

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

INTROIT: PSALM 2:7-11, 12c (ESV)

- ⁷ I will tell of the decree:
The LORD said to me, "You are my Son;
today I have begotten you.
- ⁸ *Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.*
- ⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."
- ¹⁰ *Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.*
- ¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.
- ^{12c} *Blessed are all who take refuge in him.*

OPENING PRAYER

O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your Holy Word. We pray that You will open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and in death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake.

Amen.

#53: "AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD"

- 1 As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore be led by Thee.
- 2 As with joyful steps they sped,
Savior, to Thy lowly bed,
There to bend the knee before
Thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek Thy mercy seat.
- 3 As they offered gifts most rare
At Thy cradle, rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy,
Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.
- 4 Holy Jesus, ev'ry day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.
- 5 In the heav'nly country bright
Need they no created light;
Thou its light, its joy, its crown,
Thou its sun which goes not down;
There forever may we sing
Alleluias to our King.

CONFESSION OF SIN

"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, [God] is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:8-9).

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy and ask You for Christ's sake, grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE

*O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us!
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us!
O God the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us!*

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name, He gives power to become sons of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes, and is baptized, shall be saved. Grant this, LORD, to us all.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: GENESIS 1:1-5 (ESV)

¹ In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ² 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.

³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

GOSPEL LESSON: MARK 1:4-11 (ESV)

⁴ John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ 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. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ 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. ⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

CONFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

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, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from where He shall 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.

GLORIA PATRI

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Lane Lindseth

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING RESPONSE

*We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be.
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust O Lord from Thee. Amen.*

#270: "HE THAT BELIEVES AND IS BAPTIZED"

1 He that believes and is baptized
Shall see the Lord's salvation;
Baptized into the death of Christ,
He is a new creation;
Through Christ's redemption he shall stand
Among the glorious heav'nly band
Of ev'ry tribe and nation.

2 With one accord, O God, we pray:
Grant us Thy Holy Spirit;
Look Thou on our infirmity
Through Jesus' blood and merit!
Grant us to grow in grace each day
By holy baptism that we may
Eternal life inherit!

CHILDREN'S SERMON

EPISTLE LESSON: ROMANS 6:1-11 (ESV)

¹ What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?

³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ 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.

⁵ 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. ⁶ 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.

⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

SERMON: "YOU'RE STILL BAPTIZED"

#54: "O HOW BEAUTIFUL THE SKY"

1 O how beautiful the sky,
With the sparkling stars on high,
How they glitter, brightly gleaming,
How they twinkle, gladsome, beaming,
As they draw our hearts to heav'n,
As they draw our hearts to heav'n.

2 In the midst of Christmas night,
While the stars were shining bright,
Of a sudden, clear and radiant,
One appear'd and shone resplendent
With the lustre of the sun,
With the lustre of the sun.

3 Long ago it was foretold
By God's chosen men of old
When at midnight such a wonder
Did appear in heav'n up yonder,
Born should be a Savior King,
Born should be a Savior King.

4 Wise men by this star were led
To the Christ-child's lowly bed.
Guiding star, O may we heed thee,
May we know we ever need thee,
Lead us to our heav'nly King,
Lead us to our heav'nly King.

5 In His word did God provide
Such a star to be our guide.
Holy writ, the Gospel story,
Doth reveal to us the glory,
Leading onward, on to Christ,
Leading onward, on to Christ.

THE 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.

BENEDICTION (NUMBERS 6:24-26)

The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you.
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Amen.

THREE-FOLD AMEN

Amen. Amen. Amen.

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.*

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE THIS MORNING!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

<u>Wed., Jan. 13</u>	Bible study (1 Peter) (on site and via Zoom)	7:00 pm
<u>Sun., Jan. 17</u>	“Behold His Glory” KNOX 1310 AM Sunday school (preschool-adult) Divine worship	7:30 am 9:30 am 10:30 am

DATES TO REMEMBER

<u>Mon., Jan. 18</u>	Deacons meeting Council meeting	6:30 pm 7:00 pm
<u>Sun., Feb. 7</u>	Annual meeting following worship	

“I will need your reports into the office preferably Thursday, January 14th and no later than Thursday, January 21st. Thank you.” – Marilyn

Offering envelopes are now available. If you do not have envelopes but want them, please contact Marilyn or Beverly.

To those of you who ordered poinsettias if you wish to take them home, you can pick them up anytime.

Remember to pray for those who are hurting or sick, those who have lost a loved one, young families with children, our nation, the AFLC, members & friends of Trinity, Pastor Dan and Alicia Antal.

1/3 Attn: 38; Views: 39; Offering: \$2,650
1/17 Texts: 1 Samuel 3:1-10; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51