

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

United in Death and Life

January 10 & 11, 2015

5:00pm & 8:00am

AS WE GATHER Many times, one of the elements of a funeral service is the placement of a funeral pall over the casket or urn. The white cloth pall serves as a reminder that in Holy Baptism, we are clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness, which covers all our sin. When the pall is placed on the casket, a portion of today's Epistle is typically read. The pastor says, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?" (*Romans 6:3*), to which the congregation responds, "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" (*Romans 6:4-5*). Even in the midst of death, our Baptism and connection to Christ gives us the certainty of forgiveness and salvation!

WELCOME

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12, NIV)

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN #346 "When All the World Was Cursed"

When all the world was cursed By Moses' condemnation,
Saint John the Baptist came With words of consolation.
With true forerunner's zeal The greater One he names,
And Him, as yet unknown, As Savior he proclaimed.

Before he yet was born, He leaped in joyful meeting,
Confessing Him as Lord Whose mother he was greeting.
By Jordan's rolling stream, A new Elijah bold,
He testified of Him Of whom the prophets told:

Behold the Lamb of God That bears the world's transgression,
Whose sacrifice removes The devil's dread oppression.
Behold the Lamb of God, Who takes away our sin,
Who for our peace and joy Will full atonement win.

O grant, dear Lord of love, That we receive, rejoicing,
The word proclaimed by John, Our true repentance voicing,
That gladly we may walk Upon our Savior's way
Until we live with Him In His eternal day.

(1)

(Rise)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 29:3*

Pastor: The voice of the LORD

People: is over the waters;

Pastor: the God of glory thunders,

People: the LORD, over many waters.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: 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?". 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.

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

Pastor: "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." 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.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

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Pastor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

People: (sung) Lord, God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One. You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

(2)

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 1:1–5 (God creates the heavens and the earth.)*

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he 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.

EPISTLE *Romans 6:1–11 (United to Christ's death and resurrection through Baptism)*

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 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. If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin--because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 1:4–11 (The Baptism of our Lord)*

And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: "After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

(Be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN #594 "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

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 lifelong 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!

SERMON

“Drowned Into Life Everlasting”

Mark 1:4-11

(Rise)

NICENE CREED *(found on the inside back cover of hymnal)*

(Be seated)

OFFERING As your offering is collected, **please sign our attendance book** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord God, Creator of all good things, we pray your blessings upon all that you have created. Sustain your creation with your mighty power and your tender care.

People: **We pray that at the Last Day, you would restore creation to its former glory through the power of your Son, Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: God of all grace, shower your forgiveness and mercy upon all who are baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In Baptism, you have united us with your Son, Jesus, that His death and resurrection have become our death and resurrection.

People: **Cause us daily to die to sin and to live in your gracious salvation through Christ Jesus.**

Pastor: Father in heaven, your Son was baptized in the Jordan River to anoint Him to proclaim the kingdom of God. Move us all to repent and believe in the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of our sins.

People: **Enable us in faith to cling to the promises attached to our Baptism and to God’s holy and precious gift of grace.**

Pastor: Almighty God, your graciously draw people into fellowship with you and your people. We rejoice with Joe Veit as he is confirmed in the faith this weekend.

People: **Grant us to receive Joe and his family in the love of Christ and grow with them in the grace and knowledge of Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord, you give to your people various vocations through which they show your love to others. As you bless your people with various talents and abilities, grant them the grace to use their gifts for the betterment of their neighbor and for your glory.

People: **Inspire us to use our abilities to serve others in the name of our Lord.**

Pastor: Lord of healing and restoration, bless all those who work in the medical profession to be instruments of your healing hand. Bless and be with all those facing affliction or difficulty, especially Carlene, Shirley, Charles, Marion, Dennis, Jack, Virginia, Dolores, Ginger, Gretchen, Mark, Richard, Sarah and Lois.

People: **Restore their health, deliver them from difficulty, and grant them hope and peace through faith in Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, you have adopted us as your children through the waters of Holy Baptism. Strengthen us to live in the baptismal grace you have given to us.

People: **May our lives demonstrate true Christian virtue so the world might see the powerful witness of our faith in your Son.**

Pastor: Gracious Lord, you offer grace to your people in your holy body and precious blood in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

People: **Assure us of our salvation through this wonderful gift, that we would faithfully receive the blood and body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: God of comfort and hope, we pray for those who grieve this day. Bless all those who have suffered loss of any kind. Comfort those who have suffered loss of property or financial support. Be with those who grieve the loss of family members, friends or loved ones, especially Steve and LeAnne as they remember Brent.

People: **Bless all those who mourn with the joy and hope that can only be found in the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

+ SACRAMENT +

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

HYMN #621 “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Let all mortal flesh keep silence And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descending Comes our homage to demand.

King of kings yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture, In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav’nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of Light, descending From the realms of endless day,
Comes the pow’rs of hell to vanquish As the darkness clears a way.

At His feet the six-winged seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence As with ceaseless voice they cry:
“Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!”

HYMN #590 “Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”

Baptized into Your name most holy, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly, Among Your saints, Your chosen host.
Buried with Christ and dead to sin, Your Spirit now shall live within.

My loving Father, here You take me To be henceforth Your child and heir.
My faithful Savior here You make me The fruit of all Your sorrows share.
O Holy Spirit, comfort me When threat’ning clouds around I see.

My faithful God, You fail me never; Your promise surely will endure.
O cast me not away forever If words and deeds become impure.
Have mercy when I come defiled; Forgive, lift up, restore Your child.

All that I am and love most dearly Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely; Help me Your faithful child to be!
Let nothing that I am or won Serve any will but Yours alone.

HYMN #605 “Father Welcomes”

**Refrain: Father welcomes all His children To His fam’ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation, Life forever has been won.**

Little children, come to Me, For My kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give, Mercy for your sin. **Refrain**

In the water, in the Word, In His promise, be assured;
Those who are baptized and believe Shall be born again. **Refrain**

Let us daily die to sin; Let us daily rise with Him.
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord, Live in the peace of God. **Refrain**

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you,

People: in heaven above or on earth beneath.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #394 “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
Manifested by the star To the sages from afar,
Branch of royal David’s stem In Thy birth at Bethlehem:
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
And at Cana wedding guest In Thy Godhead manifest;
Manifest in pow'r divine, Changing water into wine;
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

Manifest in making whole Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight, Quelling all the devil's might;
Manifest in gracious will, Ever bringing good from ill;
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

Sun and moon shall darkened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;
Christ will then like lightning shine, All will see His glorious sign;
All will then the trumpet hear, All will see the Judge appear;
Thou by all wilt be confessed, God in man made manifest.

Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Present in Thy holy Word
Grace to imitate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;
That we might become like Thee At Thy great epiphany
And may praise Thee, ever blest, God in man made manifest.

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