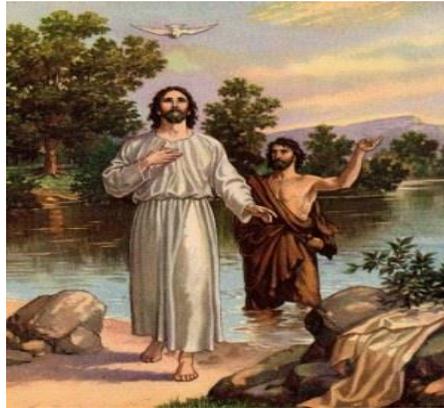


# **WELCOME**

## **THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

### **JANUARY 10, 2021**



## **“UNITED WITH CHRIST”**

### **AS WE GATHER**

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. At Jesus’ Baptism, God the Father speaks from heaven, revealing Jesus to be His beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descends in the form of a dove. All three persons of the Trinity make their presence known at Jesus’ Baptism. All three persons of the Trinity made their presence known at our Baptism as well as we are revealed to be God’s beloved children.

### **WELCOME**

### **✠ PREPARATION ✠**

**OPENING HYMN** “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”  
*(LSB 394, Sts. 1,2,4,5)*

**1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
manifested by the star  
to the sages from afar;**

**Branch of royal David's stem,  
in Thy birth at Bethlehem;**

**Refrain:**

**Anthems be to Thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.**

**2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
and at Cana, wedding guest,  
in Thy Godhead manifest;  
Manifest pow'r divine,  
changing water into wine; [Refrain]**

**4 Sun and moon shall darkened be,  
Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;  
Christ will then like lightning shine,  
All will see His glorious sign;  
All will then the trumpet hear,  
All will see the Judge appear;  
Thou by all wilt be confessed,  
God in man made manifest.**

**5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord,  
Present in Thy holy Word—  
Grace to imitate Thee now  
And be pure, as pure art Thou;  
That we might become like Thee  
At Thy great epiphany  
And may praise Thee, ever blest,  
God in man made manifest.**

**INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

**OPENING SENTENCES**      *Genesis 1:1–2; Psalm 29:3–4*

Pastor: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

**People: And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.**

Pastor: And God said, “Let there be light.”

**People: The voice of the Lord is over the waters.**

Pastor: The voice of the Lord is powerful.

**People: The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

Pastor: The voice of the Lord reveals Jesus as His Son.

**People: The voice of the Lord reveals we are His children too.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: In Holy Baptism, each of us was baptized into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. In Baptism, we were united with Christ. Yet, we have often lived as if we were entirely independent and autonomous. We have lived as if our identity were not in Jesus, but in our own selfish desires. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to turn back to Him and ask for His forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection.*

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

**People:** we confess that we are by nature sinful and have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. On account of Jesus, forgive us, renew us, and unite us to Your name.

**Pastor:** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you. In Baptism, you were united to Christ in both His death and resurrection. You were buried with Him, but also raised to walk in newness of life. 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen. We are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**✠ WORD ✠**

**Kyrie**



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

*(LSB 940, St. 1 & 5)*

**Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before  
Thee.**

**All on earth Thy scepter claim, All in heav'n above adore Thee.  
Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign.**

**Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;  
Though in essence only one, Undivided God we claim Thee  
And, adoring, bend the knee While we own the mystery.**

## SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River, You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, 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 (God creates the heavens and the earth.)*

1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> The 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.

<sup>3</sup> And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM** “Father Welcomes”

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**EPISTLE**    *Romans 6:1–11*    (*We are baptized into Christ's death and resurrection.*)

6 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup> Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**Pastor:**    This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:**    **Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE**    *Mark 1:11b*    (*spoken together*)

**Alleluia. You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased.**  
**Alleluia.**



**The God from God, the Light from Light,  
The Lord of glory, pow’r, and might.**

**2 The Savior came to be baptized—  
The Son of God in flesh disguised—  
To stand beneath the Father’s will  
And all His righteousness fulfill.**

**3 As Jesus in the Jordan stood  
And John baptized the Lamb of God,  
The Holy Spirit, heav’nly dove,  
Descended on Him from above.**

**4 Then from God’s throne with thund’rous sound  
Came God’s own voice with words profound;  
“This is My Son,” was His decree,  
“The one I love, who pleases Me.”**

**SERMON**

*Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald*

### **CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED**

**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.**

## **INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL & ELDERS**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

