

# LORDSTOWN LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Sunday, January 7, 2024*

*10:00AM*

*Baptism of the Lord*



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**Worship Bulletin**  
**Sunday, January 7, 2024**  
**Lordstown Lutheran Church**

Rev. Lor Breyley—Pastor  
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Mrs. Lois Dorazio—Choir Director  
Mrs. Dolly Lutz - Lector

*We welcome you to worship with us this morning and we're glad you are here. May God bless our time together and may you feel renewed and refreshed as we celebrate God's unconditional love for the world. Thank you for joining us today and we hope you will return again soon.*

*Children's Sunday School meets on the 2nd & 4th Sundays during worship, and Children's Service project on the 5th Sunday during the School year. As a courtesy the congregation does not stand during worship unless instructed to do so.*

**Today's Worship Theme**

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit of God 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.

**Entering Into God's Presence**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE - A Quiet Time for Reflection**

# Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

**L:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
creator of darkness and light, word of truth,  
wind sweeping over the waters.

**P: Amen**

**L:** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**L:** God our rock and refuge,

**P: we pour out our hearts before you.  
We have known you but have not always loved you.  
We have wounded one another  
and sinned against you.  
We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit  
dwelling in each of us.  
Remember your covenant.  
Renew your creation. Restore us,  
that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**

**L:** The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.  
God has spoken: The time of grace is now.  
In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.  
By the authority of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
You are God's beloved.

**P: Amen**

# GATHERING HYMN ALL VERSES

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## This Is the Spirit's Entry Now



1 This is the Spir - it's en - try now: the wa - ter and the word,  
2 This mir - a - cle of life re - born comes from the Lord of breath;  
3 Let wa - ter be the sa - cred sign that we must die each day  
4 Re - new - ing Spir - it, hear our praise for your bap - tis - mal pow'r



the cross of Je - sus on your brow, the seal both felt and heard.  
the sin - less one from life was torn; our life comes through his death.  
to rise a - gain by his de - sign as fol - l'wers of his way.  
that wash - es us through all our days. Come, cleanse a - gain this hour.



## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**L:** The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**ALL: And also with you.**

**L:** Let us pray together.

**ALL: 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**

## ***Special Music***

## **God's Word for Us Today**

**First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5                      LECTOR**

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.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## Psalm: Psalm 29

## LECTOR

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

1Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**2Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name;  
worship the Lord in the beauty 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 powerful voice;  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

5The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;  
the Lord breaks the cedars 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 wilderness of Kadesh.**

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 above the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

11O Lord, give strength to your people;  
give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

## Second Reading: Acts 19:1-7 LECTOR

*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. The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **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.*

The Holy Gospel According to St. Mark

**Glory to you, O Lord**

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."

The Gospel of the Lord,  
**Praise to you O Christ**

**Sermon**

**Rev. Breyley**

# HYMN OF THE DAY ALL VERSES

## Baptized and Set Free

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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!



# **Together We Say What We Believe**

## **APOSTLES CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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**



# We Offer Our Prayers and Thanksgiving

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

At the end of each intercessory prayer the Pastor says:  
" God of grace ." and the people respond  
"receive our prayer."

## OFFERING SONG

### *God is so Good*

God is so good, God is so good,  
God is so good, He's so good to me!  
We give Him thanks, We give Him thanks,  
We give Him thanks, He's so good to me!

## OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, Holy One,  
for all good things come from you.  
In bread and cup you open heaven to us.  
Meet us at this table,  
that we receive what we seek  
and follow your Son, Jesus,  
in whose name we pray.  
**AMEN**



*Offering Plates are Located by the doors to the Sanctuary or  
You may mail your financial gifts to the church.*

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# The Great Thanksgiving

***This Table of Christ welcomes all without exception. Join us and experience the love of Christ as we come together to share in this sacred meal.***

***CHILDREN MAY ALSO RECEIVE A PASTORAL BLESSING. PLEASE TAKE A SMALL CUP FROM THE TRAY WHEN IT IS OFFERED. WINE WILL BE Poured FOR EACH PERSON BY AN ASSISTANT AND GRAPE JUICE WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE CENTER OF THE CUP TRAY IF PREFERRED. BREAD WILL BE BROKEN INTO SMALL PIECES AT THE COMMUNION RAIL AND GIVEN TO EACH PERSON.***

## DIALOGUE

**L:** The Lord be with you.

**P:** And also with you.

**L:** Lift up your hearts.

**P:** We lift them to the Lord.

**L:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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



## PREFACE OF THE DAY

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **SANCTUS** (tune: *Holy, holy, holy*)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!  
Heav'n and earth embrace your glory  
Praise we cry to you.  
Blessed is the One who comes in your name.  
Hosanna, hosanna, praise forevermore.

## **PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad. We bless you for creating the whole world; for your promises to your people Israel, and for Jesus Christ in whom your fullness dwells.

Born of Mary, he shares our life. Eating with sinners, he welcomes us. Guiding his children, he leads us. Visiting the sick, he heals us. Dying on the cross, he saves us. Risen from the dead, he gives new life. Living with you, he prays for us.

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that this meal may be a communion in the body and blood of our Lord. Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast. Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, and inspire us to love, that we may serve as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory.

We praise you, eternal God, through Christ your Word made flesh, in the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**ALL: 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 COMMUNION**

L: At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one.  
Come and see.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P:** Through the great Comforter, Advocate, and our faithful Guide, we have become a part of God's holy love. And so we pray to the eternal one

**ALL: 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**

## **Going Forth to Serve**

### **BLESSING**

L: God who names you, Christ who claims you,  
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, †  
bless you and remain with you always.

