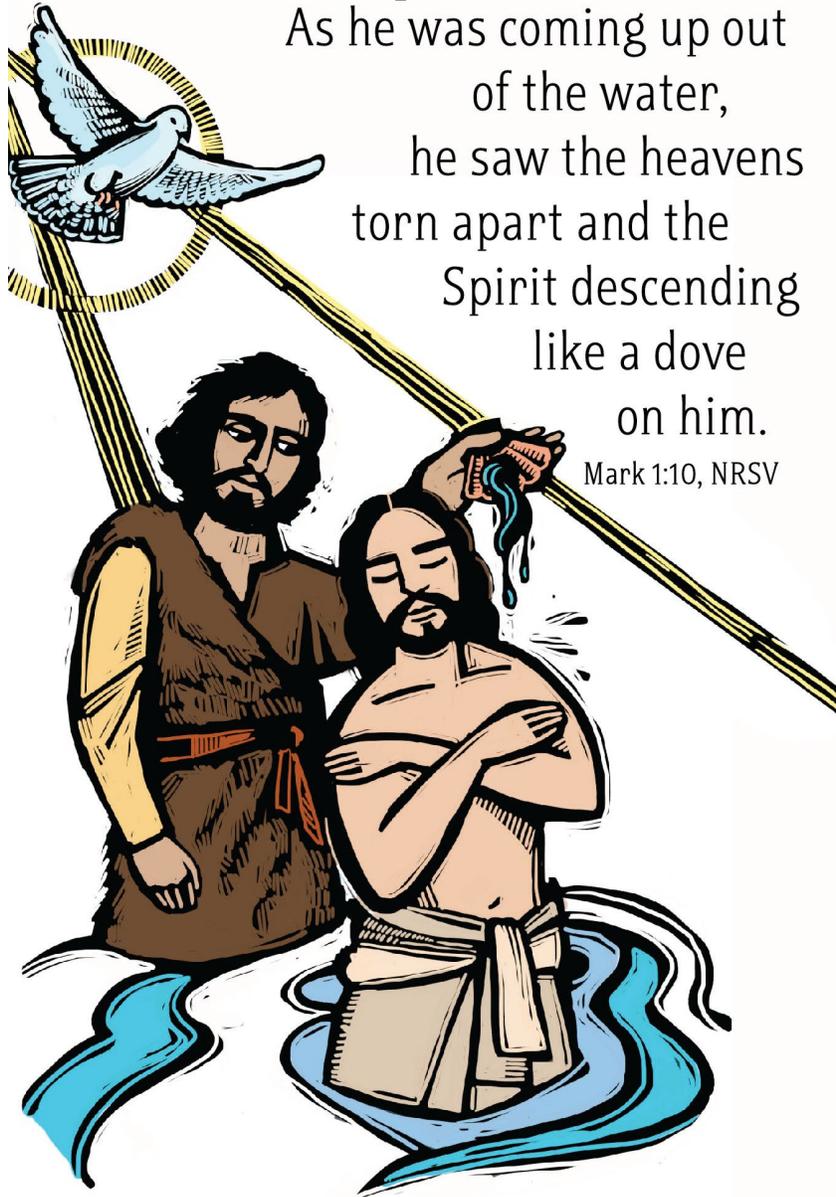


The Baptism of the Lord January 7, 2024

As he was coming up out
of the water,
he saw the heavens
torn apart and the
Spirit descending
like a dove
on him.

Mark 1:10, NRSV



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WE WELCOME YOU in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. If you are a guest, please sign our guest book by the outside entrance. May God bless your worship here today!

