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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

1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He gives to you and me
2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;
3 The gifts of grace and peace From ab - so - lu - tion flow;
4 The gifts are there each day The ho - ly Word is read;

To be His Church, His bride, His cho - sen, saved and free!
New life He gives that makes Us His and His a - lone.
The pas - tor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know.
God's chil - dren lis - ten, hear, Re - ceive, and they are fed.



Saints blest with these rich gifts Are chil - dren who pro - claim
 Here He for - gives our sins With wa - ter and His Word;
 For - give - ness that we need Is grant - ed to us there;
 Christ fills them with Him - self, Blest words that give them life,

That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.
 The tri - une God Him - self Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.
 The Lord of mer - cy sends Us forth in His blest care.
 Re - stor - ing and re - fresh - ing Them for this world's strife.

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



Refrain

☐ The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

With joy will you draw wa - ter from the

wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that

day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,

make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -

claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done

glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the

earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -

hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the

Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Refrain
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son

and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will

be for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Reading

Isaiah 42:1–7

- 1 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.

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

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

C 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

1 Rise a-gain, ye li - on-heart-ed Saints of ear - ly Chris-ten-dom.
2 These the men by fear un-shak-en, Fac - ing dan-ger daunt-less-ly;
3 Great of heart, they know no turn-ing, Hon - or, gold, they laugh to scorn,
4 Would to God that I might e - ven As the mar-tyred saints of old,

Whith-er is your strength de-part-ed, Whith-er gone your mar-tyr-dom?
These no witch-ing lust hath tak-en, Lust that lures to van - i - ty.
Quench de-sires with-in them burn-ing, By no earth-ly pas-sion torn.
With the help-ing hand of Heav-en, Stead-fast stand in bat-tle bold!

Lo, love's light is on them, Glo - ry's flame up - on them,
Mid the roar and rat - tle Of tu - mult-u-ous bat - tle
Mid the li - ons' roar - ing Songs of praise out - pour - ing,
O my God, I pray Thee, In the com - bat stay me.

And their will to die doth quell E'en the lord and prince of hell.
In de - sire they soar a - bove All that earth would have them love.
Joy - ous - ly they take their stand On th' a - re - na's blood-y sand.
Grant that I may ev - er be Loy-al, staunch, and true to Thee. A-men.

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

C **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.**

Refrain

C Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.

Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.

Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

Refrain

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He

lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to

sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

Refrain

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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 ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

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

LSB 406

1 To Jor - dan came the Christ, our Lord, To do His
 2 O hear and mark the mes - sage well, For God Him -
 3 These truths on Jor - dan's banks were shown By might - y
 4 There stood the Son of God in love, His grace to

Fa - ther's plea - sure; Bap - tized by John, the Fa - ther's Word
 self has spo - ken. Let faith, not doubt, a - mong us dwell
 word and won - der. The Fa - ther's voice from heav'n came down,
 us ex - tend - ing; The Ho - ly Spir - it like a dove

Was giv - en us to trea - sure. This heav'n - ly wash - ing
 And so re - ceive this to - ken. Our Lord here with His
 Which we do well to pon - der: "This man is My be -
 Up - on the scene de - scend - ing; The tri - une God as -

now shall be A cleans - ing from trans - gres - sion
 Word en - dows Pure wa - ter, free - ly flow - ing.
 lov - ed Son, In whom My heart has plea - sure.
 sur - ing us, With prom - is - es com - pel - ling,

And by His blood and ag - o - ny Re - lease from death's
 God's Ho - ly Spir - it here a - vows Our kin - ship while
 Him you must hear, and Him a - lone, And trust in full -
 That in our Bap - tism He will thus A - mong us find

op - pres - sion. A new life now a - waits us.
 be - stow - ing The Bap - tism of His bless - ing.
 est mea - sure The word that He has spo - ken."
 a dwell - ing To com - fort and sus - tain us.

5 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."

6 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.

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

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD