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THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

**January 7, 2018**

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# WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.  
Education Hour 10:20 a.m.

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**Happy New Year! As we worship God together, let us pray for a fruitful year of ministry to the glory of his name.**

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Pastor

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When we think of the “In the beginning” of God’s creation, we usually think of the perfection and paradise of the Garden of Eden. But the Bible tells us more about God’s work of creation. We can peek under the curtain of what was even before God’s creative work. The Bible tells us, “The earth was without form and void.” The Hebrew word means primeval chaos—formlessness, confusion, unreality, emptiness. Life cannot exist in chaos. We know that as a practical matter. Lies, accidents, and frustrations—sin—does not produce life. The wages of sin is death!

God’s Word, however, “Let there be,” brought order, peace, and the paradise of His creation. As God spoke His creative Word in the beginning, so at our Lord’s Baptism, God spoke again, “You are My beloved Son.” By Baptism into God’s beloved Son, God’s Word is spoken over you, bringing order, peace, and salvation. That’s because Jesus took all our chaos—our sin—into Himself to the depths of its wages, namely, death on a cross. By faith in the crucified Lord, our sin and the power of the chaos around us is taken away. In Christ, we have peace.

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

*Please fill out the attendance registration sheet.*

## RINGING OF THE CARILLON

**Stand**

### **GATHERING**

We Enter God's Presence.

## INVOCATION

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

As we consider our unworthiness and confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition, we ask ourselves, "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?" (*Romans 6:1–3*). As the Lord's baptized children who have died to sin, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

"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." (*Romans 6:4*).

Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

### Brought to the Water

*st. 1—cantor, then repeated by congregation*



1 Brought to the wa - ter and cleansed through the Word,  
2 Once bit - ter en - e - mies, now pre - cious friends,  
3 Marked on your brow by the seal of the Lamb,



Filled by the Spir - it and claimed by the Lord—  
Blessed and re - deemed by the grace that won't end:  
Bold - ly go forth to the throne of I AM.



Live as His chil - dren, dear saints of our God;  
Gath - er the lone - ly, the hurt, and the lost.  
Though you are child - like, no mer - it to claim,



Fol - low the path where your Sav - ior has trod.  
Bring them to Je - sus, who cov - ers the cost.  
He calls you home, for you're wear - ing His name.

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

### RITE OF BAPTISM FOR LILLIA NOELLE JANK

People of God, do you promise to support Lillia Noelle and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

**We do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

You Belong To Christ

*st. 3 - cantor descant*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'You Belong To Christ'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'You be - long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized. al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system continues the 'al-le-lu-ia' refrain.

*Assisting: Through baptism you have been received into the household of God, entrusted with the good news of Jesus Christ, and strengthened to serve by the holy and life-giving Spirit.*

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share. Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

## BAPTISM HYMN

See This Wonder in the Making

Tune: Tryggare Kan Ingen Vara (474)

**See this wonder in the making: God Himself this child is taking  
As a lamb safe in His keeping, His to be, awake or sleeping.**

**Miracle each time it happens As the door to heaven opens  
And the Father beams, “Beloved, Heir of gifts a king would covet!”**

**Far more tender than a mother, Far more caring than a father,  
God into Your arms we place her, With Your love and peace embrace her.**

**Here we bring a child of nature; Home we take a newborn creature,  
Now God’s precious son or daughter, Born again by Word and water.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sit

### WORD

We Hear God’s Word.

#### FIRST LESSON

##### **Genesis 1:1-5**

God creates light.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then 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. *(NRSV)*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!** *(shouted)*

#### SECOND LESSON

##### **Romans 6:1-11**

We are buried with Christ through baptism.

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so

we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But 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. 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. *(NRSV)*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!** *(shouted)*

**Stand**

**G O S P E L   A C C L A M A T I O N**



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



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



Al - le - lu - ia!

Cantor: A voice from heaven said, This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I | am well pleased. *(Matt 3:17)*

**H O L Y   G O S P E L**

**Mark 1:4-11**

The baptism of Jesus.

