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Baptism of our Lord 1/10



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Sunday School 9:45 AM

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Saturday 6 PM

Sunday: 8:30 & 11 AM

Wednesday: 6 PM

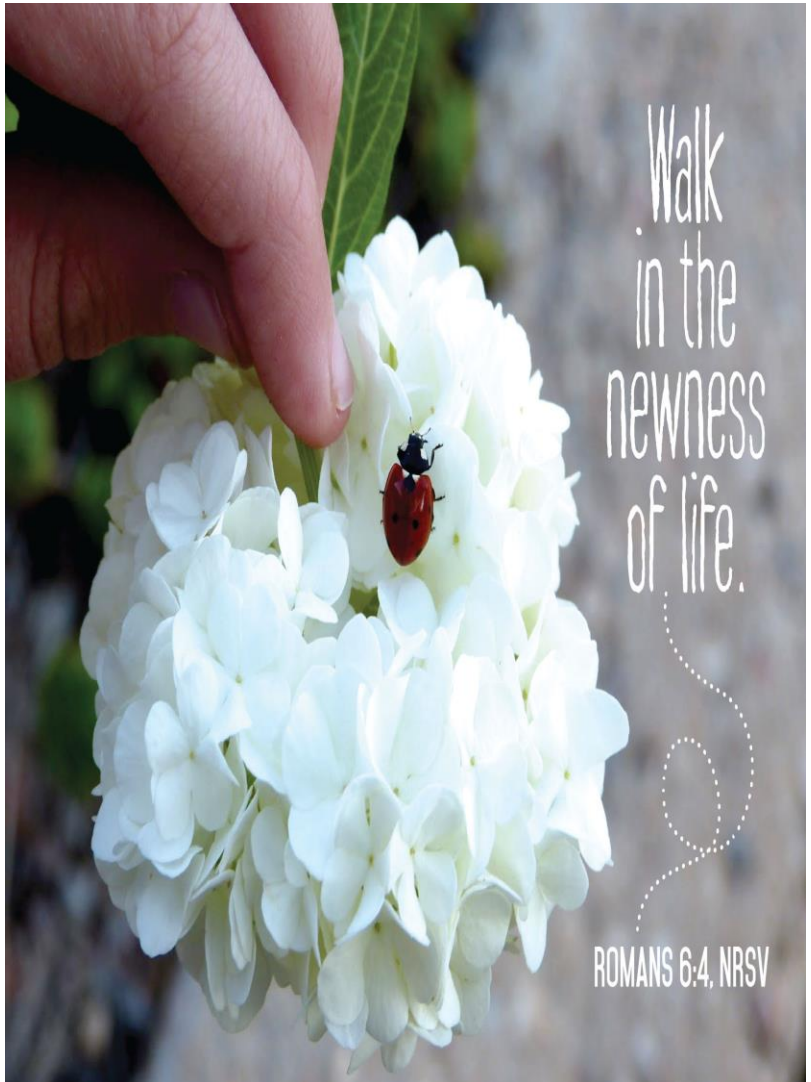
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Hymn of Invocation 405 To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

- 1 To Jordan's river came our Lord,
The Christ, whom heav'nly hosts adored,
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."
- 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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Confession and Absolution

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. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C 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,

C 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 ✠ The Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

♪ Introit

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.

♪ Gloria Patri *Page 186*

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

♪ Kyrie

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C Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

♪ Gloria in Excelsis (*Glory in the Highest*) *Page 187*

P Glory be to God on High,

C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

♪ Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P 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.

C Amen.

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

♪ Psalm 29

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly | beings,*
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry 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 o- | ver the flood;*
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | ever.

May the LORD give strength to his | people!*

May the LORD bless his people | with peace!

Epistle Romans 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

♪ Alleluia and Verse LSB 190

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

♪ Holy Gospel Mark 1:4-11

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

C ♪ **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

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 This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C 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.

Hymn of the Day 877 God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven

- 1 God, who made the earth and heaven,
Darkness and light:
You the day for work have given,
For rest the night.
May Your angel guards defend us,
Slumber sweet Your mercy send us,
Holy dreams and hopes attend us
All through the night.
- 2 And when morn again shall call us
To run life's way,
May we still, whate'er befall us,
Your will obey.
From the pow'r of evil hide us,
In the narrow pathway guide us,
Never be Your smile denied us
All through the day.
- 3 Guard us waking, guard us sleeping,
And when we die,
May we in Your mighty keeping
All peaceful lie.
When the last dread call shall wake us,
Then, O Lord, do not forsake us,
But to reign in glory take us
With You on high.
- △ 4 Holy Father, throned in heaven,
All-holy Son,
Holy Spirit, freely given,
Blest Three in One:
Grant us grace, we now implore You,
Till we lay our crowns before You
And in worthier strains adore You
While ages run.

