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9 am



THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



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A special welcome to our visitors! We're glad to have you with us this morning. We pray that your spiritual life will be nourished through Word and song.

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Liturgy: pg 15 **Hymns:** 250, Ps 2, 297, 311, 299



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Opening Song

From All that Dwell below the Skies (CW #250)

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's
2 E - ter - nal are your mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal is your
praise a - rise. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
glo - rious Word. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Through
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore Till
ev - 'ry land, by ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia!
suns shall rise and set no more. Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN (888 888 with Alleluias) *Ausserlesene, Catholische, Geistliche Kirchengesäng, Köln, 1623, alt.*

We Confess Our Sins and Hear God's Promise of Forgiveness ¹

(please stand)

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

J: **Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

J: **Amen.**

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

¹Not that a pastor has the ability to forgive sins on his own, but Jesus tells his disciples: If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven (Jn. 20:23) In other words, as Christians we pass on to each other the message of the Gospel with full confidence that it is truth: We have forgiveness of sins because of Jesus.

Song of Praise

Glory Be to God

C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,

we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,

God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the

sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the

sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of

God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;

you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,

are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

J: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray:

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

J: **Amen.**

(be seated)

The Lesson

Romans 6:1-7

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?

²By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—⁷because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

Refrain

Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-
lu - ia! Great are the works of the Lord.

Psalm tone *

Why do the nations conspire*
and the peoples plot in vain?
The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers
gather together against the LORD*
and against his Anointed One.

Refrain

The One enthroned in heaven laughs;*
the Lord scoffs at them.
Then he rebukes them in his anger
and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,*
“I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.”
I will proclaim the decree of the LORD:*
He said to me, “You are my Son;
today I have become your Father.”

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

The Gospel

Luke 3:21-22

(please stand)

P: The Gospel for today comes from Luke 3:21-22.

♫: **Glory be to you, O Lord!**

²¹ When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

P: This is the Good News of our Lord!

♫: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

We Confess Our Faith in God

The Nicene Creed²

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(be seated)

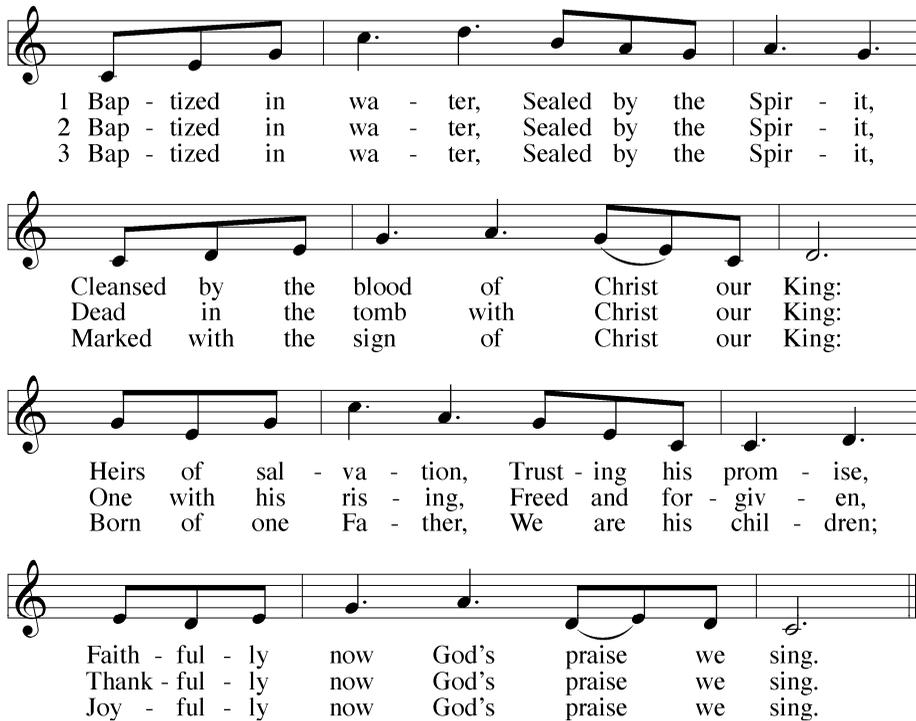


After the children's lesson, a kid's area is available.
Meet the workers in back, and they will take the kids
to the playroom. You can pick them up at any time.

² The Nicene Creed has been used by Christians for centuries in order to confess their belief in the All-Powerful God in the way that Scripture reveals him.

Song of the Day

Baptized in Water (CW #297)



1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,
2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,
3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,

Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:
Dead in the tomb with Christ our King:
Marked with the sign of Christ our King:

Heirs of sal - va - tion, Trust - ing his prom - ise,
One with his ris - ing, Freed and for - giv - en,
Born of one Fa - ther, We are his chil - dren;

Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
Thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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Tune: BUNESSAN (55 8 D) Gaelic melody, 19th century.

