

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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WELCOME!

If you are a friend who's been here before, welcome back. If you are a first-time visitor, welcome! We'd appreciate it if you would leave your name and address in one of our guest books located in either entry way. Children's bulletins and crayons are available on the counter beneath the mailboxes in the fellowship hall. If we can serve you in any way, please let us know God bless your worship!

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

AS MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, OUR MISSION IS TO PROCLAIM GOD'S GOSPEL OF SALVATION THROUGH JESUS CHRIST TO WIN SOULS FOR CHRIST, NURTURE BELIEVERS, AND EQUIP THEM FOR LIVES OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE, ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

ORDER OF WORSHIP: Service of the Word – page 38 in the front of the hymnal

HYMNS: 83, 399, 299, 84

ORGANIST: Allison Franck

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN 83: As with Gladness Men of Old

1 As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold,
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright,
So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore your followers be.

2 As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to your lowly bed,
There to bend the knee before You whom heav'n and earth adore,
So may we with willing feet ever seek your mercy seat.

3 As they offered gifts most rare at your cradle rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to you, our heav'nly King.

4 Holy Jesus, ev'ry day keep us in the narrow way;
And, when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide, where no clouds your glory hide.

5 In the heav'nly country bright need they no created light;
You its light, its joy, its crown, you its sun which goes not down.
There forever may we sing Alleluias to our King!

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

CONFESSION

Pastor: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

Congregation: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

Pastor: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. Bu the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

Congregation: Amen

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

Congregation: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Blessed are they who take refuge in him.

Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.

Your faithfulness continues forever.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Blessed are they who take refuge in him.

PRAYER

Pastor: 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 Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 49:1-6

1 Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the LORD called me; from my birth he has made mention of my name. 2 He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver. 3 He said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor.” 4 But I said, “I have labored to no purpose; I have spent my strength in vain and for nothing. Yet what is due me is in the LORD’s hand, and my reward is with my God.” 5 And now the LORD says — he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength — 6 he says: “It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth.”

THE PSALM: Psalm 2

The ultimate fulfillment of this psalm is clearly found in Jesus the Messiah. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Pastor: 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.

Congregation: “Let us break their chains,” they say, “and throw off their fetters.”

Pastor: 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,

Congregation: “I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

Pastor: I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.

Congregation: **You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.”**

Pastor: Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.

Congregation: **Serve the LORD with fear and rejoice with trembling.**

Pastor: Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment.

Congregation: **Blessed are all who take refuge in him.**

THE SECOND LESSON: Acts 16:25-34

25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody’s chains came loose. 27 The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul shouted, “Don’t harm yourself! We are all here!” 29 The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 He then brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” 31 They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved — you and your household.” 32 Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. 33 At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized. 34 The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God — he and his whole family.

THE VERSE

Pastor: You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia!

Congregation: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

These words are written that we may believe

**that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

THE THIRD LESSON: Mark 1:4-11

4 And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. 6 John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7 And this was his message: "After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. 8 I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." 9 At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. 11 And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Congregation: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN 399: To God Be The Glory

1 To God be the glory; great things he has done!
He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory—great things he has done.

2 Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory—great things he has done.

3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our joy and our wonder when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
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Believe In The Lord Jesus, And You Will Be Saved!

1 Believing in Jesus is the work of God.

How did the Jailor come to faith?

Why did he believe?

Did he believe?

2 We believe.

What do you and I have in common with the Jailor?

What do you and I have in common with Paul and Silas?

CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles Creed, page 41 in the front of the hymnal

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

The offering will be received as you are ushered out after the service in the fellowship hall so that offering plates are not passed. The offering plate is located next to the bulletin table in the fellowship hall.

PRAYER

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.

HYMN 299: All Who Believe and Are Baptized

1 All who believe and are baptized shall see the Lord's salvation;
Baptized into the death of Christ, they are a new creation.
Through Christ's redemption they shall stand
among the glorious, heav'nly band of ev'ry tribe and nation.

2 With one accord, O God, we pray: Grant us your Holy Spirit.
Help us in our infirmity through Jesus' blood and merit.
Grant us to grow in grace each day that by this sacrament we may
eternal life inherit.

INSTALLATION OF NEWLY-ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mike Van Buren – President

Greg Vermillion – Secretary

PRAYER

Pastor: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen

BLESSING

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, live in peace and harmony with one another.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Congregation: Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 84 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er The Sun

1 Jesus shall reign wher-e'er the sun does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 To him shall endless prayer be made and endless praises crown his head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise with ev'ry morning sacrifice.

3 People and realms of ev'ry tongue Praise his great love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim Their early blessings on his name.

4 Blessings abound wher-e'er he reigns: The pris'ner leaps, unloosed his chains,
The weary find eternal rest, And all who suffer want are blest.

5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring Worship and honor to our King;
Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Bible Hour follows our worship this morning.
In adult Bible hour we are studying Paul's letter to Titus. Join us!
2. Confirmation meets on Monday, January 11th, 3:30-5:00 pm.
3. Online Bible Class Continues.

The Format:

I send out weekly study guides in a congregational email on Mondays. You have an opportunity to work through the study guides at home.

I post an online video in which I work through the weekly study guide on Wednesdays. This video is sent out as a congregational email, just like our weekly worship services.

We are currently studying Paul's letter to the Colossians.

4. Thursday morning Bible class meets at 10:00 am. We are currently Studying the book of Numbers.

