

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 8, 2012

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist

* = Stand

C = Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING HYMN** *Hail, O Source of Every Blessing* **409**

8:00 Peace Choristers *Sparkling Stars, Shining in the Night* N. Raabe

***INVOCATION AND GENERAL CONFESSION**

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

C: Amen. (Sung)

L: Almighty and Merciful Lord, by Your strong acts in Israel, by the word of Your prophets and priests, by the Incarnation, Life, Death and Resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

C: You have spoken to us, O Lord.

L: In the Burning Bush, in Pillars of Fire, on the Mount of Transfiguration, through Cloven Tongues on Pentecost, in the Star over Bethlehem,

C: Your light of salvation has brightened our world.

L: But we chose the darkness of sin;

C: We let Your lights flicker and waver.

L: Our comfortable silence muffles Your saving words of power.

C: So often we turn away from the joy of enlightening the world.

C: Forgive us, O Lord.

L: Where our witness has been dull and apathetic,

C: Pardon us, O Lord.

L: Where we have failed to use the talents given to us,

C: Absolve us, O Lord, according to Your mercy.

L: For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who rose again that Your saving light might shine among the nations,

C: Assure us of Your forgiveness and salvation. Amen.

***THE ABSOLUTION**

C: Amen. (Sung)

***THE GLORIA PATRI** (Taken from LSB, page 186)

C: 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. (Sung)

***THE KYRIE**

C: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. (Sung)

***THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

Taken from Lutheran Service Book pp. 187-189

(8:00 & 10:30)

Glory be to God on high, And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit. (Sung)

L: Let us pray.

C: Amen. (Sung)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING is from Genesis 1:1-5, page 1:

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The 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. ³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. (Sung)

THE EPISTLE is from Romans 6:1-11, pages 942-943:

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We 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. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We 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. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

***ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

C: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Sung)

*THE HOLY GOSPEL - The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter, verses 4-11, page 836:

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord. (Sung)

⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And 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. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And 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. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ. (Sung)

***THE 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, 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.

CHILDREN'S SONG (Sung as the children come forward) (8:00 & 10:30)

1. **Two little eyes to look to God, Two little ears to hear His Word,
Two little feet to walk His ways, Hands to serve Him all my days.**
2. **One little tongue to speak His truth, One little heart for Him in youth.
Take them, O Jesus, let them be Always willing, true to Thee.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (8:00 & 10:30)

Marilyn Wiesehan

HYMN OF THE DAY *To Jordan's River Came Our Lord*

405 (Tune: Puer Nobis)

THE SERMON

"Resurrection: Later and Now"

(Romans 6:1-11)

THE OFFERING - *During the offering all worshipers are asked to fill out the blue or ivory cards found in the pew rack. Please pass cards down to center aisle. They will be collected immediately after the offering.*

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***THE OFFERTORY** (LSB pg 192)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

NEW MEMBER WELCOME (5:00, 8:00, 9:20, 10:30)

2012 OFFICERS' INDUCTION (8:00)

***THE BENEDICTION**

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen, amen, amen. (Sung)**

***THE RECESSIONAL HYMN** *As We Go Our Homeward Ways*

1. **As we go our homeward ways, Guide us, gracious Savior,
Lead us by Your light always Let us never waver.
Here we saw You face to face; We'll be changed forever!
We will live within Your grace Throughout each endeavor!**
2. **Homeward Magi took Your course, For their safety given.
For direction, You're our source - Crib to cross to heaven!
Like the Magi, lead us, too, Angel-safe and guarded,
Far from Satan, close to You, On a path You've charted.**

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*SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE + + + + +

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson

Liturgist: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

Organist: Anna Horton Choir Dir.: Debbie Prange

NEWS AND NOTES:

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TODAY'S EDUCATION HOUR: 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Adult Bible Class (Lower Commons): Islam

Women's Bible Class (Office Conf. Rm.): led by Janice McCreary

Youth Bible Class: led by Christina Stackle, DCE

8th Grade Youth: led by Rick Goodman

7th Grade Youth: led by Greg Wirtel

POINSETTIAS may be picked up following services today, or during the coming week.