The Message

A Personalized FRESHNESS

Titus 3:3-7

³At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. ⁴But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Notes

Sermon Response

Create in Me

(please stand)

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

(be seated)



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(please stand)

Prayer of the Church

Spoken by the Pastor

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.**

The Words of Institution ³

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and give it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it to all of his disciples, saying, "Drink from it all of you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you, for the forgiveness of all of your sins. Do this, whenever you drink of it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

♪: **Amen.**

³We practice "Close" communion. If you are a guest, please speak with pastor before communing.

We Sing Our Prayer to Christ

O Christ, Lamb of God

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - - men.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The lyrics are: "C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - - men." The final note of the piece is a whole note on the G line of the staff, followed by a double bar line.

(be seated)

Communion Song

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

(CW #311)



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness; Leave be - hind all
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, And with lov - ing
3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure Nei - ther cost nor
4 Now I kneel be - fore you low - ly, Filled with joy most
5 Hu - man rea - son, though it pon - ders, Can - not fath - om



gloom and sad - ness. Come in - to the day - light's splen - dor;
rev - 'rence greet him, For with words of life im - mor - tal
pain will mea - sure, But the price - less gifts of heav - en
deep and ho - ly, As with trem - bling awe and won - der
these great won - ders, That Christ's bod - y must be bound - less



There with joy your prais - es ren - der Un - to
He is knock - ing at your por - tal. O - pen
God to us has free - ly giv - en. Though the
On your might - y work I pon - der, How by
Since the souls it feeds are count - less, And that



him whose grace un - bound - ed Has this won - drous
wide the gates be - fore him, Say - ing, as you
wealth of earth were prof - fered, Naught would buy the
mys - ter - y sur - round - ed, Depths that no one
he his blood is giv - ing With the wine we



sup - per found - ed. Though he reigns a - bove most
there a - dore him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -
gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you
ev - er sound - ed. None may dare to pierce un -
are re - ceiv - ing. These great mys - ter - ies un -



ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
ceive you, That I nev - er - more will leave you.
riv - en, And his blood, for you once giv - en.
bid - den Se - crets that with you are hid - den.
sound - ed Are by God a - lone ex - pound - ed.

6 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
You have left your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish
And to die in bitter anguish,
To forgo all joy and gladness
And to shed your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise you with thanksgiving.

7 Jesus, Sun of life, my Splendor,
Jesus, Friend of friends most tender,
Jesus, Joy of me desiring,
Fount of life, my soul inspiring –
At your feet I cry, my Maker:
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven
For our good, your glory, given.

8 Jesus, Lord of life, I pray you,
Let me gladly here obey you.
By your love I am invited;
Be your love with love requited.
By this supper let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace you give me
As your guest in heav'n receive me.

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–77, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1-2, 4, alt.; *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, st. 3, 5-6, alt.
Tune: SCHMÜCKE DICH (L M D Trochaic) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662, alt.



We Give Thanks to God

Song of Simeon

(please stand)

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in C major, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing". The second staff continues: "to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-". The third staff continues: "pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the". The fourth staff concludes: "Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el." The music ends with a double bar line.

The Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

♪: **Amen! Amen! Amen!**

(be seated)

Closing Song

All Who Believe and Are Baptized (CW #299)



1 All who be - lieve and are bap - tized Shall see the
2 With one ac - cord, O God, we pray: Grant us your



Lord's sal - va - tion; Bap - tized in - to the death of Christ,
Ho - ly Spir - it. Help us in our in - firm - i - ty



They are a new cre - a - tion. Through Christ's
Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it. Grant us



re - demp - tion they shall stand A - mong the glo - rious,
to grow in grace each day That by this sac - ra -



heav'n - ly band Of ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion.
ment we may E - ter - nal life in - her - it.

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. George A. T. Rygh, 1860–1942, alt.
Tune: ES IST DAS HEIL (87 87 887) *Etlich Cristlich lider*, Wittenberg, 1524, alt.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by The Pools in celebration of Mitchell Pool's 29th birthday.

- **Starting point** is the perfect class for newcomers and if you want to refresh your faith. Sessions are Mondays from 7-9p & Saturdays from 10a-Noon. Check out **GatherToTheGarden.com/growth-groups** to sign up. Contact gardenpastor@gmail.com if interested.
- **Small Groups** will be meeting starting in January. Sign up now at GatherToTheGarden.com/growth-groups to find a group near you.
- **Flower Chart.** The 2019 Flower Chart is now available on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone wishing to celebrate a special occasion and/or help to beautify the altar, please sign up and specify the occasion. Cost of the arrangement is \$28.

Thanks to those who served this week . . . January 13, 2018

9 am

Music: Linda Buzard

Ushers: Mike Carson, Billy Rueckert

Kid's Area: Carly DeGrange

Fellowship: Terry Witz, Diane Latorre

11 am

Music: Carol Carson, Scott & Anne Gibson, Travis Gray, Julianna Kiecker, Sam Meyer

Ushers: Mike Wittig, Tanner Wittig

Kid's Area: Dana Wimsatt, Tamra Stansbury

Fellowship: Emily Marshall, Nikki Jones

Counters: Barb Lucht, Barbara Morats

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