

JANUARY 7, 2024

9:00 AM

# BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



ST. MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# LOVE, SHARE, & SERVE BOLDLY.

*No matter where you find yourself on your faith journey—join us!*

*Here you have found a church home where believers congregate to encourage each other and grow spiritually in an abundant relationship with the Lord. At St. Martin's, we promote and value an inclusive fellowship. Whether you are young, old, gay, straight, single, married, partnered—from all walks of life, backgrounds, and cultures—we welcome you!*

*We welcome you to our Family Worship, a casual and reflective service of togetherness. The Holy Spirit gathers us around the means of grace - the saving Word of God and the sacraments. From the table of communion where Jesus Christ comes with forgiveness, life, and salvation, God sends us out to share the good news and to care for those in need.*

*Families with small children may enjoy playing with toys on the Prayground rug in the Narthex. The nursery is open for children 0-4 years. The joyful noise of our young ones is always welcome in this space. Hearing Assistance Devices are available in the Narthex or you can listen through your smartphone. The ushers are happy to help you.*

*Notes in italics offer directions about the service. **The people's responses are in bold.***

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## PRELUDE

## GATHERING

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

## WELCOME

*Please take a moment to greet your neighbors as we begin to worship together.*

## REFLECTION

*We share a piece to invite us into consideration of scripture and worship through different voices.*

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE FAR TO TRAVEL

JAN RICHARDSON

## GATHERING SONG

*Please stand as you are able.*

1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his  
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

## GREETING

May God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, be with us as we worship today.

**Amen**

## PRAYER

Let us pray together. **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

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

## READING

MARK 1:4-11

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**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."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

# CHILDREN'S SONG

*Please be seated. Children are invited to come forward for the children's time with the Pastor.*

## THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

THIS JOY

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
oh, oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system includes a '1' indicating the first ending. The second system ends with a fermata over the final note. The third system ends with a fermata over the final note. The fourth system ends with a double bar line.

## CHILDREN'S TIME

### MESSAGE

# HYMN OF THE DAY

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Prayer cards, which can be found in the pew pockets, are collected by the ushers during the hymn. Prayer requests may also be sent via email or text message to [prayer@saintmartins.org](mailto:prayer@saintmartins.org).*

## I'VE GOT PEACE LIKE A RIVER

## PEACE LIKE A RIVER

1 I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er,  
2 I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain,  
3 I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean,

I've got peace like a riv - er in my soul;  
I've got joy like a foun-tain in my soul;  
I've got love like an o - cean in my soul;

I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er,  
I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain,  
I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean,

I've got peace like a riv - er in my soul.  
I've got joy like a foun-tain in my soul.  
I've got love like an o - cean in my soul.

## PRAYERS

*Each petition ends with: God of grace, receive our prayer*

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## OFFERING

*St. Martin's and its ministries are supported  
by our offerings of ourselves, our time and our possessions.  
Now we give as God has so graciously  
given to us. To donate electronically,*



## MUSICAL OFFERING

WHEN THE DOVE ENTERS IN

MARGARET BONDS

Have you ever seen a mother seek her erring son  
And find him deep in sin, doing what he should not've done?  
Then she falls down on her knees and prays he'll be made whole,  
And the dove enters into his soul.

*Oh, when the dove enters in and the light is revealed,  
Your sins are forgiven and your sorrows are healed,  
On the pathway to glory new wonders begin  
With prayer as the healer  
when the dove enters in.*

Have you ever seen a father seek his wandering girl  
And find her deep in sin, a prisoner of this world?  
Then he falls down on his knees and prays she'll be made whole,  
And the dove enters into her soul.

Do you have a sinful brother lost outside the fold,  
Wasting all his talents in a world so bleak and cold?  
Then just fall down on your knees and pray he'll be made whole;  
Ask the dove to come into his soul.

Langston Hughes

## OFFERING PRAYER

*Please stand as you are able.*

Let us pray. **God, you have given us so much and we thank you for your generosity. Please use these gifts we bring to make our world better.**

**Amen**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, ... our Savior who comes to us in his body and blood.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. 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.**



# INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*Our communion table is open to all. Everyone is welcome to receive communion regardless of age or denomination. Please come forward to receive the bread then pick up a cup to receive wine. Gluten free wafers are available if requested. If you prefer to remain in your seat, please pick up a communion cup in the narthex or ask an usher to let the communion assistants know. A Stephen Minister will be in front near the pulpit to offer healing prayer during communion. You are invited to light a prayer candle on the table near the altar.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

### SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS

SPIRIT



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;  
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;  
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:  
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,  
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,  
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”  
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.  
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.  
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

## TABLE BLESSING

*Please stand as you are able.*

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you today, tomorrow and always. **Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen**

## SENDING

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please be seated.*

### *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

Happy Birthday to you  
To Jesus be true  
May God bless you always  
Happy Birthday to you!

*The children are dismissed at 9:45am to go to the Chapel.*

## BLESSING

*Please stand as you are able.*

God who names you,  
Christ who claims you,  
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,  
+ bless you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

# SENDING SONG

## EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT

PENTECOST

*Refrain*



Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing



in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the

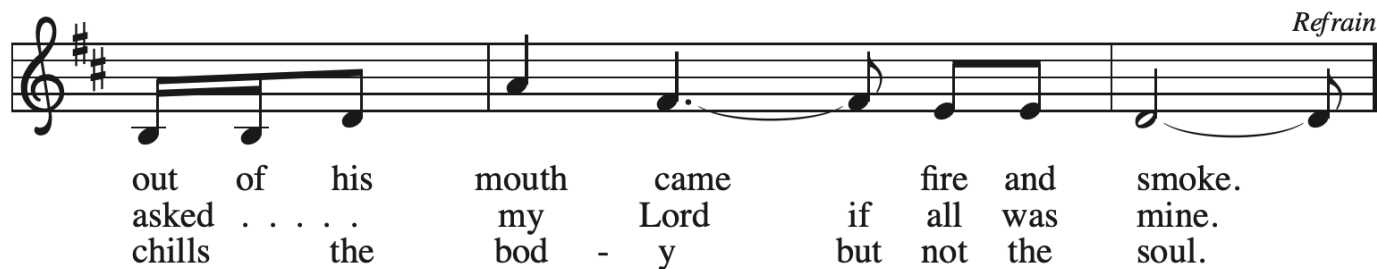


spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.



1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,  
2 .. All a - round me looked so fine,  
3 .. Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,

*Refrain*



out of his mouth came fire and smoke.  
asked . . . . . my Lord if all was mine.  
chills the bod - y but not the soul.

## DISMISSAL

Let's leave here to love, share and serve boldly!

**And give thanks to God. Amen!**

## POSTLUDE

### SERVING TODAY

Pastor Ellen Williams - *preaching/presiding*

Kathy Edgar - *assisting minister*

Debbie Alkire - *communion assistant*

Whitney Myers - *Stephen Minister*

Tim O'Brien - *Director of Music*

Austin Haller - *Associate Director of Music*

Jenny Ohrstrom, vocals; Andrew Fuhrman, drums;

Darin Layne, guitar; Jay Clement, bass - *musicians*

Mike Kaase - *sound*

Richard Buerger, Garry Flandermeyer, Tom Hoelzel - *ushers*

Tom Blomquist, Nancy Schroeder, Virginia Haas,

Mamie Hickerson, Donna Gunter - *Altar Guild*

Sandra Creswell - *Welcome Center*

Connections Committee - *fellowship snacks*