



“You are my Son.”

Baptism of Our Lord

Immanuel Lutheran Church ELCA

Forest City, Iowa

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Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM / AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

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GATHERING SONG: “In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace, when fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on His was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory, sin’s curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me
From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I’ll stand.

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GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-5 *God creates light*

PSALM: Psalm 29 [read responsively]

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

SECOND READING: Acts 19:1-7 *Baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus*

GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11 *Revelation of Christ as God's servant*

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

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON / SERMON

Intern Elizabeth

HYMN OF THE DAY: **"Spirit of Gentleness"**

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: *L: God of grace, **C: receive our prayer.***

Ruby Sue Albertsen

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Tim Schmidt

Kristy Anderson

Chris McCormick

Lowell Solberg

Liam Bartleson

Jill (Lewison) Nedved

Jennie Spencer

Hayden Despenas

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Lucky Truong

Parker Farland

Carroll Reines

Missionary Karen Anderson

Joyce Kasper

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SHARING OF THE PEACE: *L: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.***

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: “Give Thanks”

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son. [repeat]

And now let the weak say, “I am strong,” let the poor say,
“I am rich,” because of what the Lord has done for us; [repeat]

Give thanks.

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OFFERING PRAYER

L: Blessed are you, Holy One,

C: for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

SENDING SONG: “Days of Elijah”

These are the days of Elija, declaring the Word of the Lord
And these are the days of Your servant Moses righteousness being restored
And though these are days of great trials, of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice in the desert crying, prepare ye the way of the Lord
*Behold He comes, Riding on the clouds, Shining like the sun, At the trumpet call
So lift your voice, It's the year of Jubilee, And out of Zion's hill, Salvation comes*

And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days, of Your servant David
Rebuilding a temple of praise, and these are the days of the harvest
The fields are as white in the world, and we are the laborers
In Your vineyard declaring the Word of the Lord

*There is no god like Jehovah; There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah; There is no god like Jehovah (hey)*

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BLESSING / DISMISSAL: God in peace. You are God’s beloved. Thanks be to God.

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