



When all
the people
were being
baptized,

THE
BAPTISM
of Jesus

Jesus was baptized too.
And as he was praying,
heaven was opened ...

LUKE 3:21

Sunday, January 16, 2021
10:00 a.m.

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church

It is a joy to gather together for worship!

St. Paul Purpose Statement

Living Christ centered lives so we may love all, serve our community, and share the Word.

Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00am Tri-Church Online Worship Service on our website

or call toll-free 1-888-975-5536 anytime

10:00am In-person worship with Holy Communion;

9:00 a.m. In-person Sunday School – September – May

Communion

We celebrate Jesus' presence each week in Holy Communion. This is the Lord's Supper and Jesus invites us: whether you are a lifelong Lutheran, or just considering Christianity; if you are an infant or elderly; if your family has been in the United States for generations, or has only recently arrived; if you are LGBTQIA+ or straight; if you live with disabilities, chronic illness, or are able-bodied and currently healthy; if you are home-blessed or homeless; ... YOU are welcome at God's meal of grace at St. Paul.

Accessibility

Handicap parking, entrance, wheelchair, and restrooms are available. Sound amplifiers and large print bulletins are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Children's Offering

In January our offering goes to Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS). We especially remember the people who have recently fled Afghanistan seeking safety. "Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) is the largest faith-based nonprofit dedicated to serving vulnerable immigrants, asylum seekers and refugees in the U.S. Simply put, we resettle refugees, reunite children and parents, and rekindle the American Dream." (*LIRS.org*) Thank you for your ministry of giving.

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Observation of Baptism of our Lord

PRELUDE

“Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

Roberta Rowland-Raybold

When the prelude music begins, we invite you into a time of silent reflection to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

All: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

P: Rejoice in this good news: In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

All: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

“Kyrie”

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. Refrain

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. Refrain

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play; let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. Refrain

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. Refrain

GREETING

P: 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray:

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

A reading from Isaiah

¹But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;

⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—

⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

“Light of God”

1. Light of God, come dwell with - in Your peo - ple,
4. Light Di - vine, come Fa - ther of all beau - ty;

as in - ten - ded from the dawn of time. _____ Make Your
Son of good - ness, Spir - it of all truth. _____ Move us,

good - ness, e - choed through cre - a - tion, our de - si - re;
use us, peo - ple of Your vi - sion, as we wait for

Joy of the _____ Di - vine. Ho - ly Spir - it, break through our
our re - turn - ing King.

dark - ness; Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe through our lives. _____

Light of God, come, ra - diant and glo - rious;

Per - fect wis - dom in this world _____ to - day. Fine

GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

P: The holy gospel according to Luke the 3rd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY

"Baptized and Set Free"

ELW #453

- 1 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.
- 2 We are fed and we're nourished,
filled and refreshed.
Then our hunger returns and
again we are blessed.
For whatever the need,
God is greater indeed:
endless ocean, always deeper
than all of our need.
- 3 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.
- 4 Now with praise and thanksgiving,
we join the song.
All are welcome! We gather
to sing loud and strong.
Not enslaved, but set free!
From now on, all will be
one in Jesus, one in water,
baptized and set free!

Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956

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BAPTISM OF LILIANNA ROSALIE SEGURA

Presentation

Sponsors present Lily for Baptism and Lily declares her intent to be baptized.

Profession of Faith

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Holy Spirit's presence is acknowledged.

Baptism

Welcome

P: Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life. So, let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify God in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you!

P: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace in whatever way you are comfortable.

MEAL

OFFERING

"Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters"

Mark Sedio

OFFERING PRAYER

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

P: 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Borning Cry"

ELW #732

- 1 "I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell."
- 2 "When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun."

- 3 "In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been,
with just one more surprise."
- 4 "I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold."

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

P: May you be blessed in believing you are God's child, God loves you, and ✝ God is proud of you.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

“Shine Jesus Shine”

ELW #671

Refrain



Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;



blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.



Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;



send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!



1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, so our fac - es dis -



dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



set us free by the truth you now bring us.
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.



Refrain

Shine on me,
Shine on me,



shine on me:
shine on me:

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Forever God is Faithful”

Chris Tomlin

Baptized this morning is Lilianna Rosalie Segura, daughter of Dale & Mary Ordean. Lilianna was born December 24, 2013. Her baptismal sponsors are Jody Ordean and Jeff Geeting.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in honor of Lily's baptism by her great-grandmother, Bev Julien.

We Remember in Prayer; those on our Home Visitation list and those on our prayer list: Harlan Zamora, Jon Birkey, JJ Bartels, Lori Dewey, Berta Beyer, MacKenzie Gorman, Eliza Marinack, and Marcia Fields.

Worship Assistants:

Head Usher – Greg Zeigler

Ushers – Bill & Carolyn Duncan

Reader – Bill Duncan

Sound – Greg Zeigler

Musicians:

Jacob Dahleen

Julie Woessner

Dawn Zeigler

Next week's assistants – January 23

Head Usher – Jim Gorman

Ushers – Dan & Susan Bartel

Reader – Jim Gorman

Sound – Gerad VonHolten

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