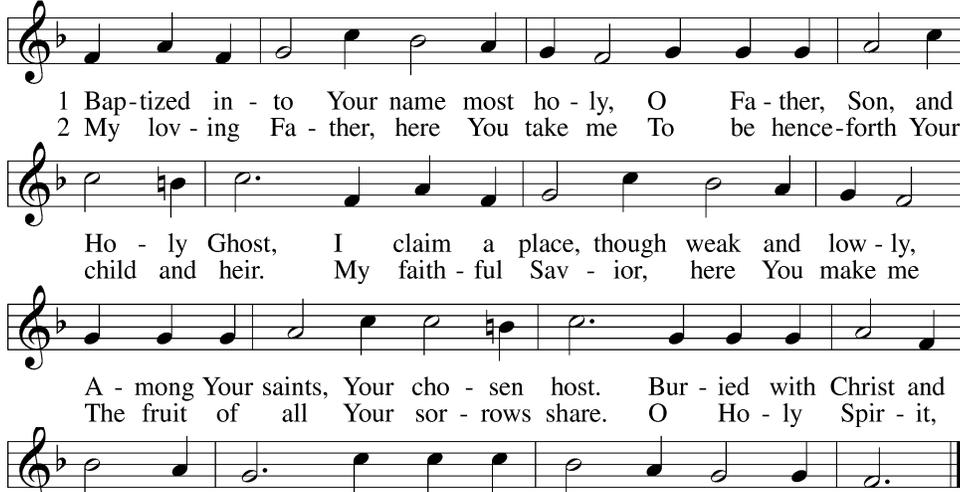
Communion Note

The Lord's Supper is a gift of Christ given to those who He has called as His own. It is a gift that He instructs His family to use with care. It is for all baptized Christians who confess their sins, see Christ's forgiveness in the true body and blood of Christ they receive with the bread and wine. If you share this oneness of faith, please commune with us. If you have any questions, please speak with our pastor. Non-alcoholic wine is available in the center of each tray for those people with special needs.

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
Light of Christ
January 7, 2024

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN 590 BAPTIZED INTO YOUR NAME MOST HOLY



1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and
2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here You take me To be hence-forth Your
Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,
child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, here You make me
A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and
The fruit of all Your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,
dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.
com - fort me When threat - ning clouds a - round I see.

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INVOCATION

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF OUR BAPTISM *Romans 6:4, 36; Acts 2:38; Titus 3:5–6; 1 Corinthians 6:1; Mark 1:11*

Pastor We remember our Baptism with the trinitarian invocation, recalling and confessing before heaven, earth, and hell all that God has given us in our Baptism: victory over death and the devil, forgiveness of sin, God’s grace, the entire Christ, and the Holy Spirit with His gifts. How do we rightly use our Baptism?

People **We rightly use our Baptism when we live in repentance and faith in the triune God, who has made us His beloved children. (*Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation* [2017] Question 324).**

Pastor When Jesus was baptized by John in the water of the Jordan River, the Father declared Jesus as His Son with whom He is well pleased. In our Baptism, Paul wrote, we were joined to our Lord’s death and resurrection, enabling us to walk in newness of life. We also learn in the Small Catechism, all centered on God’s Word, the lasting gifts received in Baptism including the forgiveness of sins, rescue from death and the devil, and eternal life to all who believe this. Let us reaffirm our faith in what God has done for us through Holy Baptism.

Pastor Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

People **I do renounce them.**

Pastor Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

People **Yes, I believe.**

Pastor Do you 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

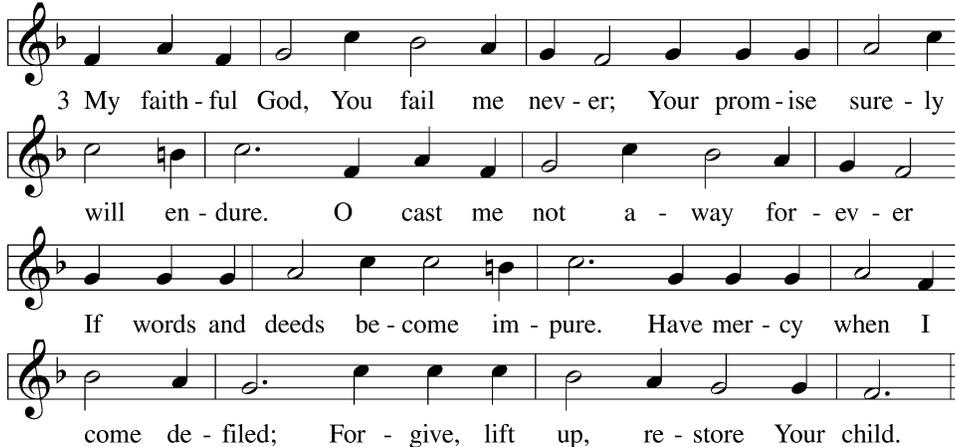
and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?

People Yes, I believe.

Pastor Do you 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?

People Yes, I believe.