Sermon

Offering (Please place your offering in the white box as you enter or depart)
(As we sing the offertory pastor raises the offering plate as a wave offering for all of our tithes and offerings given in person or by mail or via the internet)

♪ Offertory

- C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

♪ Preface *Page 194*

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them up unto the Lord.
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
C It is meet and right so to do.
P It is truly meet, right, and salutary.....evermore praising You and saying:

♪ Sanctus (*Holy*) Page 195

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

♪ Lord's Prayer (*Sung tune not in Hymnal*)

♪ The Words of Our Lord

♪ Pax Domini (*The Peace of the Lord*) Page 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

♪ Agnus Dei (*Lamb of God*) Page 198

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.
Amen.

Distribution Hymns

♪ Nunc Dimittis (*Now Dismiss*) (*Song of Simeon*) Page 199

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

♪ Thanksgiving Page 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth forever.

♪ Post-Communion Collect Page 201

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.

C Amen.

♪ **Salutation & Benedicamus** (*we bless / we praise*)

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

A Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

♪ **Benediction**

P 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.

C Amen amen amen.

Closing Hymn 578 Thy Strong Word

- 1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
At Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee,
While Thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!
- 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,
Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of Thy salvation,
Breathed Thine own life-breathing
breath.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!
- 3 Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;
Bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory,
And our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!
- 4 From the cross Thy wisdom shining
Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
From the cross forever beameth
All Thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!
- 5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias,
Alleluias without end!
- △ 6 God the Father, light-creator,
To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity!

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Announcements

Our Friends in need of prayer:

Judy Schuller
James Huling
Bruce Rispoli

Jim Wagner
Dick Medley

Keith Christensen
Charles Schuller
Emil Mariani

Pre - Service meditation:

Reading and meditating on the Psalm, the Introit, and the text the bulletin can be helpful in your pre-service meditation.

This Week at a Glance:

TODAY	Worship Services @ 8:30 9:45 & 11 AM, Sunday School @ 9:45 AM
TUE	Elders meeting @ 6 PM
WED	Worship @ 6PM (non communion)
FRI	Women's Bible Study 10AM-Noon
SAT	Men's Bible Study 9-10 AM
SUN	Worship Services @ 8:30 9:45 & 11 AM Special Called Voter's Meeting @ 9:45 AM

Looking Forward to Next Sunday: Reading over and studying the text for the coming week can enrich your personal prayer and study time and your worship time. The text for Wednesday Genesis 1:1-5 and next weekend is I Corinthians 6:12-20.

When it is again safe to resume choir practice, we will inform you.

Service Schedule: Until further notice

Saturday 6pm Communion service
Sunday 8:30, 9:45 & 11:00 AM Communion
Wednesday 6 pm non-communion

In compliance with all current CDC, Guidelines:

- Social distancing remains in place
- Households that travel together may sit and commune together
- Sharing of the peace is replaced with a wave of peace
- Pews and other surfaces will be wiped down
after the closing hymn is over
- Offering & prayer request box is at the entrance and exit.

- The entry doors will be propped open,
 - Take your bulletin with you or throw it away
 - If you use a hymnal, please wipe it down
- We will all enter through the narthex and exit through the door on the left, next to the lectern, in the front of the sanctuary. When people are arriving for the next service, as necessary
- **Please socialize outside.**

Communion Practices

Common cup will be available

Standing at the rail 2 households at a time

(one on the lectern side and one on the pulpit side, no kneeling yet)

An elder will assist the pastor

Communion cup bowls on brass post will be used.

Communion blessing / dismissal will continue to be one after all commune.

Mask Guidance will remain in place as long as necessary.

1. Masks should be worn upon entering the narthex and before being seated in the sanctuary.
2. Since we are seated in accordance with the protocol for social distancing, the mask may be removed when seated in the sanctuary.
3. Masks are to be worn as we proceed to and return from communion and can be removed once seated again.
4. At the end of the service, masks are to be put back on and worn until outside the building. However, if for any reason you are unable to wear a mask you are still welcome to join us for worship.

***A simple way to remember when to where a mask is :
when moving in doors, if you are able, you should have a mask on.***

LWML Project:For January, we are now collecting Tee shirts, long and short sleeved for baby kits, sizes newborn-24 mos. Please place your donations in Mike's box in the narthex. LWML thanks you all for your continued support.

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: Some needs have been identified among our members and the pastor could use more funds in his discretionary fund to help with those needs.

Thanks to all the generous members who have helped and continue to help those in need among us.

In Christ, Pastor Portier

A Winter Note: In times of bad weather, please do not risk your life to come to church. We have several methods of worship available for your convenience. Daily Devotions, and online services. Please check with our website, or the prayer chain for current info on service cancellations.

Door Code Change: Our door code will change as of January 31st. If you have need of the new code, please see Pastor Portier.

LWML Mite Box Collection is TODAY

If you wish to purchase altar flowers, please put your name on the altar flower chart in the narthex. The cost is \$40 for two tall vase bouquets, for any questions contact Rod or Jean Kuszynski

Altar Flowers: In celebration of Pastor Dettmer's 80th birthday.