

**Christ Lutheran Church  
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*A Congregation of the American Association of Lutheran Churches*



**Our Mission Statement**

*We strive to be worthy witnesses to the world.*

**At Christ Lutheran, we strive to lead lives worthy of our calling as witnesses to the Good News of Jesus Christ in God's world.**

**(Ephesians 4:1)**

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# The Baptism of Our Lord

January 10, 2021

*Please stand as you are able where marked\*\*\**

## *Greetings and Announcements*

### *Prelude*

### *\*\*\*The Confession and Absolution*

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

**People:** Amen.

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

*(A time of silent reflection and self-examination.)*

**Pastor:** Most merciful God.

**People:** We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. 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 your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen

**Pastor:** Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen. Thanks be to God.

### *\*\*\*Opening Hymn:*

### *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

**Hymn #55**

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,  
Manifested by the star To the sages from afar,  
Branch of royal David's stem In thy birth at Bethlehem:  
Anthems be to thee address, God in Man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
And at Cana wedding guest In thy Godhead manifest;  
Manifest in power divine, Changing water into wine:  
Anthems be to thee address, God in Man made manifest.

Manifest in making whole Palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
Manifest in valiant fight, Quelling all the devil's might;  
Manifest in gracious will, Ever bringing good from ill:  
Anthems be to thee address, God in Man made manifest.

Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, Mirrored in thy holy word;  
May we imitate thee now, And be pure, as pure art thou;  
That we like to thee may be At thy great Epiphany:  
And may praise thee, ever blest, God in Man made manifest.

**\*\*\*Psalm: Psalm 29 (read responsively)**

**Pastor:** Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,

**People:** ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Pastor:** Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

**People:** worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

**Pastor:** The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

**People:** the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters.

**Pastor:** The voice of the Lord is powerful;

**People:** the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

**Pastor:** The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;

**People:** the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**Pastor:** He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,

**People:** and Sirion like a young wild ox.

**Pastor:** The voice of the Lord

**People:** flashes forth flames of fire.

**Pastor:** The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;

**People:** the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**Pastor:** The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare,

**People:** and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

**Pastor:** The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;

**People:** the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

**Pastor:** May the Lord give strength to his people!

**People:** May the Lord bless his people with peace!

**\*\*\*The Gloria Patri: (sung)** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**\*\*\*The Kyrie: (responses are sung)**

**Pastor:** Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People:** Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Pastor:** Christ, have mercy upon us.

**People:** Christ, have mercy upon us.

**Pastor:** Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People:** Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Pastor:** Glory be to God on high!

**\*\*\*Gloria in Excelsis: (sung)** And on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**\*\*\*Collect:**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And with thy spirit.

**Pastor:** Let us Pray.

**People:** Heavenly Father, as you revealed yourself at the baptism of your Son, and the Spirit descended upon Him as a dove, so descend upon us at His glorious return. As He saved us by his obedience, at His final epiphany, perfect us so that we might live in perfect obedience forever. Through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

**The Scripture Lessons:**

**Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 1:1–5**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. <sup>3</sup> Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. <sup>4</sup> 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, one day.

**Pastor:** This is the word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Epistle Lesson: Romans 6:1–11**

<sup>1</sup> What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup> May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup> Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, <sup>6</sup> knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; <sup>7</sup> for he who has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, <sup>9</sup> knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him. <sup>10</sup> For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. <sup>11</sup> Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**Pastor:** This is the word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God

**\*\*\*The Alleluia: (sung)** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts and hear the Holy Gospel as it is recorded in the first chapter of Saint Mark beginning with the fourth verse.

**\*\*\*People (sung)** Glory be to thee, O Lord

## Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:4–11

<sup>4</sup> John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> And all the country of Judea was going out to him, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup> John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist, and his diet was locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> And he was preaching, and saying, "After me One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to stoop down and untie the thong of His sandals. <sup>8</sup> I baptized you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." <sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> Immediately coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens opening, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him; <sup>11</sup> and a voice came out of the heavens: "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased."

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**\*\*\*People:** (sung) Praise be to thee, O Christ

## Children's Sermon



## Pulpit Hymn:

## *As With Gladness Men of Old*

*Hymn #52*

As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming bright;  
So most gracious God, may we Evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped To that lowly manger bed,  
There to bend the knee before Him whom heaven and earth adore;  
So may we with willing feet Ever seek thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare At that manger rude and bare;  
So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly King.

Holy Jesus, every day Keep us in the narrow way;  
And, when earthly things are past, Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds thy glory hide.

In the heavenly country bright Need they no created light;  
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;  
There for ever may we sing Alleluias to our King.

# One for All



**The Sermon Response: (sung)** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right Spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and uphold me with thy free spirit.

**\*\*\* The Apostles' Creed:**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

**\*\*\*The General Prayer: (after each petition)**

**Pastor:** Lord in your mercy.

**People:** Hear our prayer.

**\*\*\*The Prayer Response: (sung)**

Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord. Incline thine ear to us and grant us thy peace. Amen

**\*\*\*The Preface: (responses are sung)**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And with thy spirit.

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**People:** It is meet and right so to do.

