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#### + THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD +

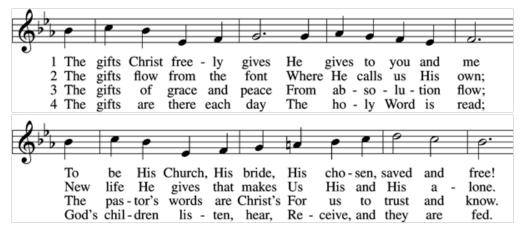
# Prayer and Preaching January 10, 2021

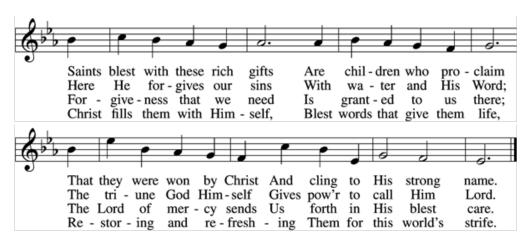
As We Gather ~ In His Baptism, Jesus Takes His Place with Sinners

Our Lord Jesus is baptized "to fulfill all righteousness" (Matt. 3:13–17). He partakes of a baptism for sinners in order that He might be our substitute and bear the judgment we deserve. In the water, Jesus trades places with us. Our sin becomes His sin. His righteousness becomes our righteousness. Our glory, therefore, is in "Christ Jesus, who became to us . . . righteousness and sanctification and redemption" (1 Cor. 1:26–31). Jesus is the "chosen" One sent from the Father to release us from the prison house of sin and death (Is. 42:1–7). Baptized into Christ, we also become the chosen ones, beloved of the Father. We cross the Jordan with Jesus (Joshua 3) through death into the promised land of new life with God.

### Opening Hymn 'The Gifts Christ Freely Gives'

LSB 602





5 The gifts are in the feast,
Gifts far more than we see;
Beneath the bread and wine
Is food from Calvary.
The body and the blood
Remove our ev'ry sin;
We leave His presence in
His peace, renewed again.

6 All glory to the One
Who lavishes such love;
The triune God in love
Assures our life above.
His means of grace for us
Are gifts He loves to give;
All thanks and praise for His
Great love by which we live!

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#### **Opening Versicles: Common**

LSB 260

- L This is the day which the Lord has made;
- C let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
- C I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
- C Teach me Your paths.
- L Sanctify us in Your truth.
- C Your Word is truth.
- L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- 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.

#### **Old Testament Canticle**

LSB 261







Reading Isaiah 42:1–7

1Behold 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.

2He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;

3a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

4He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.

5Thus 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,
7to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### Introit

Psalm 89:1, 26–28; antiphon: Liturgical Text; Psalm 89:20



Behold the Lord, the rul- | er, has come,\*

and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his hand.

I have found David, my | servant;\*

with my holy oil I have a- | nointed him.

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, for- | ever;\*

with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all gener- | ations.

He shall cry to me, "You are my | Father,\*

my God, and the Rock of my sal- | vation."

And I will make him the | firstborn,\*

the highest of the kings | of the earth.

My steadfast love I will keep for him for- | ever,\*

and my covenant will stand | firm for him.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,\*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Behold the Lord, the rul- | er, has come,\*

and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his hand.

I have found David, my | servant;\*

with my holy oil I have a- | nointed him.

Reading 1 Corinthians 1:26–31

26For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 27But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, 29so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. 30He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. 31Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Reading Matthew 3:13–17

13Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. 14John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" 15But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. 16And 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; 17and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Responsory: Common LSB 263

- L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
- L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
- L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

#### **Ten Commandments**

C You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

#### **Apostles' Creed**

C 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 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.

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.

#### Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

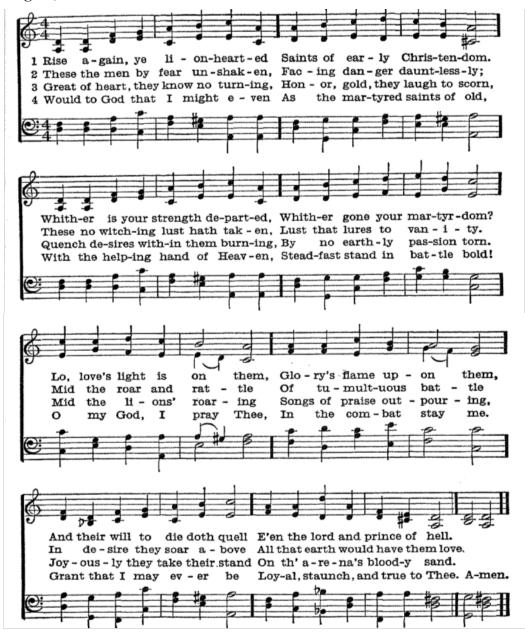
Sermon

'Great Simplicity'

1 Cor. 1:26-31

#### Hymn 'Rise Again, Ye Lion-Hearted'

**TLH 470** 



#### Offering

#### **Prayer**

- L In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

#### **Collect of the Day**

- L 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.

#### Collect for the Word

- L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

#### **Morning Prayer**

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

New Testament Canticle LSB 266



Benedicamus LSB 267

- L Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Benediction LSB 267

- L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the \(\frac{1}{2}\)Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
- C Amen.

#### Closing Hymn 'To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord'

LSB 406



- To His disciples spoke the Lord,
  "Go out to ev'ry nation,
  And bring to them the living Word
  And this My invitation:
  Let ev'ryone abandon sin
  And come in true contrition
  To be baptized and thereby win
  Full pardon and remission
  And heav'nly bliss inherit."
- But woe to those who cast aside
  This grace so freely given;
  They shall in sin and shame abide
  And to despair be driven.
  For born in sin, their works must fail,
  Their striving saves them never;
  Their pious acts do not avail,
  And they are lost forever,
  Eternal death their portion.

