



Lake Nokomis
Lutheran Church

Baptism of Our Lord

Sunday, January 10, 2021

Join us for worship at

LakeNokomisChurch.org

PRELUDE

WELCOME

SONG

I'm Going on a Journey

ELW 446

**I'm going on a journey, and I'm starting today.
My head is wet, and I'm on my way.
Christ's mark is on me; it's on you, too;
it says he loves me, and he loves you, too!**

**I'm becoming this day a saint of God.
It really doesn't matter what roads I trod.
Wherever I go, God's been there, too.
God's love has touched me and will carry me through.**

**There are other saints who have said amen.
They'll keep me faithful to my journey's end.
Along the way I want to be
the kind of person that God set free.**

CREED

I believe in God
who speaks through the prophets
and lifts our gaze up to high and beautiful paths and peaks.

I believe in Christ Jesus,
free of corruption yet willingly numbered among the sinners,
baptized in the waters of the Jordan.

I believe in the Spirit
who rested on Jesus like a dove,
and who inspired him with such love
as the world has not seen before or since.

I believe that those who are baptized into Christ
shall share his Spirit, his mission,
and his ultimate victory over sin and death.

I believe that there is no human ability that cannot be enlarged,
and no weakness that cannot be used by Christ to the praise of God.

I believe that this believing is a gift from God,
not to be used for self-gratification
but for the building up of the church
and for humble service to the world

I believe in myself as a baptized child of God,
the recipient of a healing grace
which precedes and supersedes all my efforts to be true.

With the help of God,
I will attempt to live my belief all the days of my life,
and by God's grace, dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
Amen!

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Most wonderful God,
foolish and flawed though we are,
we too delight in your beloved Son.
As we worship in our many homes,
may the heavens be opened for us,
that we may catch a glimpse of that Light and Love
that transforms our common days
with a beauty not of our making.
Through Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen!

STORYTIME

GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11

The holy gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

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

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

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Pastor Sara Spohr

OFFERING

Jesus came into the world and gave the people a whole new way to think, worship and live. This is what Jesus does in our lives as well. As we give our gifts, our tithes, or sacrificial offerings, we know that Jesus is using our generosity to show the world a new way to think, worship, and live. Though we continue to worship remotely, you may make your gifts through the mail or at our church website, www.lakenokomischurch.org. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

OFFERING PRAYER

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.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

A brief silence.

For the church throughout the world and its leaders, that guided by the Holy Spirit they proclaim the love, justice, and hope of Jesus. We feel and are energized by your movement in the world, embolden us to make change and proclaim your love, let us pray.
Have mercy, O God.

For wilderness and water, wind and wild beasts, and all living things on earth, that God's goodness is revealed through creation. Make us faithful stewards who care for all of creation, let us pray.
Have mercy, O God.

For the gift of baptism, we give you thanks. You have named and claimed us as your own, now turn us loose in the world, that we may be agents of your love and witnesses to grace in action. For those who celebrate their baptismal anniversary this week, especially Aleya Gentle, Oliver Soll, and Paisley Tessmer. Nourish them in the community of faith. Uphold them in the gifts and promises of baptism, let us pray.
Have mercy, O God.

For the sick and those who provide medical care; for the imprisoned and those who show them mercy] for the lonely and those who provide companionship; for all who suffer abuse, oppression. or discrimination; that God shower compassion, let us pray.
Have mercy, O God.

For those who join us in worship from Hope Lutheran Church, may you knit us together as one community, grow us as devoted disciples, and unite our efforts to serve in your name, let us pray.
Have mercy, O God.

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks 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 your sins. Do this for the remembrance of me."

We pray the prayer our Lord taught us:

**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

The Risen Christ has invited us to this table. Whoever you are, however you feel, for whatever reasons you are here, come to the feast. Whatever your condition, whatever questions you have, wherever you are on your spiritual journey: know that our host is the one who has given his life for the world, the one who was raised to new life, and the one who invites us to come to the table! Amen

Take the bread, and as you eat it remember that Jesus promises,
 "This is my body, given for you."
 Then take the cup and remember that Jesus' promise again,
 "This is my blood, shed for you."

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

SONG *I Want To Walk as a Child of the Light*

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1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 I want to follow Jesus.
 God set the stars to give light to the world.
 The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all.
 The night and the day are both alike.
 The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
 Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God.
 I want to look at Jesus.
 Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
 and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
 I want to be with Jesus.
 When we have run with patience the race,
 we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

BLESSING

Go in peace; love and care for one another in the name of Christ;
and may the Spirit of God which filled John and Jesus,
fill your hearts, souls and minds;
may the power of God which upheld them,
strengthen you for each day;
and may the love of God which directed their every action
be your guiding light and your shining star,
both now and forevermore. Amen

DISMISSAL**POSTLUDE**

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