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Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured
out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all
creation.

Amen

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of
God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
You search us and know us. You are acquainted with all
our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by
sin— our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.
We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of
love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit
the earth and its resources and fail to consider
generations to come.

Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left
undone. Even before the words are on our tongues,
you know them; receive them in your divine mercy.
Amen.

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How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise
of † Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are
claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven.

In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be
the beloved community living out Christ's justice
and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

Amen

Greeting

Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God,
grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

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.

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5

Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the formless void, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for us. God created and continues to create new life.

¹In 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.

Psalm: Psalm 29

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters. (Ps. 29:3)

- ¹Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.
- ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God’s name;
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.
- ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God
of | glory thunders; the LORD is upon the | mighty
waters.
- ⁴The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor. R
- ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;
- ⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.
- ⁷The voice | of the LORD
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.
- ⁸The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh. R
- ⁹The 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!”
- ¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.

¹¹O LORD, give strength | to your people;
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace. R

Second Reading: Acts 19:1-7

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 baptizes them, the Holy Spirit comes upon them and empowers them with gifts of the Spirit.

¹While 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.

Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

Mark’s gospel reports the story of Jesus’ baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.

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."

Message

The Apostles' 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.

Sharing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
 And also with you.

Offering Prayer

O God,
 receive these gifts as you receive us:
 like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide.
 Nourish us anew in your tender care,
 and empower us in faithful service
 to tend to others with this same love,
 through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.
 Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

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.

Blessing

God the creator, strengthen you;
Jesus the beloved, fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter, ✠ keep you in
peace.
Amen.

Beautiful Savior

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine!

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.



Our expenses continue even though the buildings are closed. We ask that you continue to support the church with your weekly offerings.

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- Use your personal bank's auto-pay function
- If you have a PayPal account you can send money to St. Luke's using the email: payables@stlukeslutheran.church
- Mail a check to the church: St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 3206 Big Road, Zieglerville, PA 19492

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