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St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Wilton, WI
Baptism of Our Lord
January 12, 2020
**Inviting People to
Journey with Christ's Family
in Spreading God's Love and Mercy**

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

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Gathering
*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude.....A time for silent reflection

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☐ one God,
the eternal voice from heaven,
the anointed and beloved one,
the Spirit moving over the waters.
Amen.

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession,
trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

God who searches us and knows us,

**you have shown us what is good,
but we have looked to other lights to find our way.
We have not been just in our dealings with others.
We have chosen revenge over mercy.
We have promoted ourselves
instead of walking humbly with you.
With what shall we come before you?
Forgive us our sin,
and show us your salvation
in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.**

Beloved of God,
you have not received the spirit of the world,
but the Spirit that is from God,
poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ.
Receive the promise of baptism:
You are God's child; your sins are forgiven.
Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.
Amen.

*Gathering Hymn "Crashing Waters at Creation" **ELW #455**

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.

***KYRIE**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above,
and for our salvation,
Let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all,

Committee reports, etc., that you desire to be in the annual report should be in the office no later than Thursday, January 16. The report will be available after worship next Sunday.

Grace to You and Peace, a yearlong devotional journey through the Epistles by Norma Cook Everist has been provided through Wartburg Seminary. We have sent the devotional through e-mail to our members. A hard copy of January and February are available in the narthex. Extra copies will be made, as needed.

Please add Gina Rae to your newsletter birthday list. Gina's birthday is January 18.

You may now contact Pastor Cathleen on a landline, #608-435-0097. This telephone itself is a "Caption Call". This means a written display of what you are saying is displayed for Pastor to read, and continue the conversation. Be patient, it takes a few seconds for your side of the conversation to be displayed. You may also leave a voice mail message.

In case of emergency, contact Pastor Cathleen, via text, 608-865-1074, Justin Arndt (608-435-6336) (414-587-6642) or Nalani Bever,
To activate the prayer chain, please contact Nalani (608-387-2311)

Katie Wallace, Florence Krause, Judy Bever, Tammy Roscovious,

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

Da-

Pam
Eaton,
kota
Holiday,

Carla Von Haden, Addison Arndt. Bill Collar

IN THE MILITARY

Jacob Picha, Todd Nofsinger, Dylan Dougherty, Robert Cale,
Seth Tormoen

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ministers: All God’s People, Pastor: Cathleen Morris, Organist: Nalani
Bever, Greeters: Dixie and Leonard Arndt, Altar: Dixie and Leonard
Arndt, Reader: Bud Osteboe, Communion Server: Arlis Ballwahn,
Ushers: Leonard Arndt, Jerry Von Haden, Greg Bever, Steve Brandau

CALENDAR FOR January 12—January 19

Today	Church Council Meeting	11:30 am
Thurs., Jan. 16	WELCA General Meeting	10:00 am
Sun., Jan. 19	Sunday School	9:00 am
	Worship	10:15 am
	Birthday/Anniversary, Noisy Offering	
	Fellowship	11:30 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The contribution statements for 2019 are located in your mailbox.

The contribution envelopes for 2020 are located on the table in the
narthex. Please take yours, if you haven’t already done so.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26, immediately
following the worship service. Please mark your calendar and plan to
attend.

Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house,
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

*Canticle of Praise “This is the Feast” ELW p.149

*Prayer of the Day

**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.

FIRST READING

Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.**

*God’s servant is endowed with God’s spirit in order to bring justice to
the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with
violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant’s
task. God’s old promises have been fulfilled; the servant’s new assign-
ment is to bring light to the nations.*

Isaiah 42:1-9

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
²He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
³a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
⁵Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
⁹See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen.**

P: God fills the hungry with good things.
Come with joy to the feast.

Distribution

Everyone who believes in Jesus is welcome at Christ's table.

"Lamb of God"

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*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Faithful God,
you have kept your promise to us in this meal,
nourishing us with the gift of salvation.
Now send your servants forth in peace,
that we may testify to your goodness
and share the hope that is ours
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

Benediction

Sending Hymn "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

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Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Let your light shine.

C: Thanks be to God.

IN OUR PRAYERS

God of wonder,
you formed us in our mother's womb,
and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine.
We place them on your table,
together with our lives and all that you have made.
Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit.
We wait for your mercy;
we long for your peace;
we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ,
our banquet of life.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our Lord our God.

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

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Words of Institution

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus 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**

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

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

⁴**The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

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

⁹The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

¹¹May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

SECOND READING

Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God

anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation

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GOSPEL READING

Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.

The gospel according to Matthew 3:13-17

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit

of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

*Hymn “Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized”

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Apostles' Creed

**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 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.
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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**)

***PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us show signs of Christ's peace.

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Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

FERING

*Offertory Hymn

“We Are An Offering”

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*Offertory Prayer