



Macedonia Evangelical Lutheran Church
Baptism of Our Lord
Sunday, January 11, 2009
10:30 Worship Service

MACEDONIA'S MISSION STATEMENT

Mission: A community of believers responding to the Gospel of Jesus Christ through faith, worship and action.

Vision: That Christ might have first place in everything. (Col. 1:18)

- *Invest in youth and family life.*
- *Support and develop education programs.*
- *Build community by developing strong Christian fellowship.*
- *Improve communication including the effective use of technology.*

- *Think beyond ourselves to be involved in local synodical and churchwide programs.*
- *Strengthen and develop programs to attract others to Christ.*

- *Increase cooperation and mission opportunities with Lutheran Retirement Ministries.*
- *Encourage an attitude that promotes the development of new ministries.*
- *Identify and use the talents of the congregation to meet the needs of the church and community.*

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Holy Communion

Setting One – 10:30 (ELW)

INTRODUCTION

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.

P = Pastor

C = Congregation

A = Assistant

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please prepare yourself for worship during the Prelude)

PRELUDE

Glory to God in the Highest

Pergolesi

Stand

GATHERING SONG

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

ELW 310 *(Red Hymnal)*

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.

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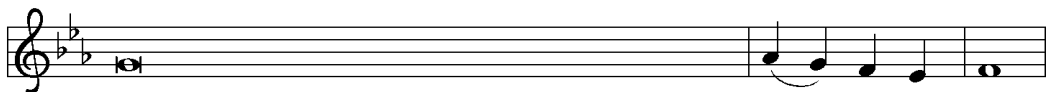
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mercy.

The Marks of Discipleship: I will strive to . . .

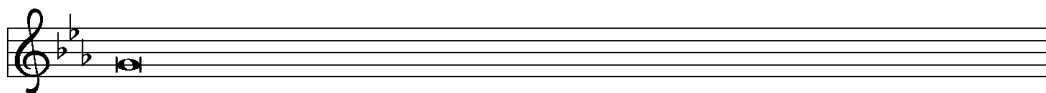
- † Pray daily
- † Worship weekly
- † Read the Bible daily
- † Serve at and beyond Macedonia Evangelical Lutheran Church
- † Be in Relationship with others to encourage spiritual growth
- † Give of my time, talents and resources in a generous manner and to the glory of God



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



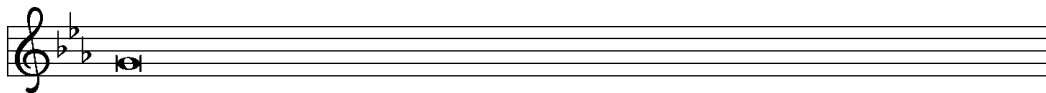
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

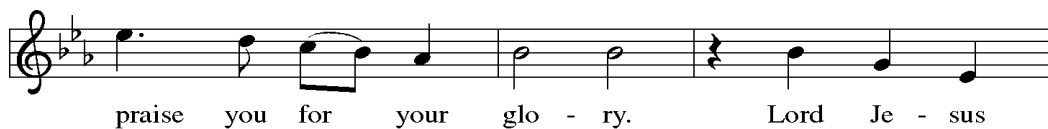
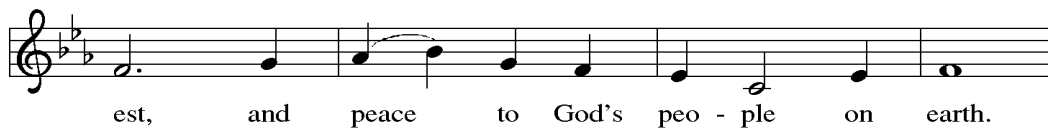
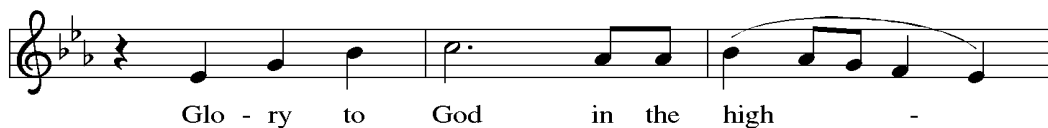


Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -
lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - men.
Glo - ry to God in the high -
est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C 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.

C Amen

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHOIR ANTHEM

FIRST READING *Genesis 1:1-5*

A A reading from Genesis chapter one.

Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the primeval darkness, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for any person living in the chaos and darkness of despair. God created and continues to create new life.

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.

- A Word of God, word of life.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Acts 19:1–7

- A A reading from Acts chapter nineteen.

