

**Elstad/Highland Prairie Lutheran Parish**  
**Baptism of Our Lord**  
**January 10, 2021**

\*You are encouraged to leave your offering on the plate at either entrance to the sanctuary.

**Prelude**

**Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

L: In the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and  
of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires  
known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse  
the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your  
Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and  
worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus  
Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and  
the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins,  
God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and  
cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

L: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot  
free ourselves. We have sinned against you in  
thought, word, and deed, by what we have done  
and by what we have left undone. We have not  
loved you with our whole heart; we have not  
loved our neighbor as ourselves. For the sake  
of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.  
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we  
may delight in your will and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

L: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for  
us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a  
called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ,  
and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the  
entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the  
Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn**

**“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”  
O Morning Star, how fair and bright!  
You shine with God’s own truth and light,  
Aglow with grace and mercy!  
Of Jacob’s line, King David’s son,  
Our Lord and Savior, you have won  
Our hearts to serve you only!  
Lowly, holy! Great and glorious,  
all victorious, rich in blessing!  
Rule and might o’er all possessing.**

**Come, precious diamond, light divine,  
And deep within our hearts now shine;  
There light a flame undying!  
In your one body let us be  
As living branches of a tree,  
Your life our lives supplying.  
Now, though daily earth’s deep sadness  
May perplex us and distress us,  
Yet with heav’nly joy you bless us.**

**Lord, when you look on us in love,  
At once there falls from God above  
A ray of purest pleasure.  
Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood  
Refresh our souls with heav’nly food.  
You are our dearest treasure!  
Let your mercy warm and cheer us!  
Oh, draw near us! For you teach us  
God’s own love through you have reached us.**

**Almighty Father, in your Son  
You loved us, when not yet begun  
Was this old earth’s foundation!  
Your Son has ransomed us in love  
To live in him here and above:  
This is your great salvation.  
Alleluia! Christ the living,  
to us giving life forever,  
Keep us yours and fails us never.**

## **Greeting**

L: 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.**

## **Kyrie**

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: 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.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their  
worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

L: 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.

**C: Amen**

## **First Lesson**

Genesis 1.1-5

## **Psalm 29**

## **Second Lesson**

Acts 8.14-17

## **Gospel Acclamation** (spoken by all)

**“Alleluia! Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia!”**

## **Gospel**

Mark 1.4-11

**Sermon**

**Renewal of Our Baptismal Vows**

**Hymn of the Day            “Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”**

**Baptized into your name most holy,  
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,  
Among your seed, your chosen host.  
Buried with Christ and dead to sin,  
I have your Spirit now within.**

**My loving Father, here you take me  
Henceforth to be your child and heir;  
My faithful Savior, here you make me  
The fruit of all your sorrows share;  
O Holy Ghost, you comfort me  
Though threat'ning clouds around I see.**

**O faithful God, you never fail me;  
Your cov'nant surely will abide.  
Let not eternal death assail me  
Should I transgress it on my side!  
Have mercy when I come defiled.**

**All that I am and love most dearly,  
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.  
Oh, let me make my vows sincerely,  
And help me your own child to be!  
Let nothing that I am or own  
Serve any will but yours alone.**

**Prayers of the Church**

**Offertory Prayer**

## **Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and....

## **Sanctus**

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest**

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## **Eucharistic Prayer**

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give thanks to you.....

## **Lord's Prayer (traditional)**

## **Agnus Dei**

**C: Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God your take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace. Amen.**

## **Distribution Hymn**

### **"Day by Day"**

**Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,  
Bringing comfort to my anxious soul.  
Day by day, the blessings, Lord you send me  
Draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.  
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,  
Brings to naught the burdens of my quest;  
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,  
Where at last, I'll find eternal rest.**

**Day by day, I know you will provide me  
Strength to serve and wisdom to obey;  
I will seek your loving will to guide me  
O'er the paths I struggle day by day.  
I will fear no evil of the morrow,  
I will trust in your enduring grace.  
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow  
Till in glory I behold your face.**

**Oh, what joy to know that you are near me  
When my burdens grow too great to bear;  
Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me  
When I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.  
Day by day, no matter what betide me,  
You will hold me ever in your hand.  
Savior, with your presence here to guide me,  
I will reach at last the promised land.**

**Votum**

**Post-Communion Prayer**

**Announcements**

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn**

**“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”  
Guide me ever, great Redeemer,  
Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but you are mighty;  
Hold me with your pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
Feed me now and evermore (2x).**

**Open now the crystal fountain,  
Where the healing waters flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through.**

**Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,  
Shield me with your mighty arm (2x).  
When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs and praises, songs and praises  
I will raise forevermore (2x).**

P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**

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## **Announcements**

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation class resume on Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. We will meet in-person at Elstad Church.

A private funeral service for Ellen Lawstuen was held at Elstad yesterday, Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m. Burial was in the church cemetery. Please remember the Lawstuen and Semmen families in your prayers.

The next Bible study will take place at Elstad on the following Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.: January 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>. We will be taking a look at the Sunday texts and hymnody of the Season after the Epiphany. Texts for this Thursday are: 1 Samuel 3.1-10, Psalm 139.1-18, 1 Corinthians 6.12-20, and John 1.43-51.

The annual meeting of Elstad Lutheran Church is next Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, @ 11.30 a.m. We will observe all Covid19 precautions. Please consider utilizing the balcony to help us maintain physical distance recommendations of those in the know.

The annual meeting of Highland Prairie Lutheran Church is Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 a.m. Please note that on that Sunday, Elstad will worship at 9:00 a.m. and Highland Prairie will worship at 10:30 a.m.