

The Lakes Lutheran Church

Las Vegas, NV

Baptism of Our Lord

January 10, 2021 9:30 a.m.

*Service of the Word
(online only)*

Prelude

Bright and Glorious is the Sky
Evangelical Lutheran Worship 301

Gathering

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

PM: 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.

PM: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection

Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive 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 your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

PM: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God
Evangelical Lutheran Worship 458

**Praise and thanksgiving be to God our maker,
source of all blessing, prodigal creator.
Baptized and made your own, now we come before you,
and we adore you.**

**Not our own holiness, nor that we have striven
brings us the peace which you, O Christ, have given.
Baptized and set apart, strengthen us, O Savior,
with grace and favor.**

*Text: H. Francis Yardley, 1911-1990; Frank J. Whiteley, b. 1914, alt.
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Greeting

PM: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Opening Prayer (Collect)

PM: Let us pray,

A brief silence.

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.

C: Amen.

Word

Gospel – Mark 1:4-11

PM: The Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

PM: ⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of
repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And 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. ⁶Now John was clothed
with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and
wild honey. ⁷He 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. ⁸I
have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of The Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Baptized and Set Free
Evangelical Lutheran Worship 453

**We are people created,
chosen by God.
Then we're washed, ever gently,
in mercy and love.
Sin has power no more.
Jesus opened the door
to a fountain bringing healing,
and wholeness and more.**

**We are nourished by water,
all living things,
and by life that the Spirit
abundantly brings.
As we journey toward home,
may your presence be known:
precious river, ever-flowing,
now carry us home.**

*Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956
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Apostles' Creed

**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 into hell.
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 Intercession

PM: Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

...let us pray.

C: Hear us, O God.

PM: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Christ, who is Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Peace

PM: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

We give to support the mission of Christ's church, of which our congregation is a part, to help our neighbors in need, and as a sign of the giving of our whole selves in grateful response for God's gifts. For those worshipping from home, offerings may be given online at www.thelakeslutheran.org, donate, or you may mail a check to the church.

Hymn

Light Shone in Darkness
Evangelical Lutheran Worship 307

**Light shone in darkness
at the world's creation,
bathing in beauty nature's revelation.
All that has being,
cry in adoration,
"Praise for the light. Amen!"**

**Light shone in darkness
at the new creation;
Christ rose in glory, won for us salvation.
Sing, earth and heaven,
hymns of jubilation,
praise for the light. Amen!**

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

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Prayer

PM: O God,
receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.

C: Amen

The Lord's Prayer

PM: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C: 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.**

Thanksgiving for the Word

PM: Let us pray,

A brief silence.

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.

C: Amen.

Sending

Announcements

Blessing

PM: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

PM: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sending Hymn

Arise Your Light has Come
Evangelical Lutheran Worship 314

**Arise, your light has come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God
which shines on you today.**

**Arise, your light has come!
Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty,
good tidings to the poor.**

**Arise, your light has come!
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.**

**Arise, your light has come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing,
God's pow'r will make us strong.**

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

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