In Ephesus, Paul encounters people who had received John's baptism of repentance but had never heard of the Holy Spirit or of baptism in the name of Jesus. After Paul baptized them, the Holy Spirit came upon them and empowered them with gifts of the Spirit.

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.

- A Word of God, word of life.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

OFFERING

ORGAN OFFERTORY *Baptized and Set Free* C. Skogen - Soldner

OFFERTORY HYMN *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* **ELW 182** (Red Hymnal)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Living in the light of Christ, who reveals both our need and God's abundant love, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

A Heavenly Father, you poured out the Holy Spirit on your beloved Son in his baptism. Renew all who are baptized into Christ, that the fruits of your Spirit may flourish. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A You pour out water on your children to cleanse them. Provide clean water for your people to drink and bathe safely, and lead us to use our resources responsibly. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A The message of your love transcends human language. Create in the peoples of all nations a loving spirit, that our acts of love may proclaim your goodness when words fail us. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A You send messengers to prepare the coming of your reign. Send us to help those who are ailing from doubt, fear, depression, and sickness (*especially*). Fill those in need with the hope of salvation. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A You have welcomed us as your beloved children. Make our congregation a place of welcome for the stranger, a place where your gospel is clearly spoken in word and action. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A As we give thanks for all who have been washed in your grace, shower us with your Holy Spirit until the day when we will be united with Christ and all the saints in your heavenly reign. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen**

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**

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

ELW 543 (*Red Hymnal*)

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Postlude by Johann C. H. Rinck

Welcome! Whoever you are and wherever you're from, you are welcome in God's house. We greet you with the hand of fellowship and the assurance of acceptance in our midst.

Visitors! We are delighted you are with us. Please give us your name, address and phone number on a Welcome Card in the pew pocket or in the Friendship Register.

We welcome **Pastor Ted Strelow** to our chancel this morning. Ted is a retired Lutheran pastor from Gibsonville. Pastor Rust is attending a conference in Nashville, Tennessee today for the celebration of Dr. Jerry Tolley into the American Football Coaches Hall of Fame. Dr. Jerry and Joanie have asked Pastor Rust to be at their family table of honor. Please pray for their safe return.

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Joseph and Dorothy Fogleman, loving parents and grandparents, by Harold and Peggy Fogleman and Family.

Please remember in your prayers: Ernie Allison, Boyd Black, Joan Blomberg, Bobbie Gregoris, Susan Lambeth, David Millspaugh, Violet Patton. The family of Lynett Apple. *(Requests are to be renewed weekly by contacting the church office.)*

Loaves and Fishes – For the month of January please bring juices, peanut butter and sugar.

Today is **World Hunger Sunday!** Please place your contribution in the World Hunger envelope, make your check payable to Macedonia Lutheran Church, mark that it is for World Hunger and place in the offering plate.

MUSICAL MOMENTS AT MACEDONIA - TODAY IS THE PREMIER CONCERT o what we hope will become an annual event! We will begin our music series with a performance by the Austria Tour Choir of Williams High School, which includes our own Maddie Johnson. The Choir has just returned from a recent European tour where they received rave reviews everywhere they performed. We are thrilled that they will present an hour long concert of both sacred and secular music here at Macedonia. Please help us start this music series by inviting your friends and neighbors. We also welcome our monetary support with this venture as noted in the January newsletter. We look forward to having a music series for our church family as well as the community.

February Newsletter Deadline is this Thursday, January 15th!!!!

The Youth (grades 6-12) will meet at the church tonight at 6:15 p.m. to head to the Memory Care Center at Twin Lakes where we will enjoy some singing with the residents, and then tour the facility. We will go to CiCi's after Twin Lakes, so bring money for dinner. Please come!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY NEWS: Please mark your calendars for this Tuesday evening January 13th for our prayer shawl meeting. We will meet at the church at 7pm in room 16. Bring all your completed projects and your projects in progress. Bring all your friends and family who would like to join our group. See all of you there. The blessing is scheduled for January 25th at the early service.

Calling all youth in grades 6-12 for a **League Lock In !** We will meet here at the church from 8:00 p.m Friday January 23 to 8:00 a.m Saturday January 24. To help us plan, please contact the church office no later than Sunday, January 18 to reserve you spot. We will be having food, fellowship and fun as we work on the youth service. Everyone is asked to bring a 2-liter drink, a snack to share, and \$5 for pizza. Breakfast will be provided on Saturday morning. Contact Michele Claypool @ 261-5149 or wclaypool@triad.rr.com for more information.

There will be a **Called Congregational meeting** following the 10:30 service on January 25th. The purpose of the meeting is to establish a line of credit for the congregation to use in meeting contingencies that might arise from time to time.