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

**Glory to you, O Lord!** *(shouted)*

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. 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 just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." (NRSV)

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ!** (*shouted*)

Sit

S E R M O N

Stand

H Y M N O F T H E D A Y

When Jesus Came to Jordan

Blue 647

**When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,  
He did not come for pardon but as the Sinless One.  
He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,  
To speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.**

**He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss,  
For us and our salvation to die upon the cross.  
So when the dove descended on him, the Son of Man,  
The hidden years had ended, the age of grace began.**

**Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make;  
This very day invade us, and ev'ry bondage break.  
Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most:  
To share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

. . . Lord, in Your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**  
. . . Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*Please share the reconciliation we have with God with one another by greeting those around you with a hearty handshake and the words, "Peace be with you."*

Sit

## MEAL

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper.

## GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Please fill out the attendance registration sheet in your pew, if you have not already done so. Visitors, you are our guests and are not expected to make a contribution. As the offerings of bread, wine and money are brought forward, please stand.*

## MUSIC AT OFFERING

Someone Special  
*text by Jaroslav J. Vajda, setting by John Helgen*

Choir

Someone Special, I know who: That someone, my God, is you!  
Who could make a world like this And a heaven full of bliss.  
Someone special I must be, Since you made it all for me!

Someone Special, that you are, To create the Christmas Star,  
Heralding the Savior's birth, Bringing peace and joy to earth.  
Someone special I must be, Since you made that Star for me!

Someone Special, who would give His own Son that all might live,  
And by him would set us free From all sin and misery.  
Someone special I must be, Since you gave your Son for me!

Someone Special, who would send His good Spirit for a Friend,  
Faith Creator, Light and Guide, Always standing at my side.  
Someone special I must be, Since you gave that Gift to me!

Someone Special God and man, You were there when I began,  
You'll be there when I depart, For you live within my heart.  
Someone special now I see, That someone is really me.

## OFFERING PRAYER

God with us:

**You came as a baby to a manger. You slept on straw and greeted shepherds.  
You come again in bread and wine. Remind us how good you are at blessing  
ordinary things. And then, through these gifts, help us to bless the lives of  
others in the strength of your holy name. Amen.**

## PREFACE

S 144a

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, . . . and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

S 144b

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

**E U C H A R I S T I C P R A Y E R**

You are indeed, holy, O God, . . . we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Therefore, O God, . . . to share with us the great and promised feast.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, . . . with all your saints in light.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those . . . almighty Father, now and forever.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

**L O R D ' S P R A Y E R** (*join hands*)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven . . .**

**I N V I T A T I O N**

The bread of God comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

**Amen.**

Sit

## DISTRIBUTION

*If you believe that those who commune receive in, with and under the bread and wine of this sacrament the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and that receiving the sacrament is a public witness to your oneness in faith in the teachings of our church, you are invited to join us at the Lord's Table. Newcomers are asked to read and sign a communion registration card from the hymnal rack as a sign of your agreement with its statements and give it to an usher.*

## DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

S 146

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

All Christians Who Have Been Baptized

Tune: Nun Freut Euch (299)

**All Christians who have been baptized, Who know the God of heaven,  
And in whose daily life is prized The name of Christ once given:  
Consider now what God has done, The gifts He gives to ev'ryone  
Baptized into Christ Jesus!**

**You were before your day of birth, Indeed, from your conception,  
Condemned and lost with all the earth, None good, without exception.  
For like your parents' flesh and blood, Turned inward from the highest good,  
You constantly denied Him.**

**But all of that was washed away Immersed and drowned forever.  
The water of your Baptism day Restored again whatever  
Old Adam and his sin destroyed And all our sinful selves employed  
According to our nature.**

**In Baptism we now put on Christ Our shame is fully covered  
With all that He once sacrificed And freely for us suffered.  
For here the flood of His own blood Now makes us holy, right, and good  
Before our heav'nly Father.**

**O Christian, firmly hold this gift And give God thanks forever!  
It gives the power to uplift In all that you endeavor.  
When nothing else revives your soul, Your Baptism stands and makes you  
whole  
And then in death completes you.**

**So use it well! You are made new In Christ a new creation!  
As faithful Christians, live and do Within your own vocation  
Until that day when you possess His glorious robe of righteousness  
Bestowed on you forever!**

