

**Welcome to First Lutheran Church**  
**Sunday, January 10, 2021**  
**Baptism of Our Lord**



## **Welcome to First Lutheran!**

We are so pleased that you have joined us today. If you need help with anything, please do not hesitate to ask your fellow online participants. You can visit [our website](#) for more information.

## **First Time**

New to digital worship? *Us, too!* There may be some hiccups as we learn, but we will hold one another with grace and love. Each week we'll learn from last week's mistakes and try again.

## **Your offering**

Your presence with us today is a gift. There will be a collection today during service. If you are a visitor do not feel that you have to give a monetary offering. If you choose to do so, details for giving can be found during the offering.

## **Affirmation of Welcome**

First Lutheran Church is called to the ministry of reconciliation. We embrace as a gift the diversity of our neighborhood and the world. We celebrate our human family's diversity of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, age, faith history, economic status, marital status, physical and mental ability, and education. We affirm that all people are created in the image of God and as beloved children of God, all are worthy of God's love and grace. We welcome the full inclusion of all people in the life and ministries of First Lutheran as we journey toward reconciliation through Christ. We specifically welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. We recognize that there are differences among us, but believe that we can love alike even though we may not think alike. We proclaim this statement of welcome to all who have known the pain of exclusion or discrimination in the church and society. We invite all people to join us in our faith journey toward greater love, understanding, and mutual respect.

## **Facilities**

In our church building we have two single stall gender neutral restrooms in the downstairs. There is also a nursery area (including a rocking chair and changing table) for parents to spend time with young children; however, we welcome children of all volume and activity levels in worship itself! Should you visit in person, they're available for your use.

## **Communion**

When we meet in person, we have communion every Sunday, and everyone is welcome. You do not need to be a member or a baptized Christian. We believe that the table belongs to Jesus Christ, so you are always welcome here. Gluten free options are available, as well as wine and grape juice.

## **Stay in touch!**

Instagram: [@firstlutheranmalden](#)

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## **GATHERING MUSIC**    *Yun Lee*

### **WELCOME**

### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

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

**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.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

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.**

## GATHERING

## #306 Come, Beloved of the Maker



1 Come, be - lov - ed of the Mak - er, come, be -  
2 See the Morn - ing - star now beck - on to those  
3 Fol - low to the birth of new - ness; fol - low  
4 There we too will burn and bright - en, God's re -  
5 Christ, bright im - age of the Mak - er, God, whose



hold the First - born One; see re - vealed cre - a - tion's  
bound to doubt and night; "Fol - low me," Christ calls in  
to the life of peace; fol - low to the hill of  
splen - dent work be - gun; glo - ry will as - cend and  
glo - ry none may pass, Spir - it, sun of love and



splen - dor crowned in glo - ry like the sun.  
wel - come, "come from dark - ness in - to light."  
an - guish; fol - low to the gar - den bliss.  
height - en, crown - ing us with glo - rious sun.  
splen - dor, bear us in - to light at last.

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## GREETING

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

**C:** And also with you.

# KYRIE

## HYMN OF PRAISE

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

AM: Holy God,

**C: 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.**

## FIRST READING

## Genesis 1:1-5

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the 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. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALMODY

## Psalm 29

*Sung responsively*



<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,

ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.

<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God’s name;  
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup>**the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice | of the LORD  
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup>**The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>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!”

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.**

<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength | to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace.

## **SECOND READING**

### **Acts 19:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup>He 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." <sup>3</sup>Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." <sup>4</sup>Paul 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." <sup>5</sup>On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—<sup>7</sup>altogether there were about twelve of them.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

## #172 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

## THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST

## Mark 1:4-11

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1st Chapter.

**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>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."

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S TIME

**Rev. Emily Hamilton**

## REFLECTION

**Rev. Emily Hamilton**

# HYMN OF THE DAY

## #453 Baptized and Set Free



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.  
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.  
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,  
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.  
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.  
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.  
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door  
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:  
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:  
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.  
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.  
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.  
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

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## **APOSTLE'S 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 THE PEOPLE**

*Assisting Minister ends each petition with... "Let us pray."*

*Everyone responds by saying... "Have mercy, O God."*

***Ted, Rolf, Peter, Merial, Anna, Judy, Bill, Nancy, Richard, Elinor, Liesl, Randy, Dorothy, Jill, Robert, Donna R, Ellen, Lee, Jim, Mark and Julie, Eric, Edda, Kieran, Gene, Susan and Chuck, Elliott, Lilla, Sal, Ernst. Willy, Heidi, John, Audrey, Madelyn, Keisha, Stan***

## **OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC**

*To make an offering, you can give through [PayPal](#),  
through Vanco's "[GivePlus](#)" app, or by mailing a donation to:  
First Lutheran Church, 62 Church St, Malden MA 02148.*

**GATHERING OF GIFTS**

**#682 To God Our Thanks We Give**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

AM: Let us pray together.

**C: God of all creation,  
all you have made is good, and your love endures forever.  
Nourish us with these gifts,  
that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

P: Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things:  
you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos,  
and brought life into being.

For your Word of life, O God,

**C: we give you thanks and praise.**

P: By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts:  
freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey,  
a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you.

For your Word of life, O God,

**C: we give you thanks and praise.**

P: Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness:  
forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death,  
the way of your self-giving love.

For your Word of life, O God,

**C: we give you thanks and praise.**

P: Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us:  
renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love,  
for the sake of a world in need.

Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,

to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

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

## **BLESSINGS**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SENDING HYMN**

**673 God, Whose Almighty Word**

**SENDING**

AM: Go in peace, remember the sick and the poor.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

AM: Please share a sign of peace with one another.

**Those serving worship this morning:**

Pastor - Rev. Emily Hamilton  
Music Director – Yun Lee  
Ministers – All God’s People  
Assisting Minister – Bruce Norskog  
Lector – Joan Rossi  
Zoom Administrator – TBD  
Slide Presenter – TBD

**Those serving worship next week:**

Pastor – Rev. Emily Hamilton  
Music Director - Yun Lee  
Ministers - All God’s People  
Assisting Ministers – Donna Kerry  
Lector – George Brickley  
Zoom Administrator – TBD  
Slide Presenter – TBD

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**Announcements****Sunday School**

Sunday School is back! Children ages 4 and up meet on the 1st and 2nd Sunday of the month in a virtual classroom. Contact the church office for more information.

**Annual Meeting**

On Sunday, January 24, join us for our annual meeting. We'll celebrate God's work among us over the past year and prepare for the upcoming year together. The meeting will be online using the same log-in information as Sunday worship. More details to follow.