

Jesus
was baptized
by John in
the Jordan

MARK 1:9



+ The Baptism Of Our Lord +

January 10, 2021

AS WE GATHER

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. Such a day is also a good time to remember our own Baptism. In Baptism, we are buried with Christ. We are united with Him in a death like His. In Baptism, we are also raised to new life as re-creations. As we are united to Christ in death, we will also be united with Him in resurrection when He returns and raises the dead.

The pottery vessels on the altar remind us that although Holy Communion is not celebrated today, our Lord's sacred gifts are still central to our life of faith. Holy Communion is celebrated every 1st, 3rd, and 5th weekend (and major festivals).

Liturgical Color:

White is the color of purity and is associated with festivals of Christ and his Church such as Christmas Eve

Prelude Gary Moege, Lorraine Miller

Welcome

Stand

Gathering Hymn.... "Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering" #600 (1-3)



1 Mark how the Lamb of God's self - of - f'ring Our hu - man
2 From this as - sur - ance of God's fa - vor Je - sus goes
3 Grant us, O God, the strength and cour - age To live the



sin - ful - ness takes on In the birth - wa - ters of the
to the wil - der - ness, There to en - dure a time of
faith our lips de - clare; Bless us in our bap - tis - mal



Jor - dan As Je - sus is bap - tized by John.
test - ing That read - ied Him to teach and bless.
call - ing; Christ's roy - al priest-hood help us share.



Hear how the voice from heav - en thun - ders, "Lo,
So we, by wa - ter and the Spir - it Bap -
Turn us from ev - 'ry false al - le - giance, That



this is My be - lov - ed Son." See how in dove-like
tized in - to Christ's min - is - try, Are of - ten led to
we may trust in Christ a - lone: Raise up in us a



form the Spir - it De - scends on God's A - noint - ed One.
paths of ser - vice Through maz - es of ad - ver - si - ty.
cho - sen peo - ple Trans - formed by love to be Your own.

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Morning Prayer

Opening Verses..... page 235



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth shall de - clare Your praise.



C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



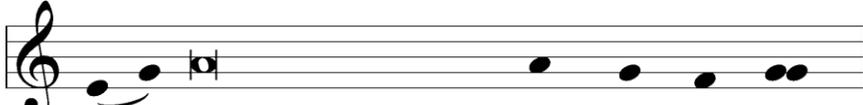
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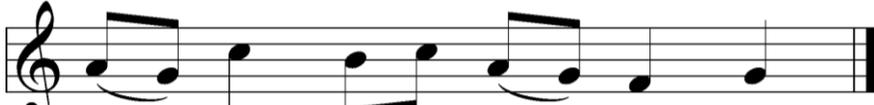
C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Psalmody

Antiphon..... page 235



L Give glory to God, our light and our life.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite..... page 236



C O come, let us sing to the Lord;



let us make a joy - ful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.



I Let us come in - to His pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing;



let us make a joy - ful noise to Him with songs of praise.



II For the Lord is a great God and a great king a - bove all gods.



I In His hand are the depths of the earth;



the heights of the moun - tains are His al - so.

II The sea is His, for He made it;
 and His hand formed the dry land.
I O come, let us wor - ship and bow down;
 let us kneel be - fore the Lord, our mak - er.
II For He is our God, and we are the peo - ple
 of His pas - ture and the sheep of His hand.
C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Antiphon *page 237*

L Give glory to God, our light and our life.
C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Psalm 29 *(spoken in unison)*

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
 ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over many waters.

The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD
flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth
and strips the forests bare,
and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Office Hymn..... *"We Know That Christ is Raised" #603 (1-3)*



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in His sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.



Em-braced by death, He broke its fear - ful hold;
Re-born, we share with Him an Eas - ter life
The Spir - it's pow - er shakes the Church of God.



And our de - spair He turned to blaz - ing joy.
As liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.



Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!

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Sit

Readings

Old Testament Reading.....Genesis 1:1-5

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

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

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle ReadingRomans 6:1-11

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

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. 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. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the first chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Holy Gospel Mark 1:4-11

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And 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. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And 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. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

P In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

Sit

Sermon.....“Baptized for Life”

Stand

Baptismal Affirmation Hymn..“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It” 594 (1-3)

1 God’s own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap - tized
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap - tized
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap - tized

in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er:
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,

Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's
 Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the

trea - sures man - y? I have one worth
 con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism
 font I've trav - eled, All your might has

more than an - y That brought me sal -
 did re - lease me In a dear for -
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your

va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
 giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!

