

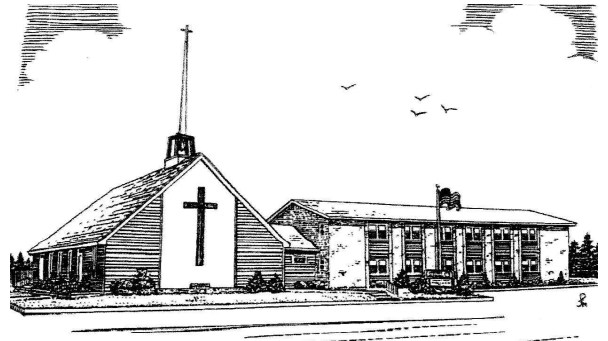
Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

The order of worship for Baptism of Our Lord Sunday follows below with links for music and the sermon within the service.

Information about upcoming activities and the parish prayer list may be found after the service.

God's blessings of well-being and true peace be with you in this new year.

Pastor John



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

5800 Long Beach Blvd.
Brant Beach, NJ 08008
Baptism of Our Lord
January 10, 2021

Introduction to the Day

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose voice is upon the waters,
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,
whose goodness cascades over all creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

you search us and know us.

You are acquainted with all our ways.

**We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.
We turn inward, failing to follow
your outward way of love.
We distrust those who are not like us.
We exploit the earth and its resources
and fail to consider generations to come.
Forgive us, gracious God,
for all we have done and left undone.
Even before the words are on our tongues,
you know them;
receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.**

How vast is God's grace!
Through the power and promise of † Christ Jesus,
our sins are washed away
and we are claimed as God's own beloved.
Indeed, we are forgiven.
In the wake of God's forgiveness,
we are called to be the beloved community
living out Christ's justice
and the Spirit's reconciling peace. **Amen.**

Hymn *Holy (Sanctus) "Sanctus"*

"Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus" (Holy, holy, holy Lord) is a traditionally liturgical texts that is one of the oldest Eucharistic prayers, having parts of it reaching back to the first century. "Lord God of Hosts" occurs dozens of times throughout the Old Testament. The triple adjective, "Holy, holy, holy" comes from Isaiah 6:3, "*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts, the whole earth is full of his glory.*" Of interest, the triple repetition indicates the superlative in Hebrew rather than the use of the words, "more" or "most." In essence, it proclaims God is the most holy one and also the Trinity. Hence, when we sing it, we are sharing in the adoration of the Trinity by believers across the centuries!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NANlc3t4_xg

Prayer of the Day

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

Hymn *Crashing Waters at Creation*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sCyZ5eTV9pM>

Psalm:29

Second Reading: Acts 19:1-7

Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

Sermon

https://youtu.be/5XiDp_4lmoA

Nicene Creed-

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

For the church throughout the world and its leaders, that guided by the Holy Spirit they proclaim the forgiveness of sins, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For wilderness and water, wind and wild beasts, and all living things on earth, that God's goodness is revealed through creation and faithful stewards care for all God has made, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the nations of the world and their leaders, for laborers busy both day and night, and for peacemakers amid strife, that God inspire all people to use their strength wisely, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the sick and those who provide medical care, for all with COVID 19, for the imprisoned and those who show them mercy, for the lonely and those who provide companionship, for those on our parish prayer list and for all who suffer (*especially*), that God shower compassion, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the congregation gathered here, for students returning to school, for those seeking renewal in their daily work, that all the beloved of God experience grace and peace, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their labors, that their witness inspire us in our baptismal vocations, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer-

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.

Sending

Benediction

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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Announcements

Reminder: In-person worship is currently paused – At the December meeting of the church council, it was decided that in-person worship would be paused due to the upsurge in COVID 19 cases. In-person worship will resume when conditions will be more conducive to worship in the sanctuary. Be assured that the remote service will

continue to be sent by email and Facebook in the weeks ahead. The council will keep you informed about when we will resume in-person worship. Be safe and well.

Holy Trinity's next Book Club Meeting will be on **Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 10AM**, Zoom format. Our discussion will be on *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins. Contact Marty Chaffee at rchaffee@juno.com with questions.

A study on Women of the Bible - meets next on **Tuesday, January 12th at 10AM** Zoom format. Contact Kathy Leifeste if interested.

We are praying for the following:

Dawne	Dick	Mike and Janet	Bobby
John Jr.	Carol	Alex S.	Deb
Tim	Gladys T.	Michelle	Connie S.
Michelle	Mary Ellen	Judi	Jim H.
Cody	Carol L.	John	
Katie	Bruce	Kelli	