

January 17, 2021 – Baptism of our Lord Sunday

THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

PRELUDE *Baptized and Set Free by Dani Lemieux*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: We worship in the name of the Father, and the Son +, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and son, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for your gift of water that sustains life:

We give you thanks for our Glaciers:
Carbon Glacier, Emmons Glacier

We give you thanks for our Rivers:
Carbon River, Chambers Creek (Washington), Clearwater River (White River), Clover Creek (Washington), Greenwater River, Hylebos Creek, Kautz Creek, Little Mashel River, Mashel River, Mowich River, Muck Creek, Nisqually River, Ohanapecosh River, Paradise River, Puget Creek, Puyallup River, Sequatchew Creek, Stuck River (Washington), Thompson Creek (Nisqually River tributary), Van Trump Creek, White River (Washington)

We give you thanks for our Lakes:
Alder Lake, American Lake, Bonney Lake, Eunice Lake (Pierce County, Washington), Gravelly Lake, Lake Kapowsin, Mowich Lake, Ohop Lake, Lake Steilacoom, Surprise Lake (Washington), Lake Tapps, Tipsoo Lake, Waughop Lake

We give you thanks for our Puget Sound.

Teach us to preserve and care for the bodies of water that bring life to our region. Remind us through these bodies of waters, the wonder of how you continue to give life and sustain life for your whole creation.

Above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Through our baptisms you have given us new birth. You claim us in these waters as your children and renew us each day as we die to sin and raise to new life in your grace.

Sustain us in your promise, remind us that you have chosen us, bring us your mercy, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

In remembrance of the gift of our baptisms and the daily gift of God's forgiveness, the congregation will be sprinkled with water. For those of you worshipping at home, have some water ready to make the sign of the cross on your foreheads.

GATHERING SONG

Children of the Heavenly Father ELW 781

**1 Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.**

**2 God his own doth tend and nourish,
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,
in his mighty arms he bears them.**

**3 Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.**

**4 Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.**

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.

C: O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE, PREACHING AND SONG

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING Psalm 51

Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL Luke 3:1-22

Before the Gospel is read: **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the Reading: **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Pastor Amanda Olson de Castillo

HYMN OF THE DAY *Baptized in Water* ELW #456

- 1 **Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
faithfully now God's praise we sing.**

- 2 **Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our king:
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praise we sing.**

- 3 **Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our king:
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praise we sing.**

APOSTLE'S CREED

P: Let us confess our faith in the words of the 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.

THE PRAYERS

After each petition.. P: Hear us, O God. C: **Your mercy is great.**

SHARING A SIGN OF CHRIST'S PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: **And also with you!**

GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

C: **God the giver of life, every good gift comes from you. With these gifts you provide for the needs of all creation. Use us, and what we have gathered to be a blessing for all people, in the name of Jesus Christ, the bread of life. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Walk in the Light

**We'll walk in the light,
beautiful light,
come where the dewdrops
of mercy shine bright.
Shine all around us
by day and by night,
Jesus, the Light of the World.
(Repeat)**

**Hark, the herald angels sing
Jesus, the Light of our World
Glory to the newborn King
Jesus,
the Light of the World**

**We'll walk in the light,
beautiful light,
come where the dewdrops
of mercy shine bright.
Shine all around us
by day and by night,
Jesus, the Light of the World.**

**Hail the newborn prince of peace
Jesus the Light of the World
Christ the everlasting Lord
Jesus the Light of the World**

**We'll walk in the light,
beautiful light,
come where the dewdrops
of mercy shine bright.
Shine all around us
by day and by night,
Jesus, the Light of the World.
(Repeat)**

**Jesus, the Light of the World.
Jesus the Light of the World.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

C: We give you thanks, gracious God, for the gift of life in the body and blood of your son. Strengthen and sustain us with the power of the Holy Spirit, that we may bring the message of your redeeming love to the community of Bonney Lake, to Pierce County, to Washington, to this country and to the world. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US IN MISSION TO THE WORLD

BLESSING

P: May the Lord keep you from all harm and give you life. May the Lord be with you wherever you go, now and always. In the name of the Father, and the + Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SENDING

P: Go in peace, guided by the light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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