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HYMN "See This Wonder in the Making" LSB 593

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THE BAPTISM OF AUTUMN KRISTINE BOLLFRASS AND BLAKE THOMAS STOLZE

INTROIT

P: Behold, I send My messenger and he will prepare the way before Me.

C: And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to His temple.

P: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people.

C: 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,

P: 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.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: Behold, I send My messenger and he will prepare the way before Me.

C: And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to His temple.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40:1-5

¹ Comfort, comfort My people, says your God. ² 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. ³ A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴ 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. ⁵ And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Acts 13:13-26

¹³ Now Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. And John left them and returned to Jerusalem, ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ 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." ¹⁶ So Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said: "Men of Israel and you who fear God, listen. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ And for about forty years He put up with them in the wilderness. ¹⁹ And after destroying seven nations in the land of Canaan, He gave them their land as an inheritance. ²⁰ All this took about 450 years. And after that He gave them judges until Samuel the prophet. ²¹ 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. ²² 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.' ²³ Of this man's offspring God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as He promised. ²⁴ Before His coming, John had proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. ²⁵ 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.' ²⁶ "Brothers, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation.

P: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: *The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 1st chapter.*

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:57-80

⁵⁷ Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son.

⁵⁸ And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. ⁵⁹ And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father, ⁶⁰ but his mother answered, "No; he shall be called John." ⁶¹ And they said to her, "None of your relatives is called by this name." ⁶² And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called. ⁶³ And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And they all wondered. ⁶⁴ And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. ⁶⁵ And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea, ⁶⁶ 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. ⁶⁷ And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying, ⁶⁸ "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people ⁶⁹ and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David, ⁷⁰ as He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from of old, ⁷¹ that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us; ⁷² to show the mercy promised to

our fathers and to remember His holy covenant, ⁷³ the oath that He swore to our father Abraham, to grant us ⁷⁴ that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve Him without fear, ⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before Him all our days. ⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare His ways, ⁷⁷ to give knowledge of salvation to His people in the forgiveness of their sins, ⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high ⁷⁹ to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.” ⁸⁰ And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN “When All the World Was Cursed” *LSB* 346

SERMON

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

WE WORSHIP THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS

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If you are a confirmed member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, we invite you to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation and would like to come forward with your family and friends during the distribution, please place your hands over your heart and you will receive a blessing.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN “The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord” *LSB* 634

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THIS WEEK AT CLC — (6/24/18 – 7/1/18)

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am

Monday: Council, 6:30pm

Thursday: Worship/HC, 6:30pm

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE (Week ending June 17, 2018)

General & Building Funds: \$4904.75; Blessings: \$17.00

Attendance: Thursday: 34; Sunday: 113

CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUESTS AND VISITORS: We are glad you are here! We invite you to join us for fellowship and Bible class following the service.

Bathrooms are located upstairs on each end of the fellowship/Bible study area.

Thank you to each one of you at Christ Lutheran for your kindness and prayers while I deliberated the Divine Call to serve St. John Pickerel, through all of the time serving among you, and last Sunday for the special farewell you gave us. I count it all a privilege, as you have been a great blessing to Karen and me. As I emphasized in my farewell message this change in direction to serve at St. John is part of God's leading and care for His church. Though I am small, as we all are, I leave it to God to provide for us and all of you. You remain in our hearts and prayers. — Pastor Rick and Karen

THE WISCONSIN VALLEY LUTHERAN HIGH RUMMAGE SALE is coming up! Check the announcements on the Valley bulletin board for details.

“LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life

“When we see the young woman in a crisis pregnancy ... vulnerable, helpless, feeling destined to make only one choice—we are compelled to speak and defend and help because it is the *Christ* thing to do ... We lift her up and offer Christ’s compassion in real, practical ways.”
Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life – (www.lutheransforlife.org)