



St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

Baptismal Remembrance

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We are glad to have you worship with us today. We ask members and guests to fill out the **Connection Card**, in the worship folder, letting us know you were here, who attended the Lord's Supper, and/or your ministry needs.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & GREETING

Please take a moment to fill out the Connection Card

OPENING PRAYER & INVOCATION

P We gather in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

HYMN: “COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING”

LSB 686



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 29:1-4, 10-11

- P** Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- C** Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.
- P** The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters.
- C** The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
- P** The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.
- C** May the Lord give strength to His people! May the Lord bless His people with peace!

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P** God's Word tells us, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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 ✠
- C** Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Luke 2:14; John 1:29 LSB 204



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River Your voice proclaimed Him to be Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Lead all who are baptized in His name to be faithful in the hearing of Your Word and in the living out of their callings as Your children; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reprov'd by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, 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 to You, O Christ.

HYMN: "GOD'S OWN CHILD, I GLADLY SAY IT"

LSB 594



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
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad - ness: I am bap - tized
 5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing To this life - long



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,
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness
 com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



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
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in
 E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



treas - ures man - y? I have one worth
 con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism
 font I've trav - eled, All your might has
 dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance
 waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -
 did re - lease me In a dear for -
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



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!
 strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.
 in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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TEACHING FROM GOD'S WORD

“You Are Mine”

OFFERING

Using our God-given resources to connect people to Jesus.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For the calling of all people to faith, that the souls for whom Jesus Christ gave His life would be brought to repentance and saving faith through the proclamation of the Gospel throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Living Father, speak Your words of life!**
- P** For all those who are united to Jesus' death and resurrection in the waters of their Baptism, that the life of God's people would be marked by the Spirit's fruit of faith, hope, and love, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Cleansing Father, speak Your words of life!**
- P** For all church workers, teachers, missionaries, and other servant leaders in Christ's Church, that their lives be shaped by the One who laid down His life in selfless sacrifice for others, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Serving Father, speak Your words of life!**
- P** For all who hear God's Word, receive His gifts, and live out their vocations in the church, home, workplace, and society, that their witness to Christ in word and action may touch countless hearts and lives, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Loving Father, speak Your words of life!**
- P** For all who labor in positions of leadership in our government, along with all who serve in the armed forces and other public safety professions, that the living voice of our God speak over land, over water, and over all who trust in Him, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Protecting Father, speak Your words of life!**
- P** For all who are ailing in body, mind, and spirit, [*especially* . . .], that the Lord would speak words and work wonders to deliver His healing and peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Healing Father, speak Your words of life!**
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**



REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

- P** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?
- C** **Yes, I do.**
- P** Do you renounce the devil, all his works and all his ways?
- C** **Yes, I renounce him.**
- P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?
- C** **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**
- P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?
- C** **Yes, I believe 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.**
- P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- C** **Yes, 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.**
- P** Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?
- C** **I do, by the power of God.**
- P** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?
- C** **I do, by the grace of God.**
- P** We rejoice with thankful hearts in the gift of Baptism given to us through Jesus Christ. May He who has begun a good work in us, bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
- C** **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*You are invited to come forward, dip your fingers into the water in the font,
and make the sign of the cross to remember your baptism.*



- P** In Baptism we are clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all our sin. St. Paul says, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"
- C** **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.**

BENEDICTION

P The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has called you by name, forgiven you all your sins, and has claimed you as His own; strengthen you with His grace and mercy to life everlasting.

C Amen.

HYMN: "GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING"

LSB 922



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing, Nev - er a - lone.
2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Clos - er to Me;
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, Joy - ful and free. Here My
I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you Mine for - ev - er.
heard My dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo - ry.
Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here His ten - der com - fort stilled you.
Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and Broth - er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing— You are My own.
Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Joy - ful and free.
Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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SERVING TODAY/NEXT WEEK

Liturgist/Preacher:	Rev. Michael Borgstede	Organist:	Doreen Sutherland
Elders for January:	Jim Oliver, Bruce Sutherland		
Acolyte:	Levi Siegmann	Next Sunday:	Luke Sutherland
Reader:	Jim Oliver	Next Sunday:	Frank Wendt
Counting Team:	Cathy & Dan Schultz, Vern Bartlett, Kathy Wendt		
Next Week:	Peggy Meyer, Mike Scive, Mike Scive II, Matt Scive, Sharon Muir		
Altar Guild for January:	Anita Garito, Mary Salefske		



Message Notes

Main Points:

Bible Passages:

What can I apply to my life?

Even when we don't realize it, we are listening to the sounds of life that surround us. What do those voices say? What choruses do they sing? What refrains do they repeat? The voice we hear in God's Word stands in stark contrast to the multitude of others in our world. "The voice of the Lord is over the waters," we read in Psalm 29:3. As He did for ancient Israel—and as He did for His only-begotten Son—our Father does for us today: He speaks over us words of life! Connected to Christ by water and Spirit—redeemed and called by His name—the Father makes us His own. Are we listening? Can we hear Him? He is speaking. Let's open our ears to hear.

- In our baptism God speaks and says, "You are Mine!" What does that mean to you?
- Other voices can drown out the voice of God, how can we continue to hear the voice of God?
- We all struggle daily with the influences of the world and our own internal doubts and fears as a result of sin. Paul paints an incredible picture in Romans 6 – in baptism we DIE to sin and are raised to new life in Christ! How can our baptism help us in our daily life?