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Offering

Offering plates will not be passed during the service; worshipers may place their offerings into the plate located at the entrance.

“Through him (Jesus) then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” (Hebrews 13:15-16)

Installation of Congregational Officers

President-Alan Miller; Recording Secretary-Sue Cottrill; Treasurer Eunice Cobb; Elders-Jeremy VanWey, Willie Crespo, Jack Easterwood, Jeff Harris, Caleb Thomas; Stewardship-Tim Schnell; Evangelism-Rebecca Holland; Missions-Darlene Laubenstein; Fellowship-Penny Humphrey; Trustees-Bryon Freeman, Mark Brown, Ron Rode, Ben Smith; Long Range Planning-Rich Vanderburgh, Bonnie Rich, Mark Schlueter

Stand

Prayer

Collect of the Day *(spoken in unison)*

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. Amen.

Additional Collects

Lord's Prayer *page 241*

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.

Benedicamus *page 241*

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction *page 242*

- P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
- C** Amen.

Sending Hymn *"You Are Beloved in the Lord" CWLP (5-7)*

5 God goes be - fore you and He leads And
 6 Dear child of God, your cares com - mit To
 Δ7 To God the Fa - ther glo - ry be; Sing

guides you day by day. God knows your hurts and
 God, the Lord of all; He will sus - tain and
 glo - ry to the Son, Who with the Spir - it

deep - est needs; He hears you when you pray.
 not per - mit His righ - teous ones to fall.
 end - less - ly Reigns ev - er Three in One.

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Dismissal (Bethlehem’s Mission)

- P** Grow in Christ,
- C** Live in Love and Share the Faith!

Postlude Gary Moege, Lorraine Miller

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Attendance Last Saturday: 8	Attendance Last Sunday: 59
Attendance New Year’s Eve: 26	
Total Offering: \$4,984.00	Non-Offering: \$600.00
Home Use: \$4,334.00	Benevolences: \$50.00

Serving us today:

- Elders/Ushers.....Willie Crespo
- Musicians Gary Moege, Lorraine Miller
- Altar Committee..... Darlene Laubenstein (Chair), Karon Harding,
 Esther Keseman, Georgia Luker
- Flower Committee Penny Humphrey (Chair), Sheree Moody

This Week's Schedule

Today	1:00 p.m.	Youth Catechesis
Monday	10:00 a.m.	Moms and Tots at the Park
	7:00 p.m.	Mary Martha Guild
Tuesday		<i>Pastor in Corder for Circuit Meeting</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Pastor at Warrensburg Christian School
	7:00 p.m.	Great Women of the Bible II-Zoom Bible Study
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Elders' Meeting
	11:00 a.m.	Trustees' Meeting
	11:00 a.m.	Trail Blazer Workday
	5:30 p.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	The Lutheran Hour broadcast on 96.9
	9:00 a.m.	Radio Broadcast 98.5 (can also be heard at www.blchurch.com , under the Sermons tab)
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School—Jr. and Sr. Youth
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion

Prayers

For Sustenance, Healing, and Provision—We remember those who are dealing with illness, are homebound or in nursing homes, recovering from hospitalization, and going through rehabilitation: Leora Baack (Charlene McCarter's mother), Paula Brewer, Ray & Mary Carstensen, Mike Chasar, Denise (Penny Humphrey's sister), Marion & Leona Droege, David Gates, Wilma Gertz, Ralph Hein, Roy Hillmann (Bonnie Rich's father), Sharon Hochsprung, Heather Jackson (Kaye Fair's niece), Mary Johnson, Marty Lehn, Marvin Logan (Nicole Clemons' father), Kathy Marshall, Rick Mills, Johnny Nichol, Jim Rudy, Rose Ann Steitz, Lynn Trimble (Kaye Fair's sister), and Paula Willis (Bonnie Rich's friend), and Joe Zeman. *We remember as well all who are dealing with COVID—19, especially the healthcare providers who are straining to prevent, stem the spread, and treat those who are ill!*

For Those to be Baptized—Especially Wyatt Matthew Gray (son of Dr. Layton and Alexia Gray), as he will receive the washing of the water, Spirit, and Word next Sunday.

For Pregnant Mothers, especially Brittany Brown as she and her husband Joe await childbirth next year. May the Lord grant good health and joyful expectation!

For Military Members—We remember all service and support personnel who are deployed and stationed away from us and their families: Andy Burden, Ty Carter, Ethan Hillsman, Chance Hillsman and Logan LeBaige.

