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Baptism of our Lord



WE WERE BURIED WITH HIM THROUGH

BAPTISM



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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #134

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C ♪ Amen.

P Pastor

C Congregation

Confession of Our Sins

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P Behold the Father's love, *(John 3:17)*

C **For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.**

P Behold the Son's grace, *(Matthew 20:28)*

C **The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.**

P Behold the Spirit's patient teaching, *(1 Corinthians 2:12)*

C **Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.**

P Please come to us Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

C **Show us Your love, show us Your grace, and bind us together through Your Gospel of peace.**

P Father in heaven, we come before You out of need. You provide all that we need for body and life. You shower us with blessings too numerous to count. But our response to your generous care falls short in every way.

C **We are sinful from birth, and we have also sinned against You daily through things we have said, thought, and done. We can do nothing to erase the record of our sins, and so we come before You seeking help for our greatest need. Forgive us Father, and take away our guilt.**

Hymn: TLH #323

"With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh"

C ♪ **With broken heart and contrite sigh,**

A trembling sinner, Lord, I cry.

Your pardoning grace is rich and free, --

O God, be merciful to me!

**Nor alms nor deeds that I have done,
Can for a single sin atone.
To Calvary alone I flee, --
O God, be merciful to me!**

P God's Word says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." It also tells us that God has in Christ reconciled the world to Himself, not charging our sin to us. Therefore, by the authority and command of our Lord Jesus, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(1 John 1:9; 2 Cor.5:19; John 20:21-23)*

C *♪ And now, redeemed from sin and hell,
With all the ransomed throng I dwell,
My raptured song shall ever be,
God has been merciful to me!*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all Creatures here below;
Praise Him above, Ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!**

Collect Prayer of the Day

A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.

P 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.*

Isaiah 42:1-7

Behold 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. ² He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³ a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning

wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴ He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. ⁵ Thus 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, ⁷ to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶ And 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; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Confession of Faith

The 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 Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Romans 6:1-14

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ 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. ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. ¹² Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³ Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

"Wanted, Dead AND Alive!"

- I. Baptism makes you dead to the service of sin.
- II. Baptism makes you alive to the service of God.

The Offertory

In this prayer we offer our hearts, asking God for the best gift, the Holy Spirit.

✪ 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.

✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

Hymn: TLH #298:1,2,4,6 *"Baptized into Thy Name Most Holy"*

✠ The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer ✠

P Holy Communion is called the Lord's Supper, the Lord's Table, and the Sacrament of the Altar. What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

The Order of Holy Communion



C **It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, given to us Christians under the bread and wine to eat and to drink, as it was instituted by Christ Himself.**

Responses: WS #755

"What Is This Bread?"

C *♩ What is this bread? Christ's body risen from the dead:
This bread we break, This life we take,
Was crushed to pay for our release.
Oh, taste and see- the Lord is peace.*

✠ The Institution of the Lord's Supper ✠

P But where is this written?

C **The holy evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and the apostle Paul write this way:**

P "Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and, when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, 'Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.'

C **In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying,**

P 'Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.'"

C *♩ What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
The cup of grace, Brings His embrace,
Of life and love, And so I sing:
Oh taste and see- The Lord is King.*

P What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

C The words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that God gives forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation through the Sacrament.

P For where there is forgiveness of sins,

C There is also life and salvation!

C ♪ *So who am I, That I should live and He should die,
Under the rod. My God, my God,
Why have You not forsaken me?
Oh taste and see- the Lord is free.*

P How can eating and drinking do such wonderful things?

C Eating and drinking actually do nothing. It is the words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins” which do this.

P These words, together with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main part of the Sacrament.

C Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: forgiveness of sins.

C ♪ *Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear.
In mouth and soul, He makes us whole-
Christ, truly present in this meal.
Oh, taste and see- the Lord is real.*

P When is one properly prepared to receive this Sacrament?

C Customs in connection with eating and clothing are indeed a fine preparation.

P However, a person is truly worthy and well-prepared who has faith in these words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.”

C Whoever does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared. The words, “for you,” require nothing but believing hearts.

C ♪ *Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free!
I do believe, That I receive,
His very body and His blood.
Oh, taste and see- the Lord is good.*

✠ The Distribution of the Lord’s Supper ✠

After the distribution, we will continue with the hymn verse below.

C 🎵 **What can I say, To ever thank Him for His grace?
I'll take my place, Among His saints,
And join my tongue in word and song.
Oh, taste and see, Praise God with me!**

The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The blessing given by God for His people.

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 give you His peace.

C 🎵 **Amen, amen, a – men.**

Hymn: TLH #301

“He that Believes and is Baptized”

Appreciation from Hein Family: Janelle and I desire to convey our deep appreciation for all the wonderful support we have received since my cancer diagnosis. Many of our fellow Christians, known and unknown, have sent us cards, letters, emails, etc., with edifying reminders from Scripture and letting us know they are praying for us. These and the generous outpouring of financial support sent to us and to Grace Lutheran in Fridley, MN, have been absolutely incredible. We stand in awe at how the LORD uses our challenges to remind us what a gracious God He is in our lives, even as He moves hearts to such expressions full of Christian love. Our cup overflows! May the LORD be glorified during my treasured time of grace as I face what lies ahead according to His good pleasure. In Christ, Pastor John Hein

An Elder’s Meeting will be held after church today.

The Annual Voters’ Meeting will be held next weekend, January 22nd.

<u>January 8th Offerings:</u>	\$ 1,021.75
Weekly Offerings needed for budget	\$ 1,607.69
General Fund Balance	\$24,068.96
Faith-Blue Springs Balance	\$30,382.75
Total Cash All Funds	\$69,787.55