NEW ALTAR FLOWER ORDERS may now be placed for the coming year, starting with Sunday, January 15. Contact Marion Weihe

EPIPHANY service today, 3 PM, at the Seminary.

THE COUPLES' CLUB asks you, starting at 1:00 p.m. today, to assist in un-decorating the sanctuary. Also, mark your calendar and join them for Family Game Night & Pot Luck Dinner, Sun., Jan. 15 at 5:00 p.m. at Church. Please bring a dish / dessert to share. RSVP to June Seiller.

2012 MEN'S CLUB GIFTS & DONATIONS - Written requests for funds/donations are **due by January 15th**. Submit requests to Rich Behnke.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES for those interested in joining Peace or wishing to audit, to be held on Thurs., 6:30-8:00 p.m., starting Jan. 19. A sign-up sheet is posted, or indicate registration on your attendance card today.

THANK YOU to all involved in making Christmas much happier for 44 families (110 people) this year. Your generosity is overwhelming! God's blessings as we celebrate Jesus, the only gift the World cannot live without.-J. Sorth, Social Cmt.

GPLS PROSPECTIVE PARENTS "MEET & GREET" Jan. 12 (11:30-1:00) and Jan. 18 (8:30-10:30). - Katy Schmitt, GPLS Admissions Counselor

LIFE MINISTRY TEAM volunteers needed. - Sandi Akers

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY "Kick Off" Sun., Jan. 22, 11:30 in the Lower Commons. Bring appetizers, cheese ball, veggies/dip, fruit & desserts to share.

MEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY next meets, with John Wiesehan leading, Thurs., Jan. 19, downstairs in the Lower Commons from 6:00 a.m.-7:00 a.m. The group is open to all interested in attending, including non-members.

2011 financial statements for IRS purposes, to be in mail slots no later than 1/22.

LADIES GUILD (LWML) Thurs., Jan. 19, 12:30 p.m., with dessert / coffee at noon. Speaker: Christina Stackle, DCE. See LWML display in Commons.

MISSION OUTREACH JAN. 29th DINNER / CONCERT / *AUCTION -Tickets are available today. Join us for a delicious dinner, silent auction, Alaska presentation and concert by the Barn Again Gang.

*AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED - Anyone willing to donate items for the Mission dinner/concert/auction, please contact Maureen Bryan, 892-3906.

TRIVIA NIGHT, Jan. 21, 7 PM, to support Camp Wartburg. Posted.

2011 average weekend worship attendance was 874, with 43 confirmations, 41 baptisms, 15 weddings, and 31 funerals during the year. 85 new members (not counting infant baptisms and Jr. Confirmation) were received by transfer, confirmation, and profession of faith.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 8, 2012:

Today: 9:15 College Ready Session

1:00 PLAA B-ball

Mon: 9:30 Berean Careciples

5:00 Glocken Ringers

5:00 GP B-ball

6:15 Celebration Ringers

6:30 GP B-ball

7:00 PLAA Sr. Youth B-ball

Tue: 9:00 Quilters

5:30 CYC/GP 2nd & 3rd Grade B-ball

6:00 Early Childhood CPR Training

6:30 Men's Volleyball

7:00 Eagle Scout Board of Review

7:00 Alleluia Ringers

Wed: 10:00 Anna Fellowship

4:00 7/8 gr. Conf. Class

4:00 5/6 gr. Conf. Class

5:30 Chantichor

6:00 Bear Cub Scouts

6:00 Early Childhood CPR Training

7:00 Wednesday Bible Study

Thu: 9:00 Mary/Martha Bible Study

5:00 GP B-ball

6:00 St. Trinity Cemetery Board

6:30 ESL Classes

7:00 ZUMBA

7:30 Chancel Choir

Sat: 8:00 PLAA B-ball

9:00 Brass Choir

5:00 Worship Service w/Communion

Sun: 9:15 College Ready Session

11:30 Youth Board Meeting

1:00 PLAA B-ball

5:00 Couples Club Pot-Luck & Game Nite