**\*\*\*Proper Preface:**

**Pastor:** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God: And now do we praise thee, that thou didst send unto us thine only-begotten Son, and that in him, being found in fashion as a man, thou didst reveal the fullness of thy glory. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; ever more praising thee, and saying:

**\*\*\*The Sanctus: (sung)**

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of thy glory; Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

**\*\*\*The Consecration:**

**Pastor:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me."

After the same manner also, he took the cup, when he had supped and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; this do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me."

**\*\*\*The Eucharistic Prayer:**

**Pastor:** Remembering, therefore, his salutary precept, his life-giving Passion and Death, his glorious Resurrection and Ascension and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to thee, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought, but as we are able; and we beseech thee mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving, and with thy Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, thy servants, and these thine own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who partake thereof may be filled with heavenly benediction and grace, and, receiving the remission of sins, be sanctified in soul and body, and have our portion with all thy saints. And unto thee, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in thy holy Church, world without end. Amen.

**\*\*\*The 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, For ever and ever. Amen.

**\*\*\*The Agnus Dei: (sung)**

O Christ, thou Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, thou Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, thou Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace. Amen.

**The Communion**

**\*\*\*Post Communion Blessing:**

**Pastor:** The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ and His precious Blood strengthen and preserve you unto eternal life.

**People: *Nunc Dimittis* (Simeon's Prayer): (sung)** Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou has prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Pastor:** O give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

**People: (sung)** And His mercy endureth forever.

**\*\*\*Closing Prayer: (responses are sung)**

**Pastor:** Let us pray. We give thanks to thee, Almighty God, that thou hast refreshed us with this thy salutary gift; and we beseech thee, of thy mercy, to strengthen us through the same gift, in faith toward thee and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, thy dear Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

**People:** Amen.

**Pastor:** The Peace of the Lord be with you.

**People:** And with thy spirit.

**Pastor:** Bless we the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

\*\*\**The Benediction:*

**Pastor:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**People: (sung)** The threefold Amen

A-men, A-men, A----men.

\*\*\**Closing Hymn:*

*O One with God the Father*

**Hymn #56**

O one with God the Father In majesty and might,  
The brightness of his glory, Eternal Light of Light,  
O'er this our home of darkness Thy rays are streaming now;  
The shadows flee before thee, The world's true Light art thou.

Yet, Lord, we see but darkly; O heavenly Light, arise,  
Dispel these mists that shroud us, And hide thee from our eyes.  
We long to track the footprints That thou thyself hast trod;  
We long to see the pathway That leads to thee, our God.

O Jesus, shine around us With radiance of thy grace;  
O Jesus, turn upon us The brightness of thy face.  
We need no star to guide us As on our way we press,  
If thou thy light vouchsafest, O Sun of Righteousness.

\*\*\**The Postlude*

***Prayers and Praises:***

For our church leaders:

Presiding Pastor: Rev Dr. Curtis Leins  
Assistant Presiding Pastor: Rev Cary Larson  
AALC Administrator: Rev Dean Stoner  
Secretary Pastor: Rev Joe Marsh  
Home Mission Developer: Rev Joe Christina  
National Office Manager: Bonnie Ohlrich  
Seminary President: Rev Dr, Jordan Cooper  
Seminary Administrator: Duane Kleven

Joyce Ballard	Mark & Terri Ballard	Casey Day & family
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Laura Nichols	Michael D'Amico	Dianne Wentzell
Hope Johnston	Nancy Gregory	Pat Anderson
Sidney Neighbors	Ken Ford	Tammy Stimmell
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Mike Perry	Dorothy Foster	Elizabeth Ondulich
Ruth Bates	Rebecca Robinson	Bill Trall
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Roland Gonano	Joyce Gonano	Family of Darlene Allen

For the President and the leaders of our nation

For those in the armed Services: Grace Gorevin, Zach Gorevin, Christopher Clarke, Terry O'Brien, Travis Hawk, Skyler Hawk, Bethany Hueter, Chaplain John Reutemann, Pastor Len Brokenshire, Cameron Donk, Ethan Stone, Rebecca Deppe

For our Seminary Students: Nigel Brown

For a Region congregation: St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Augusta, KY

For our missionary work: Damascus HELP

For those being persecuted for their faith in Christ

For the congregations of our Germantown/Clarksburg/Damascus community: Montgomery UMC

For the congregations of the American Association of Lutheran Churches

For our college students: Haven Flesch, Shelby Evans, Maddie Day

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The current occupancy restrictions for churches is 25 persons, so we will continue having one service at 10:30 AM on Sunday mornings. Masks and social distancing are still mandated.**
- **Due to the virus constraints the nursery will not be available at this time. Children are encouraged to stay with their parents throughout the service. Please bring any “busy” items you may need for the children from home.**
- **Men’s Bible Study: To be announced 😊**
- **Women’s Bible Study: Wednesdays at 10 AM**
- **Adult Sunday School: To be announced 😊**
- **You may continue to watch the Sunday services (10:30AM) via Livestream on Facebook – Christ Lutheran Church AALC. The Bulletins for the services are on our Website: [christlutheranofgermantown.org](http://christlutheranofgermantown.org). The video of every livestream is on our Facebook page. You can access the livestream by clicking the link at the bottom of the first page of our website or by visiting the Facebook page directly. Be sure to click on the ‘videos’ tab.**
- **The church council meeting will be today at 1 PM via free conference call.**
- **The annual congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday February 7.**

## **SERMON NOTES: One for All**