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Worship:

Saturday: 6:15 p.m.

Sunday: 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. *(Located in the church basement)*

Sunday Morning Fellowship: 10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Class: 10:45 a.m.

Office Hours:

Monday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.;

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.; *(12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Lunch)*

Friday, 9 a.m. – Noon

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From the Pastor

Grace, mercy and peace to you all from God our Father through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

I pray that you all are well and safe. Continue practicing patience during this confusing time. Keep watch over and stay in contact with family, friends and fellow workers. Simply stay busy doing that which is good and pleasing in the sight of God.

With the COVID vaccine now being administered, we will continue to keep you updated as when we can increase the number of people in attendance. Until God keep you in the one true faith till life everlasting.

I am including activities and learning suggestions for you and your children of all ages. I hope this will deepen your appreciation and understand of the Divine Service.

For younger children

*Word Search: **Baptism***

[Underline or highlight this word or phrase throughout the Divine Service]

A Sunday School lesson can be found at our website: www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org

5th graders and older: Mark the service with directional arrows [↗] as to show what direction the interaction between God, us and with each other is taking place. Use these symbols to indicate our posture during the service [| - standing in respect; ⊔ - kneeling to receive a blessing or show respect; ⊞ - humbly sitting to receive from the Lord].

The coloring page can be saved in Paint 3D for your children and you to color on the computer screen.

Also, have those who can read, answer the questions found throughout the Divine Service. They can highlight or underline the answers usually found above the questions.

For older children especially those who are in or have in the past studied Luther's Small Catechism

Where is this found in the Luther's Small Catechism? Put *LSC* in the margin and the section [*Ten Commandments, Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Office of the Keys, or the Lord's Supper*] of the catechism where this teaching can be found. [*ex: LSC-Baptism*]

A Bible Study on one of the lessons can be found at our website: www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org

Adults/parents

You may find this helpful to do the above also, even the drawing and coloring. For the youngest of your children, draw a cross or a picture, if your talent so allows, anywhere in the Divine Service and let your little ones color them.

Another exercise you can do is to journal your thoughts on the Word and the following service. Each day read through a section and journal your thoughts and/or insights you may have. If you know to insert and use “Text Box” that is a good way to do it. You may also go to “References” and use “Foot Note” to record your thoughts or insight.

Registering for afterschool Catechizing Classes

With public schools going to remote learning and Vision Way still offering full day classes, the afterschool catechizing classes are going to take on a new look. Remote learning without video capabilities will be offered for those who register for remote learning. Small group sessions can be arranged pending the students’ schedule. Once you know their schedules let me know.

Contact the church office to register or if you have any questions.

God bless, keep and increase your faith in Christ as you now read, mark and inwardly digest His Word.

Pass It On

From the office of the Central Illinois District LCMS

For 1st Sunday after Epiphany: January 10, 2021

Soon we in this country will see another presidential inauguration. These have occurred every four years. Each president has left his inauguration fully authorized for his office. Usually, a big crowd gathers to see the event. Even without a crowd, though, the authorization would still occur.

In our church service this coming Sunday, we will focus on the baptism of Jesus. In some ways, this event resembles a presidential inauguration. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke offer details about the crowd, or the conversation between Jesus and John the Baptizer. However, Mark’s account concentrates on Jesus and His authorization from God. It says:

“And it happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. And when He came up from the water, immediately He saw the heavens split open and the Spirit coming down on Him as a dove. And there was a voice from heaven, ‘You are my beloved Son. In You I am well-pleased’” (Mark 1:9-11).

With this event, the story of Jesus begins in Mark. He is the eternal Son of God, certainly qualified to be the Messiah. Now He enters upon His office. God the Father was pleased with Him and what He is doing.

He does not waste time. He gets right to work. Later He said, "I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished!" (Luke 12:50). There, He was speaking of His death.

What began when Jesus was baptized in the Jordan eventually ended on the cross. Jesus died as the Lamb of God, taking away the sin of the world (John 1:29).

The split-open heavens at Jesus' baptism showed what was happening. When He bears your sin, God opens heaven for you.