All that the mortal eye beholds
Is water as we pour it.
Before the eye of faith unfolds
The pow'r of Jesus' merit.
For here it sees the crimson flood
To all our ills bring healing;
The wonders of His precious blood
The love of God revealing,
Assuring His own pardon.

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Scripture Lessons for next Sunday: Exodus 33:12-23, Romans 12:6-16 and John 2:1-11.

**Stewardship:** Matthew 3:14 – "John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' "John is right. What Jesus is doing makes no sense! But this is the upside down, outlandish grace of God. The innocent Jesus takes our sinner's place. This is the greatest act of giving the world has ever known or will know. The Father gives His Son to die in the place of sinners.

**Thank you** for all of the prayers, cards, and gifts this Christmas. We are blessed to be here, and are grateful for each you this past year. Like Mary, we treasure these things and ponder them in our hearts. May the Lord bless and keep you in the coming year. ~ Pastor Koepp and family

Calendars are available for \$7. Please see Sherry Baker.

Building Healthy Families for January 10th: What is the strongest muscle in the human body in proportion to its size? Surprise! It's the tongue! As you gather with your family during these long winter days and nights, remember the power of the tongue described in James 3:5, The tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire!; and Proverbs 18:23, Death and life are in the power of the tongue. Words kill and words give life. They're either poison or fruit. You choose. ~ Lutheran Family Service of Iowa: Des Moines (515) 251-4900. www.LutheranFamilyService.org

Life Quote for January 10th: "The world needs your voice to declare Jesus' words of eternal life. The world needs your voice to declare God's value of life in all of its stages. The world needs your voice to declare God's convictions born of His Word. The world needs your voice to declare that God's word of forgiveness purchased with the blood of Jesus extends to all of us sinners, including those who have chosen abortion. The world needs your voice!" Rev. David Eibel, Living Word Lutheran Church, Grapevine, Texas ~ A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life www.lutheransforlife.org

Lutheran Hour Ministries for January 17th: Hear "Lost in Wonder, Love, and Praise!" based on Mark 3 by Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer. The word of Jesus turns us out from ourselves and our problems to the faith, hope, and love that He brings. ~ Listen next Sunday on 600 WMT at 6:30 a.m., 1190 KFJB at 8:30 a.m., WHO-1040 at 7:30 a.m., & 1410 KGRN at 7:30 a.m.

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Cleaning: Household(s) responsible for the week of 1/10—1/16 is **Honold**. Household(s) responsible for the week of 1/17—1/23 is **Huedepohl**. If it is your week to clean church & you have other obligations or prefer to write a check rather than cleaning, the cost is \$50. Please contact Amber Carnine (immanuelutheran@iowatelecom.net or 641-990-5985) no later than the Thursday of the week before it is your week to clean. **Cleaning Lists for next year are on the entryway table**.

**Snowbirds:** To those of you that "fly" south for the winter and would like your monthly newsletter mailed to you, please submit your address, date departing and date returning, to the church office. Even those that have submitted their address in the past, please do so again to make sure we have the correct address. The newsletter can also be read on our website at www.immanuelgrinnell.org.

**End of the year statements** will be mailed out this week. If you would like your statement emailed to you also, please let Amber know.

Installation of Officers and Newly Elected Board Members will be during next Sunday's service.

Confirmation Memory Work for January 13th

5th Grade--3rd Article & Meaning 7th Grade--1st Article & Meaning

#### **Celebrating Birthdays This Week**

Darlo Kelting...Wednesday Joel McDonough...Saturday

#### **Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays This Week**

Nick Smith...Today

We pray God's blessings upon you in the coming year.

#### Voters' Assembly after the service

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 17**

If you are not a member and desire to become one:

- 4.3.1 Definition: Voting members are communicants who have reached the age of 18 years and who have been received by the Voters' Assembly.
- 4.3.2 Reception: Applicants for voting membership shall have received a copy of the constitution and be given time to review it. They shall be received as voting members by presenting themselves at a meeting of the Voters' Assembly and signing the constitution

#### **ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS**

January 3, 2021

Attendance 35 Communion 29

General: \$11,715.00 Missions: \$50.00

January 6, 2021

Attendance -Communion 10
General: \$295.00

#### **WEEK AHEAD**

Today Council Meeting 8:00am 9:00am The Baptism of Our Lord 10:30am **Christian Education** Acolyte/Crucifier: Elizabeth/Finn 11:30am Monday **LWML** Tuesday 9:00am Winkle 4:15pm Board of Evangelism & Missions 5th Grade Confirmation Wednesday 4-5:30pm 7th Grade Confirmation 5:30-7pm Thursday 11:00am Bible Study Next Sunday 9:00am Second Sunday after the Epiphany Voters' Assembly 10:30am 10:30am Christian Education

Acolyte/Crucifier: Sloane/Dylan



MANAGE YOUR TIME WELL!
LIFELONG DISCIPLESHIP STARTS TODAY!

### THE 1% SOLUTION

Will you dedicate just 1% of your time to the

# SPIRITUAL WELFARE OF YOU AND YOUR FAMILY?



## In the Word & Prayer ... 1% of Every Day

Each day we live is a gift from the Lord. And He gives each of us the same amount of time each day: 1,440 minutes.

Will you use 14 of those minutes, just 1% of the time the Lord has given you each day, to read the Bible and pray?



### In Worship ... 1% of Every Week

If you get the full 8 hours of sleep the doctor recommends each night, that leaves 112 waking hours per week.

Will you spend just 1% of those hours to come to church each week and worship the Lord?

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