



OUR WORSHIP TODAY, THE NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST, JUNE 24TH, 2018

GATHERING AND MEDITATION TIME

Pre-Service Music, Welcome, and Announcements

CONFESSIONAL PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, we approach your altar with love for You and our concern for the price you paid for us on the cross. We realize the difficulties that we face, and we confess the poor job we have done with our response to your sacrifice. For that, dear Lord, we make our confession to you this day.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by the things 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. 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

ABSOLUTION

Pastor:

As a result of the love of God, the work of Jesus on His cross, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, and by the authority of Jesus Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Go and sin no more. In the name of Jesus we pray. **Alleluia and Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN: 92 Joy to the World

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison):

Today we remember the Nativity of Jesus' cousin, St. John the Baptist. Lord, help keep us in our own nativital and baptismal grace, Alleluia. May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which God has called us. Alleluia and Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 40:1-5 (ESV)

Comfort for God's People

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

PSALM: Psalm 85:1-13 (ESV) (Recited whole verse by whole verse – Congregation in **Bold)**

Revive Us Again

LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin.

You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.

Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us!

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Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?

Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.

Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.

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

EPISTLE LESSON: Acts 13:13-26 (ESV)

Paul and Barnabas at Antioch in Pisidia

Now Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. And John left them and returned to Jerusalem, but they went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down.

After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent a message to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have any word of encouragement for the people, say it." So Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said: "Men of Israel and you who fear God, listen.

The God of this people Israel chose our fathers and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. And for about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. And after destroying seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance. All this took about 450 years. And after that he gave them judges until Samuel the prophet.

Then they asked for a king, and God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, 'I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.'

Of this man's offspring God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised. Before his coming, John had proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.

And as John was finishing his course, he said, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but behold, after me one is coming, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie.'

"Brothers, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation.

Please rise for the Alleluia.

ALLELUIA: Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 1:57-80 (ESV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 1st Chapter.

Glory to you Oh Lord.

The Birth of John the Baptist

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son.

And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father, but his mother answered, "No; he shall be called John."

And they said to her, "None of your relatives is called by this name."

And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called. And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And they all wondered. And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he

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spoke, blessing God.

And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea, and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, "What then will this child be?" For the hand of the Lord was with him.

Zechariah's Prophecy

And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us; to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you oh Christ!

SERMON *"Hark the Glad Sound, the Savior Reigns!"* **Pastor Steve Dygert**

SERMON HYMN: 78 Hark the Glad Sound!

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles Creed (C)

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.

THE OFFERING: Offertory -

As the offering is brought forward, we will sing the Doxology.

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. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

PRAYERS OF PRAISE: Let us Pray: *(Prayer Response)* Lord in your Mercy: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER, PREPARATION OF THE TABLE, WORDS OF INSTITUTION, THE DISTRIBUTION

THE COMMUNION BLESSING :

SENDING HYMN: 132 Go Tell It on the Mountain

THE AARONIC BENEDICTION & Let There Be Peace On Earth

Congregational Song, **Let There Be Peace on Earth**

**Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth**

Let peace begin with me
**Let this be the moment now
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow**

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The peace that was meant to be
With God as our father
Brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony

To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me .

THE DISMISSAL

P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C. **Thanks be to God**

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WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN! Thank you for joining us as we worship of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We are happy you are here! As a kindness to one another, **please place your cell phones on muted** for the time we are together in worship. If you are a visitor, let us know you are here!

IN OUR PRAYERS: Please use a prayer request card if you have a specific prayer request this morning. It is our joy and our privilege to share in these petitions to Almighty God. If you have them ready before the service, hand them to Pastor when you have them completed, otherwise give them to the ushers at the time the offering is collected.

JULY 15TH WORSHIP: We have a special worship planned for the third Sunday of July, the 15th. The Lemon Bay Chordsmen will be with us that morning to share their talents that morning for our worship. We will have a Pot-Luck luncheon after worship to celebrate our guests. Sign up will be on the 8th and we should plan for an additional 15 people.

JESUS LOVES ME MINISTRIES: We have a 5th Tuesday in July so it is sandwich time again! We will also sign up for this ministry the last two weeks of July.

HELP FOR MEGAN AND WYATT: Next Sunday, July 1st, both Megan and Wyatt will be Baptized during our worship service. I have found an automobile for Megan that is in good shape for only \$500. If any of you care to help purchase this for her and to help cover the cost of the registration, we will have a basket set up for her both this Sunday and next Sunday. Any help is appreciated!

We Serve Today, June 24th:

Reader: TBA

Offering: Jeff Cisco, Bob Burchard

Communion: Nancy Nordell, Priscilla Alonzo, Peggie Sue Dygert

Greeter: Nancy Nordell

We Serve Next Sunday,:

Reader: Peggie Sue Dygert

Offering: JeffCisco, Bob Burchard

Communion: Jeanne Keyser, Janette Barker, Geri McGary

Greeter: Jeanne Keyser

Lead Pastor: Rev. Dr. Steve Dygert
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