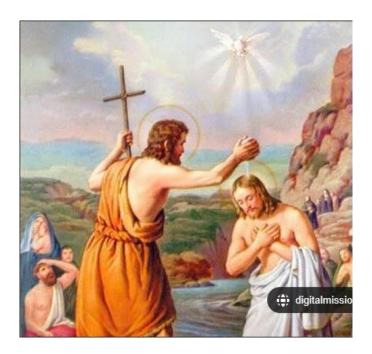
Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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The Baptism of Our Lord



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We are delighted to have you worship with us today. May this hour of praise and celebration be one of spiritual renewal. Please join us for worship at any time and sign the red Record of Fellowship pad in the pew. To inquire about membership or other information, please call the Church Office: 692-7027 or email us at mtpisgahlcms@gmail.com.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER



Holy Communion is celebrated at all services every Sunday and on special festivals. This Sacrament is the means by which Jesus Christ, the bread of life, gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. In this Meal, Jesus forgives our sins, gives us victory over death and Satan, and delivers his eternal salvation to us. Since this is the true body and true blood of Jesus Christ in, with and under the bread and wine, we do not treat this sacrament lightly; rather, we receive it with great reverence and gratitude

to our merciful Savior. Moreover, St. Paul writes: "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself (1 Cor. 11:27-29)." An order of self-examination is located on pages 329-330 of your hymnal.

To ensure that all who participate in this sacrament receive this sacred gift as the blessing it is intended to be and not to their condemnation, this congregation, with Christian love and in accordance with Holy Scripture, practices closed communion with those who have been instructed and share our public profession of the Christian faith in all its articles. We therefore ask our guests who wish to commune to speak with the Pastor before the service.

We provide both the common cup and individual cups. The individual cups in the center of tray are alcohol free for those with medical requirements that prevent them from receiving alcohol. Wine, however, is the preferred means to receive the blood of Christ, if and when possible, since wine is what Jesus used to institute this sacrament. Likewise, we use unleavened bread, as our Lord did. Gluten-free hosts are also available for those with medical needs. Please alert the Pastor or an Elder of any needs.

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Serving Today

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Pastor Jonathan Christensen		Robert Hamrick, Organist		
	Craig Escude, Choir Director/Cantor			
	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:45 AM</u>		
Elders	Paul Mincer	David White		
Lectors Ushers	Paul Mincer	Debby Zagone		
Greeter	Jackie Fry	Nona Schmook		
Altar Guild	Lyn Heiple	Debbie Leger		
		Michele Escude`		
	Serving Next Week			
	8:00 AM	10:45 AM		
Lectors	Diane Sanborn	David White		
Ushers				
Greeter	Jackie Fry	Nona Schmook		

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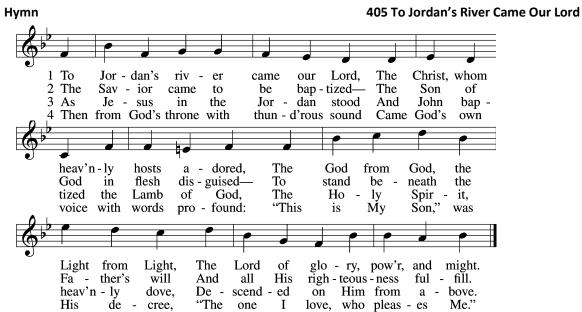
The Divine Service: Setting Three

Prelude

To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

Andrew Moore William Lloyd Webber

Stand



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

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

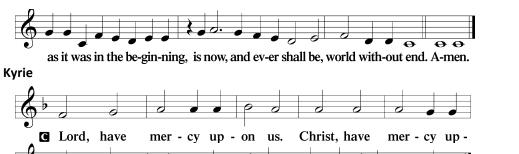
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto 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.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Stand Introit Psalm 2:7-11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a Tone A Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,* my chosen, in whom my | soul delights. I will tell of | the decree:* The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have be- gotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,* and the ends of the earth your pos- | session. You shall break them with a | rod of iron* and dash them in pieces like a potter's | vessel." Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;* be warned, O rulers | of the earth. Serve the | LORD with fear,* and rejoice with | trembling, for his wrath is quickly | kindled.* Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him. Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,* my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.





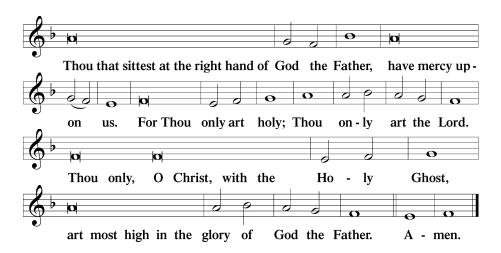
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on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Salutation and Collect of the Day



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.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

¹Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;

he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. ⁵Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶"I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. ⁹Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 29; antiphon: v. 3 Tone A

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<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings
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¹Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly | beings,* ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.

²Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;* worship the LORD in the splendor of | holiness.

³The voice of the LORD is over the | waters;*
the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many | waters.

⁴The voice of the LORD is | powerful;*
the voice of the LORD is full of | majesty.

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedars;* the LORD breaks the cedars of | Lebanon.

⁶He makes Lebanon to skip | like a calf,* and Sirion like a young | wild ox.

⁷The voice | of the LORD* flashes forth | flames of fire.

⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the | wilderness;* the LORD shakes the wilderness | of Kadesh.

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the | forests bare,* and in his temple all cry, | "Glory!"

10 The LORD sits enthroned o- | ver the flood;* the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | ever.

¹¹May the LORD give strength to his | people!*
May the LORD bless his people | with peace!

Epistle Romans 6:1–11

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.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Stand



Holy Gospel Matthew 3:13–17

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.
- Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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

And 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.

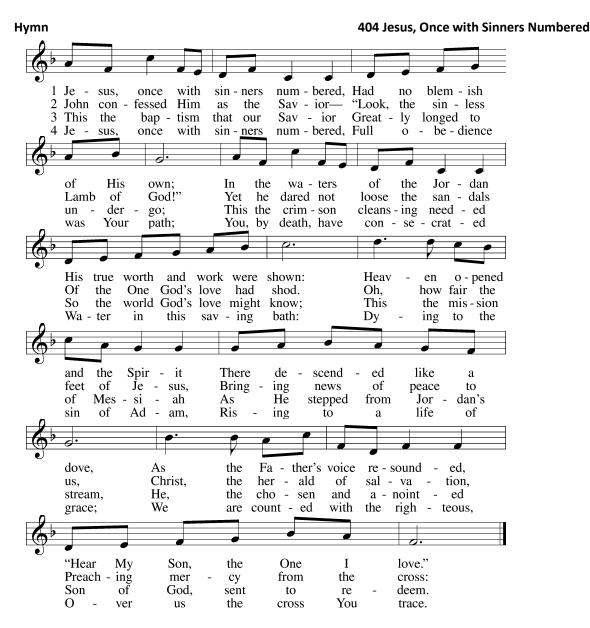
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Catechesis

Sit

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

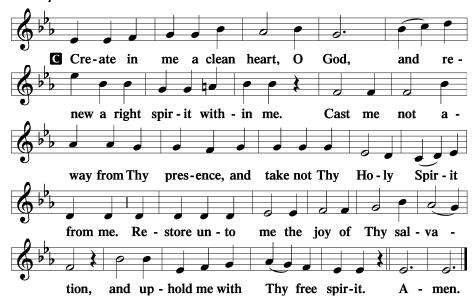
- **P** What is Baptism?
- Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.
- **P** Which is that word of God?
- Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19)
- **P** What benefits does Baptism give?
- It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.
- **P** Which are these words and promises of God?
- Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:16)
- P How can water do such great things?
- Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit.
- **P** Where is this taught in Scripture?
- St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying." (Titus 3:5–8)
- **P** What does such baptizing with water indicate?
- It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.
- **P** Where is this written?
- St. Paul writes in Romans, chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." (Romans 6:4)



Sermon

- P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C Amen.

Offertory LSB 192



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Offering 8:00 Choir

Joy to the World

10:45 Service

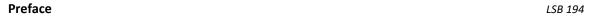
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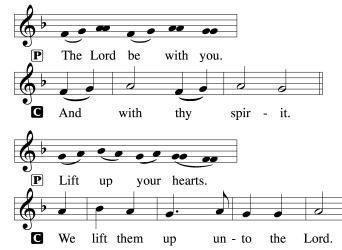
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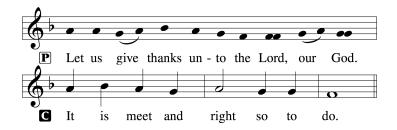
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Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

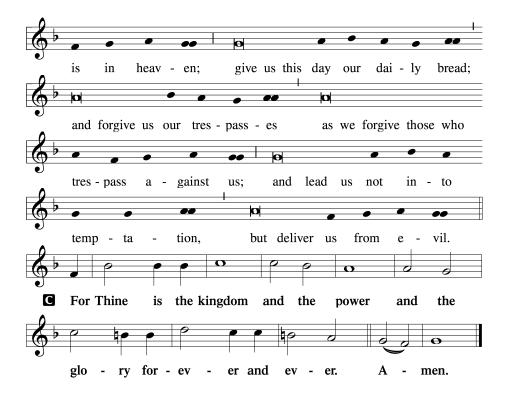






P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming 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 saying:





The Words of Our Lord LSB 197

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."

