



...the heavens were torn apart
and the Spirit descended like a dove on Jesus.
And a voice came from heaven,
"You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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Baptism of Our Lord
January 10, 2021

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

Please sing Unison Verse 4



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint-ing soul;
4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

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Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit/wind 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.

Regular text is spoken by the Pastor
Bold text is spoken by the Congregation

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"This Is the Spirit's Entry Now" – arr. G. Bottomley

BELL & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING HYMN**

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Brothers and sisters in Christ, it is in Baptism that we are first reconciled to God, and through Baptism that we hear the call to be reconciled to one another. Joined to Christ in the waters of Baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness, and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

We belong to Christ in whom we have been baptized.

Although we are set free to live in love and faithfulness, we continue to turn away from God and from one another. Confessing our sin involves a constant return to our baptism where our sinful self is drowned, and we are raised up again to new life in Christ. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your lovingkindness.

In your great mercy, wash away our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin.

Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. (Psalm 51:1,11)

Forgive us for the wrong we have done and for the good we have failed to do toward both you and our neighbor. Send us the grace our spirits need.

Amen

People of God, by water and the Holy Spirit God gives us a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God forgives us all your sins. Almighty God strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life.

Amen

*GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1–5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29 – *selected verses – please read responsively*

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

SECOND READING

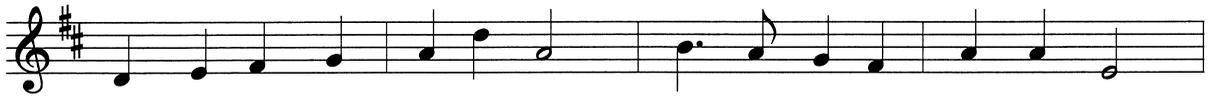
Acts 19:1–7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied — ⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Bright and glo - rious is the sky, ra - diant are the heav - ens high
As a star, God's ho - ly Word leads us to our King and Lord;



Where the gold - en stars are shin - ing, all their rays to earth in - clin - ing
Bright - ly from its sac - red pag - es shall this light through - out the ag - es



Beck - on us to heav'n a - bove, beck - on us to heav'n a - bove.
shine up - on our path of life, shine up - on our path of life.

*HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

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

"Squishing as We Walk"



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF THE DAY

"We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus"



1 We were bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we were bap - tized in his death;
2 In the wa - ter and the wit-ness, in the break-ing of the bread,
3 Glo-ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo-ry be to Christ the Son,



that as Christ was raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.
in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,
glo-ry to the Ho - ly Spir-it, ev - er three and ev - er one;



And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread-ful death like his,
God has made a new be - gin-ning from the ash - es of our past;
as it was in the be - gin-ning, glo-ry now re-sounds a - gain



we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.
in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.
in a song that has no end - ing. A - men



***REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM**

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, the fountain of living water, the rock who gives us birth.

Amen

In the waters of Baptism God frees us from the power of sin and death, forever joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. At the day of our Baptism we were united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! *(2 Corinthians 5:17)*

We belong to Christ, in whom we have been baptized.

Each Sunday when we gather with this faith community we profess the faith in which we were baptized. Again today I ask you:

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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**

You have made profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

- + to live among God's faithful people,
- + to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
- + to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
- + to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
- + and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do, and I ask God to help me.

Children of God, you are embraced by the love of God and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Be what God saw at your baptism. Be the you Jesus imagines you to be. May the Holy Spirit flow through you and from you as you continue to be a blessing to the world.

Amen

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you. *(We greet one another with the words "Peace be with you")*

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*** THE 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.

***BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless us and keep us.

The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us.

The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

***CLOSING HYMN**

“This is the Spirit’s Entry Now”

Please sing unison Verse 4

1 This is the Spir - it's en - try now: the wa - ter and the word,
2 This mir - a - cle of life re - born comes from the Lord of breath;
3 Let wa - ter be the sa - cred sign that we must die each day
4 Re - new - ing Spir - it, hear our praise for your bap - tis - mal pow'r

the cross of Je - sus on your brow, the seal both felt and heard.
the sin - less one from life was torn; our life comes through his death.
to rise a - gain by his de - sign as fol-l'wers of his way.
that wash - es us through all our days. Come, cleanse a - gain this hour.

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please be seated and you will be dismissed individually

POSTLUDE

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” – arr. W. Wold

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7:00 pm each Wednesday, Informal Service
-9:00 Sunday & 7:00 Wednesday live broadcast on Facebook and YouTube

Building the Welcome Place

Who Are We? We are The Welcome Place

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.
- Romans 15:7

What Is Our Mission As A Church And As Members? WWW

We are...**Welcoming** friends and strangers with God's love.

Working to build deeper relationships with Jesus.

Witnessing to share God's love with everyone

What Is Our Vision Of Who God Wants Us To Be? ORG

People who are serving...**One Real God**,

living **One real faith**,

making **One real difference**.

How Do We Remind Ourselves?

www.the-welcome-place.org

Welcome to worship today and join us in building The Welcome Place Jesus calls us to be.

We Welcome All to St. Martin's Lutheran Church this Sunday as you join us in person and online to worship our Savior, Jesus Christ.

St. Martin's Worship Servants . . .

Ministers of Worship	-Everyone Present both near and far
Organist/Pianist	-Steve Basselman
Lector	-Diane Phelps
Usher Team	-Jim Wyse
Sound System	-Bill Phelps
Offering Counters	-Jo Ann Liechty, Phil Riley

Two Sunday School Class You Are Invited to Join . . .