Please note . . . 2009 offering envelopes are available in the Narthex. Please use them each Sunday and mark them clearly for General and/or Capital fund.

The **2009 Altar Flowers Calendar** has been posted in the Education Building outside the church office. There are plenty of open slots that need to be filled. Please sign your name beside the available date that you want and call the church office no later than Wednesday of the week before to give us the information you want printed in the bulletins.

“The Gift Goes On” continues to be sold to benefit the youth going to the National Youth Gathering in July 2009. The Christmas CD makes a wonderful gift as well as enjoying one for your own listening pleasure. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will be matching funds, so please support this project! You may purchase a CD for \$20 from Joy Rust or from the church office.

Due to graduations and resignations, we are looking for several **Sound System Volunteers** for the 10:30 Service. Training only takes 15-20 minutes and new volunteers are welcome to sit through a service with one of current operators. Please see Brett Bass or John Gee if you would like to volunteer or for more information.

Offerings: (12/28/08) General: \$14,974.27 Capital: \$455.00

Offerings: (01/04/09) General: \$9,115.79 Capital: \$426.00

Pew Torches: \$5,720.00 Hymns For Healing CD: \$3,640.00 The Gift Goes On CD: \$1,667.00

Sunday Attendance (1/04) SS: 72 (8:15): 43 10:30): 162

ALSO SCHEDULED THIS WEEK

- Today**
- WORLD HUNGER SUNDAY
 - 8:15 Worship/Communion
 - 9:30 Sunday School
 - 10:30 Worship
 - NIGHT SHELTER - Girl Scout Troop 418/425
(2:00 - 7:00 Preparing Meal in Kitchen)
 - 4:00 Musical Moments at Macedonia (WWHS Choir)
 - 6:15 Luther League-Twin Lakes/Ci Ci's Pizza
(Bring \$5.00)
- Monday**
- 2:30 Circle #4
 - 7:00 Boy Scouts
 - 7:00 Evangelism Committee
 - 7:30 Church Council
- Tuesday**
- 4:30 Macedonia Ringers
 - 5:15 Melody Choir
 - 5:30 Cherub Choir
 - 7:00 Prayer Shawl Committee
 - 7:30 Christian Education Committee
- Wednesday**
- 1:00 Sewing Group
 - 7:30 Chancel Choir
- Thursday**
- 11:30 Young-In-Heart
 - 6:00 Girl Scouts
- Saturday**
- 10:00 Chrismon Workshop
- Sunday (1/18)**
- 8:15 Worship/Communion
 - 9:30 Sunday School
 - 10:30 Worship/Communion
 - 4:45 Reformation Ringers
 - 5:30 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation
 - NO MEETING FOR LUTHER LEAGUE
 - 6:30 Crossways II, #44

SHATTERING GOOD NEWS

Unlike the other gospel writers, Mark doesn't begin his gospel with Jesus' genealogy or birth. Mark gets right to the point, to the central rite of initiation into the life of the church, and the life of the Spirit.



So Jesus' public ministry as the "good news proclaimer" begins with his baptism. It is the water baptism of John, a baptism of repentance. Yet it is much more. The Spirit descends on Jesus, like a dove, and so Jesus' baptism by John takes on the form of the baptism that Jesus himself will baptize with. This is the form of baptism the church now carries on—in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, using simple water. It is not the water that is special or magical—any water will do—it is, rather, the descent of the Spirit, and the direct words of the Father, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." Like thunder under blue skies, it is the shattering good news that God is for Jesus, loves him, and is pleased with him. It is this loving regard into which we are also baptized.

The gospel is good news because it is good news for us. From the moment most of us wake up in the morning, we are told in a variety of ways that we are not good enough, smart enough, beautiful enough, or famous enough. Unless, of course, we wake up making the sign of the cross on ourselves and on our loved ones, saying, "Remember that you are baptized. You are God's beloved." Jesus is eternally begotten of the Father, fully God and fully human, and the tremendous news of the gospel is that when we are baptized, we are baptized into Jesus Christ. Jesus' baptism has become our baptism.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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Epiphany of Our Lord

Monday	Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36, Genesis 17:1-13, Romans 4:1-12
Tuesday	Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36, Exodus 30:22-38, Acts 22:2-16
Wednesday	Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36, Isaiah 41:14-20, John 1:29-34
Thursday	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18, Judges 2:6-15, 2 Corinthians 10:1-11
Friday	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18, Judges 2:6-23, 2 Acts 13:16-25
Saturday	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18, 1 Samuel 2:21-25, Matthew 25:1-13

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