Congregational Events & Opportunities

Prayer Requests & Spiritual Care—If you would like to make a prayer request, contact Pr. Joel or email the church office. Also, if you're feeling the strain and needing to talk and be encouraged in the living of life from day to day, don't hesitate to call or text Pr. Joel or contact your elder or the church office. We rely upon the Holy Spirit and his gifts in Christ during every time of uncertainty, and can never be thankful enough for the gift of each other!

Worship Services (Masks required at all services)

Sunday Services are at 10:30 a.m. You can also watch it live on Facebook or YouTube, or go to it directly from the webpage at blchurch.com.

Saturday Services are at 5:30 p.m. The order of worship is the shorter service of Early Evening Prayer. Holy Communion is observed on 1st, 3rd and 5th weekends of the month, as has been our regular practice.

Youth

Let It FLOW—All junior and senior high youth are welcomingly encouraged to attend this new Bible study being led by Pr. Joel on every Sunday morning **from now until February 21st** (in the downstairs youth room) **from 9:30—10:10 a.m.** In this Epiphany, from the remembrance of Jesus' Baptism to the emphasis on his works of healing and restoring, we'll focus on what Jesus meant about coming "For the Life Of the World" and what that means for us and the purpose of our lives. Each session will include viewing a superb video and having a discussion that bridges us from there to the Scripture and daily life. So, whether you attend Sunday school every week, hardly ever, or never, please consider committing to this excellent and engaging study that you won't regret! (And spread the word!)

Faith Discussion and Bible Study

Portals of Prayer are now available at each entrance of the church.

The Lutheran Witness for January is available for pickup at each entrance of the church. This issue focuses on how we should fear and love God so that we lead a Chaste and Decent Life.

"Great Women of the Bible II" Zoom bible study started on **January 7**. We are learning about Jochebed and Miriam, Deborah, Ruth and Hannah. This class will be held for four consecutive Thursdays. Please contact Cindy or Rebecca if you are interested in joining this class.

Fellowship

Mary Martha Guild. Happy New Year one and all! We hope this new year has started off on a good foot for you and your families! Just want to give a reminder of our first Mary Martha Guild meeting on the **11th of January, at 7:00 pm** in the fellowship hall. Judy Schache has graciously agreed to give a presentation on Covid-19. The presentation should be interesting and also informative. We will be adhering to appropriate safety guidelines and practicing social distancing. We hope to see everyone in the Congregation that is interested in the topic. God bless!

Merry Widows—due to Covid-19 concerns, Merry Widows will NOT be meeting until further notice. Look for updates when they will meet again.

Strength Training—due to Covid-19 concern, Strength Training will NOT be meeting until further notice. Look for updates when they will resume classes.

Mondays at 10:00 a.m. join our **Moms and Tots** who need some exercise outdoors. We go to the park during all seasons if it is not raining or bitter cold. Check out the Moms and Tots Facebook Page or get in touch with Rebecca Holland.

Offerings

You can mail your offerings to Bethlehem and have pastor put it in the offering plate on the altar with a prayer of trust for you, or you can give through the online offering called *“Simply Giving”*.

2021 Envelopes—Envelopes are ready to be picked up at the front west entrance. If you did not get envelopes and would like them, please contact Teresa Hillsman.

Elders

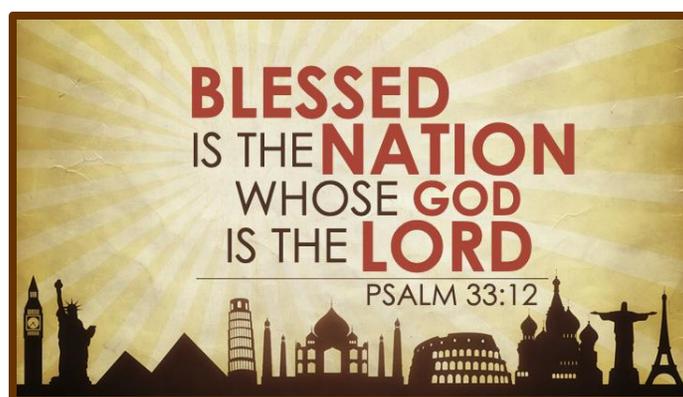
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Our Mission

· Grow in Christ · Live in Love · Share the Faith

Our Vision

To be a community of believers, disciples, and servants while we deepen our personal faith and reach others for Christ.



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Please note that Bethlehem Lutheran Church has a closed-circuit video system. This allows for the viewing of the service on screens in the building and helps to enhance our security. Please see a trustee or an elder if you have any questions.