



Baptism
of the Lord

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A warm welcome to all worshipping with Resurrection Lutheran Church today. In May of 2020, Resurrection Lutheran Church celebrated forty-two years of ministry. Celebrating our Savior's love continues today in the faithful gathering of God's people, whether we are together in God's house or as you watch online from the comfort of your home.

Lessons and Liturgy Today

At creation, God called forth into existence everything by the power of His Word; and everything was good. Sin brought disease and death. In our Baptism, God is at work restoring us in Christ by the power of His Mighty Word. Because of Jesus' Baptism, we go into baptism's living waters as dirty, marked with death, only to rise up clean and marked for new and everlasting life. Jesus' Baptism identified Him as the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world; our Baptism imparts to us the new identity as Children of God. Here God marks us and claims us: "You belong to Me."

The Welcome and Sharing of the Peace

P The Peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Musical Offering, Opening Song: Go Tell It On The Mountain

Refrain

Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!

1. While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. *Refrain*

2. The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*

3. Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

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The Invocation

Confession of Sins and Good News of Forgiveness

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P Let us begin our worship in the Name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and
of the Holy Spirit; the God into whom we are baptized.

C **We gather in the name of our baptizing God. Amen.**

P The Creator of all used a part of His creation – water, together with His
Word – to bind us to Himself in love and forgiveness.

C **In Him we are a new creation: beloved children of our Father in
Heaven.**

P The sign of the cross became our own as we were marked with the cross
of Christ forever.

C **The Holy Spirit's anointing equips and inspires us to love and to
serve others in Christ's Name.**

P Though washed clean by the cleansing waters, we fall back each day
into the old ways – the ways of sin. Let us remember our sin, and rejoice
in our Baptism...

C God, our Father, We remember this day that we are Yours, and yet we draw back into ourselves. Though we are bought with the price of the death of Your Son, we live as though we are on our own.

C Though we are washed clean of past sins, we cannot let go of our guilt. Though we have heard Your Words of love, we still manipulate and seek to control others.

Forgive us, Lord. Remind us that we too are beloved by You. Bring us, this day, back to our Baptism. Washed in Your Love, let us leave this place today to live anew as Your people.

**P In His own Son, God reveals to us His mercy and love. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the Grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
✠ God has announced that you are His beloved in whom He is well pleased. You have been washed clean. Rejoice in this Gospel news.**

C Amen.

Musical Offering, Song of Praise: Forever

1. Give thanks to the LORD,
our God and King,
His love endures forever;
For He is good, He is above all things,
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise

2. With a mighty hand
and an outstretched arm
His love endures forever;
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever;
Sing praise sing praise,
sing praise, sing praise:

Refrain

Forever God is faithful,
forever God is strong,
forever God is with us,
forever, forever!

3. From the rising to the setting sun,
His love endures forever
and by the grace of God
we will carry on;
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise,
Sing praise, sing praise,
sing praise, sing praise: *Refrain*

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Old Testament Prophecy

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and He separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness He called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning--the first day.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

New Testament Epistle

Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the Glory of the Father, we too may live a New Life. If we have been united with Him like this in His death, we will

certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection. For we know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin-- because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.

Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also Live with Him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over Him. The death He died, He died to sin once for all; but the Life He lives, He lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Mark 4:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: "After me will come One more powerful than I, the thongs of Whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. As Jesus was coming up out of the water, He saw Heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on Him like a dove. And a Voice came from Heaven: "You are My Son, Whom I love; with You I Am well pleased."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, Lord Christ.

Children's Message – Lea Webb, Director of Children Ministry

Musical Offering, Song of the Day: What Child Is This

1. What child is this who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherd's watch are keeping?

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud -
the Babe, the Son of Mary!

2. Why lies He in such mean estate,
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear, for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading. Refrain

3. So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king, to own Him;
The King of Kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone Him. Refrain

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Message – Pastor Jonathan Blanke

Baptism: A “Saving Flood” (Mark 1:4–11) Baptism of Our Lord, Series B

A deadly disorder exists inside every human heart. Baptized into Jesus' death and resurrection, we are people in whom the Holy Spirit lives! We enjoy new beginnings and live out a countercultural love for one another (even our enemies).

1. **Chaos existed at the _____, yet the Creator, by the Word and presence of the Spirit, brought forth life out of it (Gen 1:1–10)**
 - a. The earth was “formless and void” and the earth's water “deep.”

- b. God revealed as Father/Creator, Word, and Spirit is present at the beginning, speaking Life and order out of disorder and darkness.
 - c. An essentially modern worldview (progress and technology are everything) has run up against post-modernism (history has no meaning and “the Truth” = whatever I feel is “my truth”).
 - d. Into this chaos God speaks order and light today! The Word made flesh is the baptized Christ, “beloved Son” of the Father.
- 2. Chaos tainted by violence resulted in a “saving flood,” used by God to rescue _____ and _____...for a new beginning (Gen 6–9)**
- a. Consider the prayer read at every baptism (*LSB* pp. 268-9); “saving flood” implies an instrument of death that brings life.
 - b. We witnessed anarchy in our nation’s capital this week, but the truth is that the anarchy of sin (the “old man/woman”) is in every human heart.
 - c. Jesus’ baptism connects His ministry as God’s Son with His death on a cross (cf. Mark 15:38-39), an instrument of death that also brings life!
- 3. Jesus broke the power chaos in our hearts so that we the baptized, by the _____, might “_____ in newness of _____” (Rom 6:4)**
- a. Our baptism has rescued us to live out a new beginning (1 Peter 3:21).
 - b. Confessing our sins, the “old man” in us dies to sin and we are raised with Christ again and again.
 - c. Having died to sin we live to love the un-loveable...even our enemies.

Apostles’ Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 Maker of Heaven and earth.
 And in Jesus Christ, His 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.

The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into Heaven
and sits at the Right Hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the Life ✕ Everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the Church

After each additional petition:

P Lord, in Your Mercy...

C Hear our prayer, and grant us joy.

The Lord's Prayer

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

The Blessing and Benediction

Musical Offering, Closing Song: Everlasting God

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
we will wait upon the Lord,
we will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
we will wait upon the Lord,
we will wait upon the Lord

Our God, You reign forever;
Our Hope, our strong Deliv'rer:

Refrain

You are the everlasting God,
the everlasting God;
You do not faint,
You won't grow weary;
You're the defender of the weak,
You comfort those in need,
You lift us up on wings like eagles

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Offering

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electronic giving at rlcary.org, by postal mail, and in baskets
located in the FLC lobby.

In Service Today

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