590 BAPTIZED INTO YOUR NAME MOST HOLY



3 My faith-ful God, You fail me nev-er; Your prom-ise sure-ly
will en-dure. O cast me not a-way for-ev-er
If words and deeds be-come im-pure. Have mer-cy when I
come de-filed; For-give, lift up, re-store Your child.

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CONFESSION

Pastor If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

People **But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor Let us then confess our sins to God, our Father. In today’s Epistle from Romans, the apostle Paul asks, “Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? . . . How can we who died to sin still live in it?”

People **We are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 God with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

Pastor “We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”

People **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.**

590 BAPTIZED INTO YOUR NAME MOST HOLY



4 All that I am and love most dear-ly— Re-ceive it all, O
Lord, from me. Let me con-fess my faith sin-cere-ly;
Help me Your faith-ful child to be! Let noth-ing that I



am or own Serve an - y will but Yours a - lone.

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ABSOLUTION

Pastor We know that our old self was crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.

People **For one who has died has been set free from sin.**

Pastor The death Christ died He died to sin, once for all,

People **but the life He lives He lives to God.**

Pastor So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Pastor The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life \times everlasting.

People **Amen.**

+ WORD +

INTROIT (Psalm 2:7-11, 12c; Antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a)

Pastor: Behold my servant, whom I uphold,

People: **my chosen, in whom my soul delights;**

Pastor: I will tell of the decree:

People: **The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.**

Pastor: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,

People: **and the ends of the earth your pos session.**

Pastor: You shall break them with a rod of iron

People: **and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."**

Pastor: Now therefore, O kings, be wise;

People: **be warned, O rulers of the earth.**

Pastor: Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

People: **Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.**

All: **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.**

Pastor: Behold my servant, whom I uphold,

People: **my chosen, in whom my soul delights;**

KYRIE



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



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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy 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,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray. Lord God, buried with Christ by His Baptism into death, and assured of being raised with Him,

People fill us with Your Spirit that claimed as Your own child, welcomed into Your family, washed clean from our sins, given the gift of faith, and joined together with Jesus, we may walk in newness of life;

Pastor through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the

Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 1:1-5* (The beginning of creation)

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³And 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.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Romans 6:1-11* (Baptism into Christ gives new life.)

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 1:4-11* (The Baptism of Jesus)

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

People Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. 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 when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY 405 TO JORDAN'S RIVER CAME OUR LORD



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The Christ, whom
 2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The Son of
 3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And John bap -
 4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came God's own



heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The God from God, the
 God in flesh dis - guised— To stand be - neath the
 tized the Lamb of God, The Ho - ly Spir - it,
 voice with words pro - found: "This is My Son," was



Light from Light, The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.
 Fa - ther's will And all His righ - teous - ness ful - fill.
 heav'n - ly dove, De - scend - ed on Him from a - bove.
 His de - cree, "The one I love, who pleas - es Me."

5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight
 Anointed Christ in glorious sight
 As God's own choice, from Adam's fall
 To save the world and free us all.

6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;
 This man is Christ, our substitute!
 He was baptized in Jordan's stream,
 Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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YOUNG PEOPLES MESSAGE

SERMON Mark 1:4-11 "Remember your Baptism"

CREED Nicene Creed

People: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERTORY



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 Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- Pastor** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
Lord of all creation, You spoke all creation into being, beginning with light. In this Epiphany season and all our days, grant us faith to see the light of Your providing hand, the guidance of the light of Your Word, and our Savior as the light of the world. Help us to shine Your light of truth and grace to this dark world, that others may know You and rejoice in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,
People **hear our prayer.**
- Pastor** Lord of all grace, though our many sins and shortcomings weigh heavy on our hearts, You come to us in Your means of grace and give new life. Help us to daily remember our Baptism and to daily rejoice in our identity as Your own children and part of Your family. With Christ as the head, bless this family of believers within Your Church that through worship and fellowship all may be blessed with encouragement, support, service, and a zeal for growing in and sharing Your Word. Bless all families and homes that parents and children may remain steadfast in faith, trusting in You above all things. Lord, in Your mercy,
People **hear our prayer.**
- Pastor** Lord of all comfort, following the Baptism of Jesus He would seek the lost, heal the sick, and show compassion to all. Enable us in boldness and confidence to proclaim the wonders of Him who has called us out of darkness and into Your marvelous light. Use our words and actions to be a blessing to others. For those who are sick and suffering, grant Your continued presence and healing according to Your will, [*especially . . .*]. Grant patience in trials, peace in afflictions, and hope in Your promises now and eternally. Lord, in Your mercy,
People **hear our prayer.**
Additional petitions may follow.
- Pastor** Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- People** Amen.