Cecily's Adult Sunday School Class meet on Zoom. The class has returned to the summary study of the books of the Bible. Even if you haven't been involved before, if you would like to receive a link to the study class, just let Cecily know and she'll send it to you: cecily@rtexpress.net

Worship Rewind will be led by Deb Schmidt and Janet Wyse and also meet on Zoom. Please contact Deb Schmidt if you would like to receive a link and participate in their discussion on Sunday mornings after worship. Email djschmidt@hotmail.com and put "Sunday School" in your subject line. Their topic of discussion is that Sunday's Worship theme, message, hymns and how they apply to our daily lives.

2021 Annual Congregational Meeting, January 24, 2021 . .

As called for in St. Martin's Constitution, the Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 24, 2021

- All reports from Network Team Leaders, written and financial, must be submitted to the Church Office today, January 10th.
 - The Report will then be available, January 17th for the Congregation to review.
- In short . . .

- Deadline for All Reports, today, January 10
- Report Available for Congregation, January 17
- Annual Meeting, January 24—format to be determined

This Week at St. Martin's

Today – January 10

Worship, 9:00 am, live broadcast
Adult Sunday School, via Zoom, 10:30 am
Virtual Sunday School
Annual Report Deadline

Monday – January 11

Monday Night Bible Study, 7:30 pm, Zoom Meeting, check your email

Tuesday – January 12

Men's Breakfast Bible Study, 6:45, St. Martin's Fellowship Hall

Wednesday – January 13

Welcome Meal, 5:15 pm, drive through pick-up
Worship, 7:00 pm, live broadcast
Adult Circle, 7:30, via zoom
Catechism, 7:35, via zoom

Thursday – January 14

Women's Breakfast Bible Study, 7:00, Home Restaurant
Bulletin Deadline, 9:00 am
Church Council, 7:00 pm

Next Sunday – January 17

Worship, 9:00 am, live broadcast,
Adult Sunday School, via Zoom, 10:30 am
Virtual Sunday School

Roast Beef Dinner, today, January 10 at Ridgeville Legion Hall, east of Ridgeville, \$10.00 each, from 11:00 until gone.

Last Week at St. Martin's . . .

Receipts Week of January 3, 2021 Budget and Year to Date

Operating Contributions	\$2,210.00	Budgeted Weekly Operating Need	\$5,402.00
Benevolence Received	\$735.00	Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Need	\$538.71
Other Designated Income	\$10.00	As of 1/3/2021	
Total Income	\$2,955.00	YTD Operating Received	\$287,063.31
		YTD Operating Expenses	(\$265,722.47)
Attendance for January 3: 27		Net Income/(Deficit)	\$21,340.84



St. Martin's Prayer Line

For our prayers in worship this morning and our daily devotions in the coming week, we remember:
All Believers as we look for the coming Messiah, may we be ready to see the Son of Man coming
in a cloud with power and great glory
All in Need both body & soul that we might know the joy we have in the presence of our Lord,
Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and King
Bishop Daniel Beaudoin, Synod Staff members and all the office staff, that they may be
supported in their ministry to the Church
The Bethel Parish of Dodoma, St. Martin's Companion Congregation, may they continue to carry
out God's ministry and mission in Tanzania
Mission Partner Congregation of Redeemer Lutheran, Toledo may they continue to carry out
God's ministry and mission in the Toledo Area
Family & Friends of Janet Dundore, Beth Reichert's aunt who passed away Thursday, may we
know the comforting presence of our Lord Jesus Christ
All First Responders, Hospital Staff, Caregivers who have been in harm's way since the outbreak
of the coronavirus, may we know the ever-present grace of God
All who have lost family members and friends to the corona virus, may we know the comforting
presence of our Lord Jesus Christ
For those who need healing, may they know the healing hand of God

Members of St. Martin's

John Breier
Jerry Geiger
Sharon Heckel
Dick Nagel
Al Siewert
Joe Wyse

All members, family & friends who serve in our military, Steve & Sara (Delaney) Adams, Patrick Cirenza (June Hayes), Bradley Nilsson (Pat Richards), Christopher Goertz, Brendon Johns, Kasyn Schaffner, Christopher Shirley, Spencer Short

Family & Friends of St. Martin's

Margaret Benecke, Dan & Jeff Benecke's aunt
Paul Bockelman, Deb Schmidt's father
Phillip Calvin, Tanya Howell's brother
Jeff Cook, Ann Ott's son
Steven DeNault, June Hayes' friend
Patricia Grover, friend of Melanie Nagel, ACT friends, cancer
Kirk Hummel, son-in-law of Carl & Becky Collins, cancer
Sue Hurst, Archbold area friend
Greg Jenkins, Pastor Paul's brother-in-law
Shelly Kammeyer, daughter in law of Sharon, Leukemia
Diana Kosier, sister of Connie Lauber, cancer treatments
Mary McLennen, friend of Pastor Paul's sister with Covid-19
Lois Mininger, June Hayes' cousin
Joan Mortenson, Pastor Paul's sister-in-law
Ana Perry, Andi Erbskorn's niece
Doug & April Saville, friends of Gene & Jan Delaney
Janice Siegel, Dustin Bailey's mother, cancer
Jennifer Smith, Bill Poston's daughter
Lu Wolf, Judy (Paul) Wyse's mother

Our Shut-ins Rex Detwiler, Dorothy Huner, Irene Liechty, Ada Thrasher, Louise Wyse
For those who need God's protection and the assurance that he is near
All St. Martin's Members as they prepare for Ministry
Our College students both close to home and far away

①① Prayer requests for the people of St. Martin's ①①
(Note, we include a person's name with permission.)