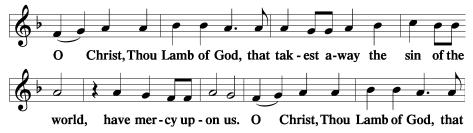
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

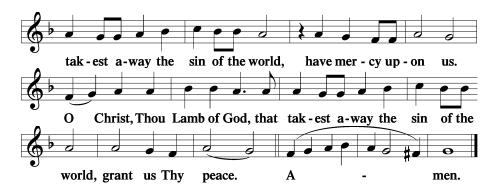
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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

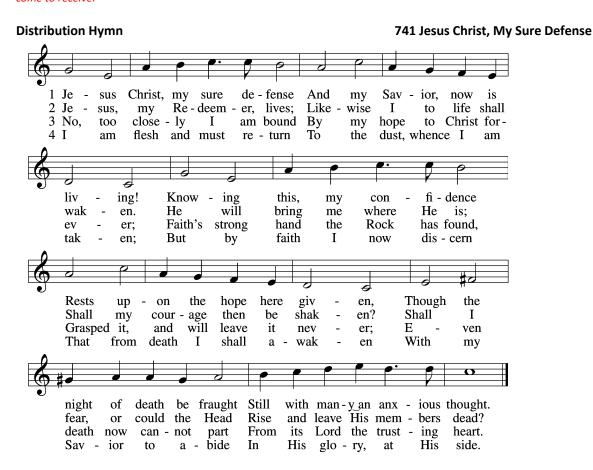




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Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive.

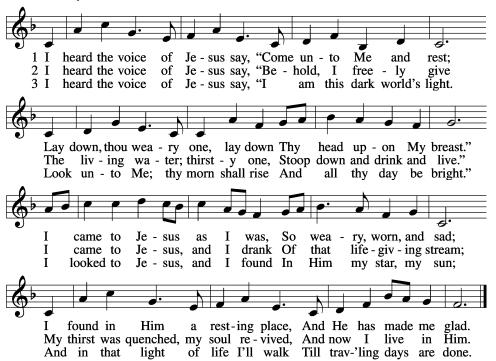


- 5 Glorified, I shall anew With this flesh then be enshrouded; In this body I shall view God, my Lord, with eyes unclouded; In this flesh I then shall see Jesus Christ eternally.
- 7 Laugh to scorn the gloomy grave And at death no longer tremble; He, the Lord, who came to save Will at last His own assemble. They will go their Lord to meet, Treading death beneath their feet.

- 6 Then take comfort and rejoice,
 For His members Christ will cherish.
 Fear not, they will hear His voice;
 Dying, they will never perish;
 For the very grave is stirred
 When the trumpet's blast is heard.
- 8 O, then, draw away your hearts
 From all pleasures base and hollow;
 Strive to share what He imparts
 While you here His footsteps follow.
 As you now still wait to rise,
 Fix your hearts beyond the skies!

Distribution Hymn

699 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart

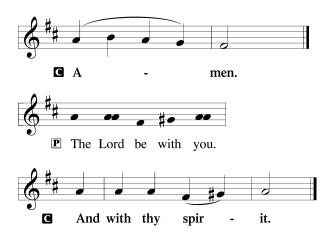
 in peace.
- C Amen.

Hymn



A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benedicamus LSB 202



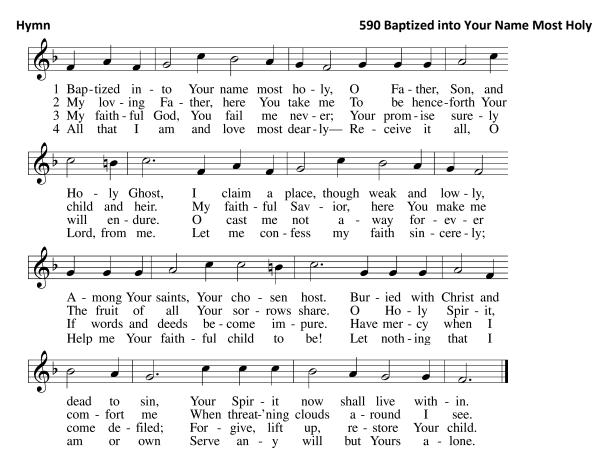
Benediction LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and \maltese give you peace.





Postlude

Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

Donald Busarow

Funeral Service for Helga Feige will be on Saturday Jan.14th @ 11:00 AM

Our homebound members truly enjoy hearing from members of the congregation. If you would like to send a card or message the addresses of the homebound are on our secure members area of the website. Just sign in and look at the homebound to see the list. If you have not sign up for the website, look for the email that was sent previously or call the office for help.

The Magi Visit Jesus

Some Magi came to Jerusalem. What did they ask?

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