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

Tune: Bachofen

**God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!  
He, because I could not pay it, Gave my full redemption price.  
Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any  
That brought me salvation free Lasting to eternity!**

**Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!  
I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.  
Should a guilty conscience seize me Since my Baptism did release me  
In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?**

**Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!  
Drop your ugly accusation, I am not so soon enticed.  
Now that to the font I've traveled, All your might has come unraveled,  
And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!**

**Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ!  
When I die, I leave all sadness To inherit paradise!  
Though I lie in dust and ashes Faith's assurance brightly flashes:  
Baptism has the strength divine To make life immortal mine.**

**There is nothing worth comparing To this life-long comfort sure!  
Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure.  
Though my flesh awaits its raising, Still my soul continues praising:  
I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!**

O Blessed Spring

Tune: O Waly Waly (749)

**O blessed spring, where Word and sign embrace us into Christ the Vine:  
Here Christ enjoins each one to be a branch of this life-giving Tree.**

**Through summer heat of youthful years, uncertain faith, rebellious tears,  
Sustained by Christ's infusing rain, the boughs will shout for joy again.**

**When autumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their heavy harvest hold,  
Then through us, warm, the Christ will move with gifts of beauty, wisdom, love.**

**As winter comes, as winters must, we breathe our last, return to dust;  
Still held in Christ, our souls take wing and trust the promise of the spring.**

**Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree, be praised for this blest mystery:  
That Word and water thus revive and join us to your Tree of Life.**

**Stand**

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**SENDING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BENEDICTION**

## CLOSING HYMN

Go, My Children, With My Blessing

Blue 721

**“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”**

**“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son’s story, here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”**

**“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit’s power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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**NEXT SUNDAY** – Second Sunday after the Epiphany (Year B): 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20);  
Psalm 139:1-10; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

\*\*\* ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY \*\*\*

ACOLYTE-----Aryanna Hogue  
 ASSISTING MINISTER ----- Mikale Townsend, Jr.  
 CANTOR ----- Melissa Lorang, Dan Schreiber  
 EUCHARISTIC GIFTS ----- Jill Clausen, Jerry Zulfer  
 LECTOR -----Max Williams

\*\*\* THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE \*\*\*

TODAY - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR ----- 10:20 A.M.  
 BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING  
 TAKE DOWN CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS- 11:30 A.M.  
 TUESDAY - MOUNT OLIVE BOOK CLUB----- 7:00 P.M.  
 WEDNESDAY - CONFIRMATION CLASS----- 6:00 P.M.  
 CHANCEL CHOIR ----- 7:30 P.M.  
 THURSDAY - ALL BOARDS MEETING ----- 7:00 P.M.  
 FRIDAY - FRIDAY NIGHT FLIX ----- 7:00 P.M.  
 SUNDAY - WORSHIP-----9:00 A.M.  
 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR ----- 10:20 A.M.

**ADULT BIBLE CLASS HOUR** — During the Christian Education Hour in the Fellowship Hall, Pastor Jank continues with the video-based Bible study - *A Man Named Martin Part 3: The Movement*. Grab a cup of coffee and join us.

**HOLY BAPTISM** — This morning we welcome into Christ’s family and into our congregation, Lillia Jank, infant daughter of Nathan and Jamie Jank. May she grow up in Christ and glorify God all the days of her life. Sarah Jank and Tim Lorang are serving as godparents.

**2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES** — You can pick up your box of offering envelopes for 2018 on the back table.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS** — Stay after the Christians Education Hour this morning and help take down our Christmas decorations.

**LITTLE FREE PANTRY** — Remember the Little Free Pantry when you are doing your weekly grocery shopping. We have been filling it daily as it receives a lot of traffic. Please place your items inside the marked cabinet in the old nursery room right behind the doorway.

**Praying for Our Parish in 2018**

Let us remember each other in prayer during the week that we celebrate the anniversary of one’s Baptism.

January 7  
 Aaron Ridner

January 7  
 Brittany Willmore

January 7  
 Dalton Willmore

January 8  
 Roger Perrigo