WORSHIP FOLDER
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
United with Christ
January 10, 2021

As We Gather

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. Such a day is also a good time to remember our own Baptism. In Baptism, we are buried with Christ. We are united with Him in a death like His. In Baptism, we are also raised to new life as re-creations. As we are united to Christ in death, we will also be united with Him in resurrection when He returns and raises the dead.



Order of Divine Service III LSB 184

Opening Hymn *"Baptized into Your Name Most Holy"* **LSB 590**

- 1 Baptized into Your name most holy,
 O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,
 Among Your saints, Your chosen host.
Buried with Christ and dead to sin,
Your Spirit now shall live within.

- 2 My loving Father, here You take me
 To be henceforth Your child and heir.
My faithful Savior, here You make me
 The fruit of all Your sorrows share.
O Holy Spirit, comfort me
When threat'ning clouds around I see.

3 My faithful God, You fail me never;
Your promise surely will endure.
O cast me not away forever
If words and deeds become impure.
Have mercy when I come defiled;
Forgive, lift up, restore Your child.

4 All that I am and love most dearly—
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely;
Help me Your faithful child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own
Serve any will but Yours alone.

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C **Amen.**

We hear these spoken at our Baptism.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

What gift did God give us at our Baptism that we need every day?

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Introit

- P Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights.
- C **I will tell of the decree:**
The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.
- P Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.
- C **You shall break them with a rod of iron**
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”
- P Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.
- C **Serve the LORD with fear,**
and rejoice with trembling,
- P for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.
- 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.

Whom is the Father speaking about?

Kyrie *LSB 186*

- C **Lord, have mercy upon us.**
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 187*

- P Glory be to God on high:
- C **and on earth peace, goodwill 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, heav’nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that 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.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

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.**

What are we asking God to do for us?

Old Testament Reading Genesis 1:1–5

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.**

What did God use to create the world?

Psalm

P ¹Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

C ³**The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over many waters.**

⁴**The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

P ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

C ⁷**The voice of the LORD
flashes forth flames of fire.**

⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

P ⁹The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth
and strips the forests bare,
and in his temple all cry, “Glory!”
C ¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**
¹¹**May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!**

What can the voice of God do?

Epistle Romans 6:1–11

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. C **Thanks be to God.**

What did Christ do with us at our Baptism?

Verse Mark 1:11b

P Alleluia. You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.
C **Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel Mark 1:4–11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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 opening 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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Name the three persons of the Trinity revealed at Jesus' Baptism.

Highlight all the words and phrases that describe our Baptism.

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 T everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day “All Who Believe and Are Baptized” *LSB 601*

- 1 All who believe and are baptized
Shall see the Lord's salvation;
Baptized into the death of Christ,
They are a new creation.
Through Christ's redemption they shall stand
Among the glorious, heav'nly band
Of ev'ry tribe and nation.
- 2 With one accord, O God, we pray:
Grant us Your Holy Spirit.

Help us in our infirmity
Through Jesus' blood and merit.
Grant us to grow in grace each day
That by this sacrament we may
Eternal life inherit.

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Sermon *“Two Important Baptisms” Mark 1:4–11*

Introduction:

There are two very important Baptisms in our lives. The first one is Christ's. The second one is our own.

I. Christ's

Christ's baptism is important in many ways. It signaled the beginning of His public ministry. From that day on, Christ went through the land preaching, teaching and healing. As the Word made flesh, He brought the Word to the people. It is said that He taught with authority. And the people listened to Him.

We have His Word. And through this Word come the Holy Spirit to create a saving faith in our hearts. It is a living Word. It is an active Word. Through it God brings us life and salvation. So, the Baptism of Christ marks the beginning of Christ's work as a prophet. His baptism also declares Him to be a priest. The next day after Christ's baptism John points to Him and says, “Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” And this is what Christ would do. He would as a high priest offer Himself as the Lamb who pay for the sins of the world.

He would do this at the cross. There the wrath of God was poured down upon Him. It would be His life that would pay for our sins. It would be His blood poured out for us that would cleanse us of our sins.

Three days later He would rise. He would ascend into heaven to be our King. The work assigned Him at His Baptism.

His Baptism is important for on that day we hear the Father announcing that Jesus is His Son. He declared that He was well pleased with His Son for what He would do for the children of God.

