

# **ORFORDVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

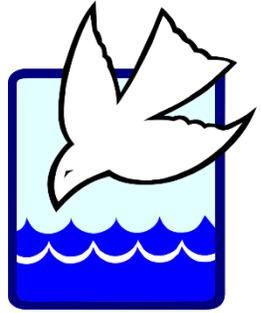
*Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.*

**Baptism of Our Lord**

**January 10, 2021**

**9:00 a.m.**

*Parking Lot Service / YouTube / FacebookLive*



## **GATHERING**

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome**

### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

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 sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.  
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Greeting**

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

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray: 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.**

## **WORD**

### **First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5**

*Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the formless void, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for us. God created and continues to create new life.*

**1** In the beginning God

created the heavens

and the earth.<sup>[a]</sup>

**2** The earth was barren,

with no form of life;<sup>[b]</sup>

it was under a roaring ocean

covered with darkness.

But the Spirit of God<sup>[c]</sup>

was moving over the water.

The First Day

**3** God said, “I command light to shine!” And light started shining. **4** God looked at the light and saw that it was good. He separated light from darkness **5** and named the light “Day” and the darkness “Night.” Evening came and then morning—that was the first day.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Reading: Mark 1:4-11**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Mark’s gospel reports the story of Jesus’ baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.*

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

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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

**Hymn of the Day**      God, Whose Almighty Word    ELW No. 673

1	God, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard and took their flight: hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel day sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light.	3	Spirit of truth and love, life-giving, holy dove, speed forth your flight; move on the water's face bearing the lamp of grace, and in earth's darkest place let there be light.
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2      Christ, who once came to bring,  
on your redeeming wing,  
healing and sight;  
health to the troubled mind,  
sight where illusions blind;  
oh, now to humankind  
let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780-1825, alt.

## Offering Message

### Prayers of Intercession

On this Sunday of the baptism of our Lord, let us offer our prayers for all in need, responding to each petition with words from today's psalm, "Give us your blessings of peace."

For the worldwide church; for those who minister in the church; for all who will be baptized this year; and for their godparents and sponsors: that the Holy Spirit will empower all the faithful for lives of service, let us pray. O God, give strength to your people.

**Give us your blessings of peace.**

For the nations of the world and their leaders; for international efforts to prevent war and reduce violence; for the armed forces; for police officers; and for peace-makers: that God inspire all people to work for the harmonious well-being of others, let us pray. O God, give strength to your people.

**Give us your blessings of peace.**

For students; for teachers and school administrators; for parents assisting their children in remote learning; and for young people who are finding a way toward graduation: that as the academic year resumes, God give resilience to everyone in the search for education, let us pray. O God, give strength to your people.

**Give us your blessings of peace.**

For all who are in trouble, want, or sickness; for the countless who are suffering with COVID-19; for medical workers; for people who are hungry or homeless, imprisoned, or lonely; and for those we name in our hearts . . . that God grant health and wholeness to a world so filled with pain, let us pray. O God, give strength to your people.

**Give us your blessings of peace.**

In gratitude for our beloved dead, we offer our praise for all the baptized who have accompanied us and supported us and taught us throughout our days; that at our end we join with them in everlasting joy, let us pray. O God, give strength to your people.

**Give us your blessings of peace.**

Almighty and most merciful God, you are the mighty Voice from heaven, you are our beloved Savior, you are the descending Dove. We give you thanks for all your goodness and tender mercies, and we ask you to accept our prayers for the sake of your mercy, today and forever.

**Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer**

**SENDING**

**Announcements**

## Blessing

God the creator strengthen you;  
Jesus the beloved fill you;  
and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✝ keep you in peace.  
**Amen.**

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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### Offering – 1-3-2021

Current	\$1,425.00
Building Fund	\$50.00
Missions	\$5.00
Initial Offering	\$25.00
Christmas Offering	\$175.00

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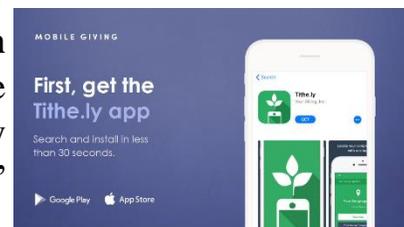
- Lee Bohnhoff as he is dealing with continuing health issues
  - All our friends who cannot be with us today due to health, employment, or other circumstances.
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## Offering Envelopes

Just a reminder that the 2021 offering envelopes are available. Please contact Sue Draves, at 608-558-6418, to arrange a time to pick up your envelopes. For those that prefer to use the Tithe.ly site for online giving and no longer need printed envelopes, please inform Sue Draves at the cell phone number above. Thank you so much!

## Online and Mobile Giving Available

OLC is continuing to offer online and mobile giving through Tithe.ly. Visit [www.orfordvillelutheran.org](http://www.orfordvillelutheran.org) and click on the “Give” tab to give online. You may also download the Tithe.ly app on your smartphone and search for “Orfordville Lutheran.” Questions may be directed to Jason Burtness.





**Donated Poinsettia Plants**

Thank you to those that donated Poinsettia plants for the Christmas Season. If you would like to pick up your plant, Sue Draves will be in the church office on Wednesday's (2:30 – 3:30 p.m.). If that time does not work for you, please call Sue (608-558-6418) to set up an alternate date/time.

**Sunday School on Break Until February**

Sunday School packets and videos will start back up in February. More info will follow in the February Newsletter.

**Church Council Meeting – Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

The next Church Council meeting will be held on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Please contact a church council member if you have an item or concern that you would like brought before the council.

Jason Burtness – President (2 <sup>nd</sup> term expires – 2021)	Racheal Grenawalt - Vice-President (1 <sup>st</sup> full term expires – 2022)	Traci Manthey (Term expires – 2021)
Patti Burns – Treasurer (2 <sup>nd</sup> term expires – 2022)	Patricia Boeck (Term expires – 2021)	Ellen Pautsch (Term expires – 2021)
Krista Bartelt – Secretary (1 <sup>st</sup> term expires – 2021)	Laurie Hallmark-Gianitsos (Term expires – 2022)	Seth Pautsch (Term expires – 2022)

\*\* Please note: The Orfordville Lutheran Church by-laws limit the Church Council Officers (President, Vice-President, Treasurer & Secretary) to serving only (2) consecutive terms.

**Annual Reports Due – Sunday, January 31st**

Church Council and committee reports should be submitted to the church office by Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. Due to COVID-19, it is understandable that some committees will not have a lot to report. Any information you are able to provide would be appreciated. Please send via email to: [office@orfordvillelutheran.org](mailto:office@orfordvillelutheran.org) or contact Sue Draves to set up a time to drop off your report. Thank you!

**February Newsletter Deadline – Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**

You are invited to submit an article, announcement and/or pictures for the February newsletter. Please send your items, via email to: [office@orfordvillelutheran.org](mailto:office@orfordvillelutheran.org). You are also welcome to contact Sue Draves to let her know what you would like to submit for the newsletter.

