

***Baptism of Our Lord***

**January 11th, 2015**

**Trinity Lutheran Church Truman, MN**

**Holy Communion Setting 4**

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) p. 147**

**GATHERING**

*Congregation reads* ***bold print****. \*Please stand*

**PRELUDE**

**GATHERING REFLECTION**

*The verbs "create" and "make" are used interchangeably in Genesis 1. The use of the everyday word "make" suggests that God's activity is not thought to be without analogy in the human sphere. At the same time, the use of the verb "create" (used in the Old Testament only for non-human creating) shows that human analogy cannot give meaning to God's creative activity. The verb is used for already existing material that God re-creates or transforms. The verb “create” may be used to stress God's initiative and decisive activity. There are a variety of divine modes of creation. Primarily, God creates by means of the word (“Let there be…”), sometimes followed by deeds of separation and other creative actions. God speaks with others and invites their participation in the creative process (divine beings, 1:26; earth and waters, 1:11-12, 20, 24). God uses that which is already created as raw material to bring still other creatures into being (for example, 2:7-8, 19, 22). God brings order to that which is already created (the earth, 1:2, 9). God creates some creatures out of nothing (1:14-16). This variety testifies to the intricacies associated with God's creative activity; God does not have available just one way of bringing the creation into being. God even uses us to re-create or transform lives and communities*. **Creating God, use me in your activity of re-creation of life and the world. Amen.**

**BELL**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

L: Let us make confession of our sins and receive God’s forgiveness. *Silence*

O King and Redeemer…

**C: in Jesus Christ, you have shined a light on the world to attract all people to you. We confess that we often hide in our darkness and do not reflect that light. Forgive us and enlighten us with your grace and glory, so we might show all around us your love, mercy and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

L: God on account of his great love for us and by his mercy forgives us all our sins. As a fellowship redeemed worker in God’s mission, I declare his forgiveness in the name of the Father, and + of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN** *On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist Cry* **ELW #249, vv. 1 & 2**

**\*GREETING ELW p. 147**

**\*KYRIE ELW p. 147**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** *This is the Feast of Victory* **ELW p. 149**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY:** L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray. *Silence* Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness,

**C: 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.**

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| **WORD**    **FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-5 (NRSV)**  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.  Right-Click on the filename below to download this image and choose "Save Target As" or "Save Link As"  The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**  **PSALM 29**  *(read responsively the* ***bold print****)*  1 Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,  **ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**  2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;      **worship the Lord in holy splendor.**  3 The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  **the God of glory thunders,** **the Lord, over mighty waters.**  4 The voice of the Lord is powerful;      **the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**  5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;      **the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.**  6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,      **and Sirion like a young wild ox.**  7 The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.  **8 The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh**.  9 The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,  **and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, “Glory!”**  10 The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  **the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.** 11 May the Lord give strength to his people!      **May the Lord bless his people with peace!**  **SECOND READING: Acts 19:1-7 (NRSV)**  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. **C: Thanks be to God.** |  |  |

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Alleluia, Lord* **ELW p. 151**

**\*GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11 C: Glory to you O Lord.**

John 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.”

**The Baptism of Jesus**

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.”

L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** *On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist Cry* **ELW #249, vv. 3-5**

**\*APOSTLES’ CREED ELW p. 105**

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** Lord in your mercy.  **C: Hear our prayer.**

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE** L: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

**MEAL**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERING HYMN** *Create in Me* **ELW #188**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER Amen.**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING ELW p. 152**

**\*PREFACE & RESPONSE** *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord* **ELW p. 153**

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**\*THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**LAMB OF GOD ELW p. 154**

**DISTRIBUTION**

*All who believe that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior are welcome to receive Christ’s meal.*

**\*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER C: Amen**

**SENDING**

**\*BLESSING** Almighty God, Father, + Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

*Three-Fold Amen*

**\*SENDING HYMN** *Sent Forth by God’s Blessing* **ELW #547**

**BELL**

**SENDING** L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

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Baptism is, in fact, much more than a ritual conferring membership in a community, as many people conceive it nowadays. It is a process of birth, through which a new dimension of life opens out. Peter Seewald, *God and the World*

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**Readings for Next Sunday:** 1 Sam. 3:1-10 [11-20]; Ps.139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Cor 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

 *We remember in our prayers…all who face catastrophic illness, surgery, and bindings of all kinds as well as the homebound:* **Bea Behrens, Vi Benoy, Agnes Carlson, Leland Carlson, Lisa** **Carlson & family, Donna Fisk, Chris Mosloski, Rhonda Bonk, Oakley Selnes and family, and Danny Lang.** *Be present with your Spirit, Lord, and lead us to be your presence to all. Amen.*

A new **T**rinity **P**astoral **C**all **C**ommittee has been formed to explore future pastoral options. Please contact any of the call committee members with your concerns or thoughts! Members are: Yvonne Noorlun, Marlene Breitbarth, Tom Dodge, Grant Hartman, Barb Mager, Sadie Mosloski, Dave Sorenson. More details will be appearing soon in The Messenger.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14**-6 pm Choir practice

**7 pm Church Council meeting**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 16**-Last day to submit news items to the Messenger.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY-Pat Jones scrapbooking at Trinity

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 18**

9 AM Worship **TRINITY’S ANNUAL MEETING**

10 AM Sunday School ***to be held immediately after worship***

*Reader: Marlene Breitbarth, Acolyte: TBA*

*Ushers: \*Dave Baarson, Vern Quade, Jim Hansen and Zach Hansen*

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

In today’s fast paced world, sometimes it’s nice to have someone reach out and help you with something simple. It might be help with chores, having a neighbor take you to a doctor’s appointment or friendly visits. CREST, a “Faith in Action” program, is looking for care receivers like you. CREST is a part of the National Faith in Action Network and is dedicated to fostering caring relationships. CREST volunteers help people who are elderly or who have disabilities and now we are offering our services in the community of Truman. Contact CREST today at 507-235-3833 for more information. We help to maintain your independence by arranging a volunteer from Truman to help you. Again, you can call 507-235-3833 for more information about the services offered by CREST.

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