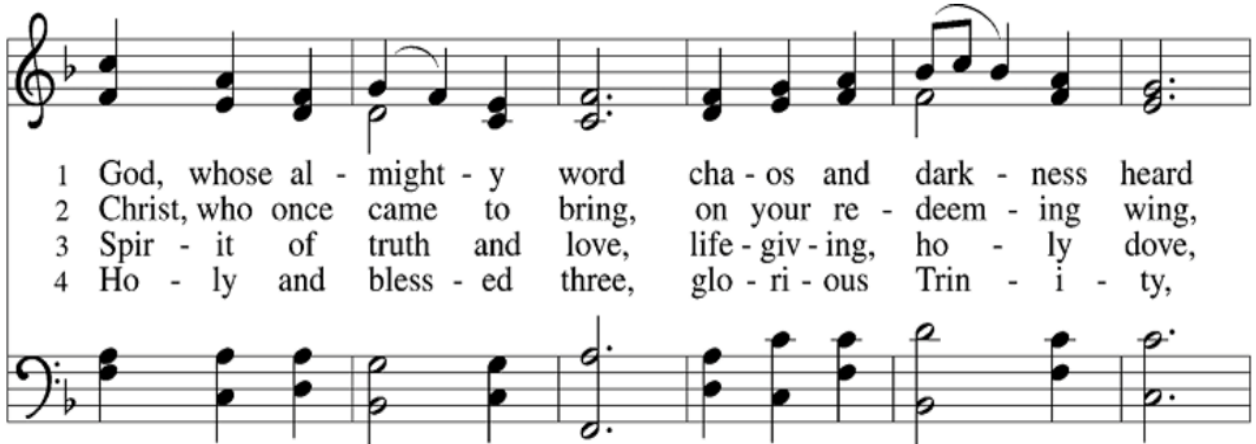
**AMEN**

# SENDING HYMN

# ALL VERSES

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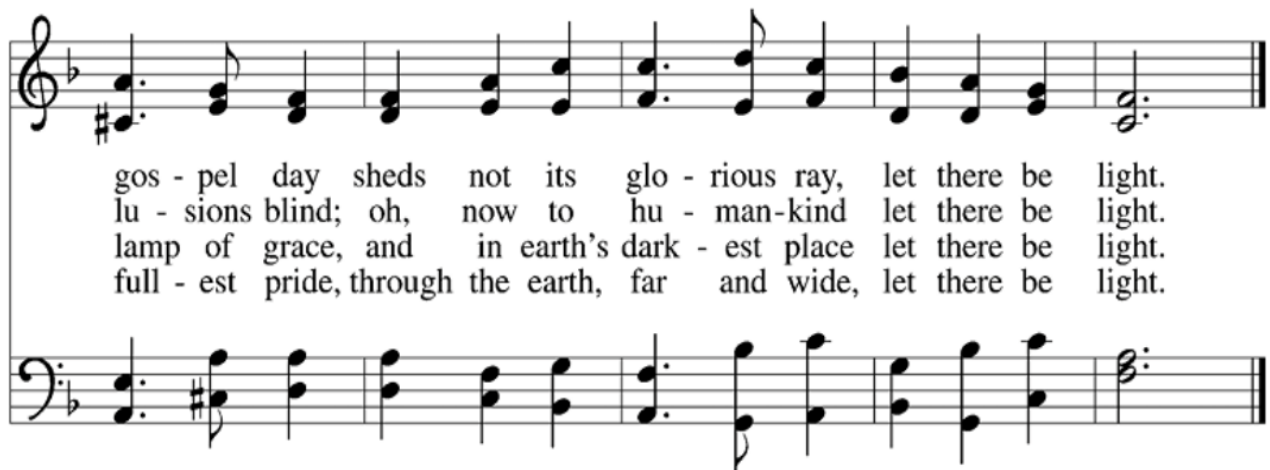
## God, Whose Almighty Word



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard  
2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,  
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,  
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -  
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the  
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.  
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man - kind let there be light.  
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.  
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

## DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

*New Year's Church Family Celebration*

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024**



**After the congressional  
meeting, join us for**

**A Soup Supper and Games!**



## Altar Flowers

### Donated by an Anonymous Donor

To provide altar flowers for worship, please sign up on the poster in the church lobby. \$25 for one vase \$50 for two.



## PRAYER LIST & PASTORAL CONCERNS

Please keep our loved ones in your prayers this week

**Immediate & Ongoing Health Concerns:** Lucas Paxson, Ron Hill, Phyllis Housel, Jean Housel, Ted Paxson, Leo Divencenzo, Tiffany Fellows, Destiny Givens, Anna Strickland, JoAnn Leepard, Joe Harrison, Molly and Family, Mary Sabol, Mark Molnar, Laura Paxson, Rachael Ann, Ilona Rupnik, Linda Behner, Judy Beckwith

**Compassion Child:** Marc Yvans.

**Active Duty Military:** Julian Krusely, Jason Layfield, Talon Brown, Kiana Gates

**Scout Troop 20 and its leaders**

**Our Monthly Mission Outreach and The Children of Lordstown Elementary School**

**World Peace:** Especially for those living in the region of Ukraine and Russia.

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TO BE ADDED OR REMOVED FROM THE PRAYER LIST.

**NEXT SUNDAY, Sunday, January 14, 2024**

**Second Sunday after Epiphany**

**First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]**

**Psalm: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20**

**Gospel: John 1:43-51**