieve, and send healing to all who are sick especially Alison Blevins, Liz Ellett, Agnes Harris, Dennis Jones, David Lykken, Roselyn Lykken, Jimmy Neece, Richard Poklikuha, Steve Ray, Dennis Smith, Gail Smith, Joy Stanley, Gene Reynolds, Sharon Reynolds, and Donna Tetlow. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Constant God, give strength to those who daily live with pain or illness. Walk alongside all caregivers with your never-failing presence. We pray especially Dorothy Krug, Terry Partridge, and Connie Spangenburg for that God lift up people to provide care and consolation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of courage, we rejoice in this community of hope. Strengthen all who are preparing for baptism and renew the faith of sponsors, mentors, parents, grandparents, friends, and all who guide the newly baptized in this life of joy. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** *Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God who measures our days, rejoice with those who celebrate their birthdays this week. Grant joy and support to Naomi Perez, Connie Spangenberg, and Rachel Marks. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of hope, unleash your Spirit to increase our trust in you. We give thanks for the lives of the saints who inspire us with lives of baptismal witness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We place our prayers before you, God, united in your Spirit; through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **WE SHARE THE HOLY MEAL**

**OFFERING & VIDEO MEDITATION** *We present our gifts to God.*

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

God of wonder,

**you formed us in our mother's womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life. Amen.**

#### **PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION**

God is with you!

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give God our thanks and our praise.

**With joy and celebration, we say, "Thank you, Father!"**

We do thank you, Creator-of-All, for all things in our lives: for all people in our lives. For life itself! We give you thanks for the many ways we are transformed,