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and our substitute. In a world of brokenness and sin, we are joined with Him through Baptism, and He alone grants us forgiveness, salvation, and hope. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My \times body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My \times blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

LORD'S PRAYER

People Our Father who art in heaven,

PAX DOMINI

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People Amen.

AGNUS DEI

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
 world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
 tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

COMMUNION HYMN 596 ALL CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED

1 All Chris-tians who have been bap-tized, Who know the God of
 2 You were be-fore your day of birth, In-deed, from your con-
 3 But all of that was washed a-way— Im-merged and drowned for-
 4 In Bap-tism we now put on Christ— Our shame is ful-ly
 5 O Chris-tian, firm-ly hold this gift And give God thanks for-
 heav-en, And in whose dai-ly life is prized The name of
 cep-tion, Con-demned and lost with all the earth, None good, with-
 ev-er. The wa-ter of your Bap-tism day Re-stored a-
 cov-ered With all that He once sac-ri-ficed And free-ly
 ev-er! It gives the pow-er to up-lift In all that
 Christ once giv-en: Con-sid-er now what God has done, The
 out-ex-cep-tion. For like your par-ents' flesh and blood, Turned
 gain what-ev-er Old Ad-am and his sin de-destroyed And
 for us suf-fered. For here the flood of His own blood Now
 you en-deav-or. When noth-ing else re-vives your soul, Your
 gifts He gives to ev-'ry-one Bap-tized in-to Christ Je-sus!
 in-ward from the high-est good, You con-stant-ly de-nied Him.
 all our sin-ful selves em-ployed Ac-cord-ing to our na-ture.
 makes us ho-ly, right, and good Be-fore our heav'n-ly Fa-ther.
 Bap-tism stands and makes you whole And then in death com-pletes you.

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COMMUNION HYMN 601 ALL WHO BELIEVE AND ARE BAPTIZED



1 All who be - lieve and are bap-tized Shall see the Lord's sal - va - tion;
2 With one ac - cord, O God, we pray: Grant us Your Ho - ly Spir - it.



Bap-tized in - to the death of Christ, They are a new cre - a - tion.
Help us in our in - fir - mi - ty Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it.



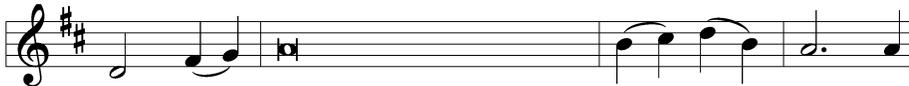
Through Christ's re - demp-tion they shall stand A - mong the glo - rious,
Grant us to grow in grace each day That by this sac - ra -



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

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NUNC DIMITTIS



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

People for His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, gracious Father, who called and claimed as Your own in Baptism, we have been blessed together in fellowship at Your Table and filled by Your grace with sins forgiven and faith nourished. Buried with Christ and raised with Him in Baptism, enable us to walk in newness of life until we are called to dwell

eternally with You; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People Amen.

CLOSING SENTENCES *Romans 6:10–11, adapted*

Pastor The death Christ died He died to sin, once for all,

People **but the life He lives He lives to God.**

Pastor So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

BENEDICTION

Pastor 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.

People Amen.

SENDING HYMN 394 SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak-ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
4 Sun and moon shall dark-ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;
5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest-ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,
And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest;
Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
Christ will then like light - ning shine, All will see His glo - rious sign;
Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
All will then the trum - pet hear, All will see the Judge ap - pear;
That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
Thou by all wilt be con - fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.
And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

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AS WE DEPART

A new season in the Church Year begins today. Following Advent hope and Christmas joy in the Savior born for us, we enter Epiphany, which can be summed up with words such as *revealing*, *shining forth*, and *manifestation*. The Word we hear today is fitting as epiphanies are things the Lord has done since the beginning of time. The first creation was light shining forth on the first day. From that day of creation to the fall into sin to the first promise of the Savior, God has shone His light and enabled His people to see and know what is needed. As the time was right for Jesus to begin His earthly ministry, it began with His Baptism. With John the Baptist in the Jordan River, the Lord reveals and shines forth the manifestation of the Word

made flesh for us when He says: “You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased” (Mark 1:11).

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PRAYERS

Please remember these people in your personal prayers.

Members with health concerns:

Jeanette Bunting
Pete Smykla
Don Richter
Zac Dodge
Mike McKenzie
Jimmy Herrod

Millie Kroll
JP Dunger
Dorothy Herrod
Siri Richter
Sherry Reed

Lloyd Wessels
Melodie Bradley
Kimberly Brinkerhoff
Joann Wessels Rook
Cherrie Bradley

Judy Wellenberger, pneumonia and blood infection
Pat Baughman's brother-in-law Mel Grimes, RSV
Carolyn Sullivan, friend of Pat Baughman's, pneumonia
Chad Hall, friend of Pat Baughman's son Jeff, who had surgery to remove a brain tumor
Danny Forrest, heart problems
Randy Thorpe, Cathy Webb's brother, CLL (Leukemia)
Kasen Harris, Grandson of Carol Michael's best friend, health concerns
Candace Hogue, lung cancer
William Hogue, Betty Bennett Carter Johnson's son-in-law, major stroke
James Marshall-Jernigan, Chronic Myeloid Leukemia
Desiree Kuhs, friend of Melodie Bradley, brain tumor and a rare disease called Wegners
Melodie Bradley's cousin, Lindsay, cancer
David Witt, cousin of Bill Witt, cancer
Kathryn Lincecum, daughter of Siri & Don Richter—heart & health concerns
Lisa Sayers, mother of missing daughter Sam, has breast cancer for the 3rd time
Prayers for people needing silent prayer requests.
Prayers for the Sayers family for answers, on their missing daughter Sam
Vanessa Upton, friend of Lynne Russell's, metastatic breast cancer, spot on her lung, getting treatment.
Rev. Michael Harnack Pastor in Burbank Cal. Has been diagnosed with an autoimmune disease called CIDP
Dan & Betty Rice
Monte Coleman, health concerns
Prayers for those on our hearts

Those who mourn - The Webb family at the loss of Cathy's sister-in-law Bertha

Care givers - For the family and friends who provide care and support for the ill and shut-ins.
For our congregations, our members, our nation, all Military and their families, 1st Responders, Firemen, Police and for Pine Bluff, all those around the world in need of prayers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

See our worship video:

Worship service on <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnkah2JqGwLDiudmTBDQaGQ>

Elder's Meeting today after worship.

Decorations come down today after worship, please stay to help

Pastor preaches in Crossett tonight at 5:00

Tuesday at 8:30, Pastor's Winkel at Hope in Jacksonville

10:00 Thursday, Bible Study

2024 Offering Envelopes are on the table in the Narthex. Yes some numbers have changed, we couldn't avoid it.

It is time for the Lutheran Witness subscriptions to be renewed. The church pays for the subscription, and we ask the members to make a donation towards the subscriptions. The cost is still \$15.00. If you do not want to get it please let Donna know.

Flower sign-up sheets for 2024 are on the table in the Narthex. Price will be \$35.00 in 2024

Pictures for our new photo directory are taking place on Sundays. If you cannot make it on a given Sunday, make arrangements with Pastor or Donna to have one done during the week.

Please remember to turn off cell phones during worship. Thank You!



In His Service This Week
January 7th—January 14th

Sunday, January 7th, The Baptism of Our Lord

9:30 Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
10:45 Worship w/communion
12:00 Elder's Meeting
12:00 **Take Decorations down**
5:00 Worship in Crossett

Tuesday, January 9th

8:30 Pastor's Winkel at Hope in Jacksonville

Thursday, January 11th

10:00 Thursday Morning Bible Study

Sunday, January 14th, 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

9:30 Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
10:45 Worship with Communion
12:00 Counters Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Text for next Sunday - 1 Sam. 3:1-10 (11-20)
1 Cor. 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

Attendance: SS/ABC - Worship: - 39 Online - 6

The Flowers that grace our altar this morning are provided by "Julie & Steve Shorts" In thanks to God for our grandchildren"