#### **✠ SACRAMENT ✠**

#### **PREFACE**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

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

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalms 136*

**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 Jesus Christ, our Lord; for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the

company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name,  
evermore praising You and singing:

**SANCTUS**      “O Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”      (*Tune: LSB 395*)

**O holy, holy, holy Lord,  
You draw the nations ever toward  
The joy of Your pure reigning.  
For You rule all in heav’n and earth  
With love and light, with might and mirth,  
Your care the world sustaining.  
So we beg Thee,  
Save us, Jesus!  
Come and free us  
From sin’s wages,  
Blessed King of endless ages.**

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**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**      *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;  
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

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 ✠ 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 ✠ blood, which is shed for you  
for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in  
remembrance of Me.”**

**PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we  
proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to  
pray:

**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.**

## **PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI** "O Lamb of God, You Take Away" (*Tune: LSB 395*)

**O Lamb of God, You take away  
The sin and guilt and shame that weigh  
So heavy on our hearts, Lord.  
Grant us Your mercy, hear our plea!  
Without Your grace, Lord, we would be  
Beyond all hope and wayward.  
Still You come to  
Share the myst'ry  
Masked through hist'ry  
That salvation  
Is for ev'ry tribe and nation.**

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## **+DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION+**

***By communing, a person says publicly that they -***

- are baptized and confirmed*
- believe Christ's words*
- repent of their sins*
- fully agree with all that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod teaches.*

***How to receive –***

- anyone may come to the altar but keep hands folded if not receiving Communion*
- the center of the tray has a cup with just a drop of wine for those who must minimize alcohol*
- smile, exude your joy, but keep a reverent demeanor as others commune*

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

**“Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning”** (LSB 400)

**1 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,  
dawn on our darkness, and lend us Thine aid;  
star of the east, the horizon adorning,  
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**

**2 Cold on His cradle the dew-drops are shining;  
low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;  
angels adore Him in slumber reclining,  
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.**

**3 Shall we not yield Him, in costly devotion,  
odours of Edom, and offerings divine,  
gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean,  
myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?**

**4 Vainly we offer each ample oblation,  
vainly with gifts would His favor secure:  
richer by far is the heart's adoration,  
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.**

**5 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,  
dawn on our darkness, and lend us Thine aid;  
star of the east, the horizon adorning,  
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

**“Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace”**

*(LSB 937)*

**Lord, bid Your servant go in peace,  
Your word is now fulfilled.  
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn  
This child so long foretold**

**This is the Savior of the world,  
The Gentiles' promised light,  
God's glory dwelling in our midst,  
The joy of Israel.**

**With saints of old, with saints to come,  
To You we lift our voice;  
To Father, Son, and Spirit blest  
Be honor, love, and praise.**

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have revealed to us Your beloved Son, Jesus. We implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through His body and blood and empower us to live as Your children; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

## **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. *Numbers 6:24–26*

**People:** Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN** “As With Gladness Men of Old”  
(*LSB 397, Sts. 1-4*)

**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 God, may we  
evermore be led to thee.**

**2 As with joyful steps they sped,  
Savior, to Thy lowly bed,  
there to bend the knee before**

**Thee whom heav'n and earth adore;  
so may we with willing feet  
ever seek Thy mercy seat.**

**3 As they offered gifts most rare  
at Thy cradle rude and bare,  
so may we with holy joy,  
pure and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to Thee, 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 Thy glory hide.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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- Organist: George Kelm**
- Choir Director: Gail Feick**
- Reader: Jim Tonkinson**
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- **Please call or e-mail Pastor Oswald with your prayer requests. We will not collect prayer request cards at this time.**
- **Please remember to check your mailbox at the head of the stairs.**

**BIRTHDAYS**

<b>1/12</b>	<b>Greg Schaefer</b>
<b>1/13</b>	<b>Georgann Johnson</b>
<b>1/13</b>	<b>Craig Kunz</b>
<b>1/16</b>	<b>Pr. Maurice Lind</b>
<b>1/16</b>	<b>Paul Trettin</b>

**Opportunities to Serve the Lord This Week**

**1/11/21 – 1/17/21**

**Monday: 6:30pm: Council Meeting**

**Wednesday: 4:30pm: Confirmation Class**

**Saturday: 9:30am: Worship Service**

**Sunday: 8:15am: Choir Rehearsal**

**9:00 am: Worship Service**

**10:15 am: Bible Study**

**Children's Sunday School**