

OUR WORSHIP TODAY, JANUARY 14TH, THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

GATHERING AND MEDITATION TIME

*Pre-Service Music, Welcome, and Announcements* - No Bible Study  
today – The Leveling of the Christmas Tree, Congregational Meeting

CONFESSONAL PRAYER

Pastor: We celebrate the season of Epiphany with joy, hope, love, and peace in our hearts. We realize the difficulties that we face, and the poor job we have done with our response Your Word. For that, dear Lord, we make our confession to you this day of Jesus' baptism.

**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, 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: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Go and sin no more, that the rest of your life might be pure and holy and modeled after our Lord Jesus in all we say and all we do, we pray and celebrate our Easter joy in His Holy Name. **Amen.**

**ENTRANCE HYMN:** #13 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY** (Unison):

**Lord, we humbly come to you today in thanks for your gift of the Holy Spirit we received at our baptism. May the saving waters of life always guide our hearts. Amen**

**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.**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 1:1-5 (ESV)**

The Creation of the World

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness.

God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

**PSALM: Psalm 29 (ESV)** (*Recited whole verse by whole verse – Congregation in **Bold***)

A Psalm of David. Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

**The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

**The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

**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: Romans 6:1-11 (ESV)**

Dead to Sin, Alive to God

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?

By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

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. 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.

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. For one who has died has been set free from sin.

Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11 (ESV)**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter.

**Glory to you Oh Lord.**

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.

I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

**The Baptism of Jesus**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you oh Christ!**

**SERMON: "The Importance of Baptism" Pastor Steve Dygert**

**SERMON HYMN: #324 Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine**

**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 – How Great Thou Art, vs 1,2,4 Dean Carson**

*After the consecration of the Offering, 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.**

**INSTALLATION OF ELECTED OFFICERS OF OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER, PREPARATION OF THE TABLE, WORDS OF INSTITUTION, THE DISTRIBUTION**

**THE COMMUNION BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN: #379 Children of the Heavenly Father**

**THE AARONIC BENEDICTION & 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

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.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** We have our Congregational Meeting today to approve our 2018 budget.

**RE-CREATIONS CONCERT:** Please sign up for helping us at the concert on the 27<sup>th</sup>

**FEBRUARY 4TH MUSIC SERVICE:** Please fill out the form on the bulletin, tear it off and put it in the collection plate for our special music concert on the first Sunday in February. Let's Celebrate!

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February 4<sup>th</sup> Music Concert

My favorite hymn in our hymnal is:



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