II. Ours

At our Baptism, we hear God declare us to be His children. In the words spoken at our baptism, we hear “I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. The

Father declares us to be His own.

We are united with the Son, Jesus Christ. He unites us to Himself at the cross. There our sins are paid for. There His blood cleanses us from sin. There we die to sin and sin has no power over us.

He also unites us to His resurrection. Thus when He forgives us our sins, we are raised up as a new man to serve our Lord, King and Savior. We are raised up to live and reign with our King forever.

Thus the Holy Spirit works through the Word to bring us saving faith, forgiveness of sins, and everlasting life. He comes into our hearts there to live and dwell. Christ Himself enters into our hearts there to live and dwell, also.

And with their presences in our hearts, we can call upon Him in repentance to forgive our sins and strengthen our faith to trust and serve Him all the days of our lives and forever in His heavenly kingdom.

Conclusion:

The Baptism of Christ and our own Baptism is of great importance. Both bring to us the peace and the assurance of our salvation in Christ.

T AMEN T

- P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
C **Amen.**

Offertory *LSB 192*

- C **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.**

Prayer of the Church

- P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
Dear heavenly Father, in the Jordan River, You revealed Jesus to be Your beloved Son. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,
C **reveal Your grace to us.**
P Lord, strengthen all those who have been baptized, especially those who have been baptized recently, with Your heavenly protection. Lead them to find their true

identity in You as Your beloved sons and daughters. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

C reveal Your grace to us.

P Lord, comfort all those who are suffering in grief, [*especially . . .*]. Console them with the sure and certain hope that just as we have been united with Christ in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

C reveal Your grace to us.

P Lord, give courage to all those who live in conflict with their family members, especially regarding differences of faith. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

C reveal Your grace to us.

P Lord, bless all pastors, church planters, missionaries, and servants in Your Church who proclaim Your Word and administer Your Sacraments. Embolden them to seek and to save the lost and bring those who have strayed back into Your family. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

C reveal Your grace to us.

P Lord, place Your healing hand upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially . . .*]. Have mercy upon them, and lead them on the path to health according to Your will. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

C reveal Your grace to us.

P Lord, we commend all these things to You in the name of Your beloved Son, Jesus. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

C reveal Your grace to us.

Lord's Prayer LSB 196

P 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.

C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hymns

“Thy Strong Word” LSB 578

1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
At Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee,
While Thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia without end!

2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,
 Dark as night and deep as death,
 Broke the light of Thy salvation,
 Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.
Alleluia, alleluia!
 Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia without end!

3 Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;
 Bright with Thine own holiness,
 Glorious now, we press toward glory,
 And our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia, alleluia!
 Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia without end!

4 From the cross Thy wisdom shining
 Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
 From the cross forever beameth
 All Thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia, alleluia!
 Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia without end!

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
 Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
 Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
 Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!
 May the light which Thou dost send
 Fill our songs with alleluias,
 Alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
 To Thee laud and honor be.
 To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
 Praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
 Glory, glory be to Thee.

Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity!

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“O Blessed Spring” **LSB 595**

- 1 O blessed spring, where Word and sign
Embrace us into Christ the Vine:
Here Christ enjoins each one to be
A branch of this life-giving Tree.

- 2 Through summer heat of youthful years,
Uncertain faith, rebellious tears,
Sustained by Christ’s infusing rain,
The boughs will shout for joy again.

- 3 When autumn cools and youth is cold,
When limbs their heavy harvest hold,
Then through us, warm, the Christ will move
With gifts of beauty, wisdom, love.

- 4 As winter comes, as winters must,
We breathe our last, return to dust;
Still held in Christ, our souls take wing
And trust the promise of the spring.

- 5 Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree,
Be praised for this blest mystery:
That Word and water thus revive
And join us to Your Tree of Life.

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Nunc Dimittis *LSB 199*

- C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the
face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
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.**

Benediction *LSB 202*

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.
- C** **Amen, amen, amen.**

Closing Hymn “Take My Life and Let It Be” *LSB 783*

- 1 Take my life and let it be
 Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
 Take my moments and my days,
 Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

- 2 Take my hands and let them move
 At the impulse of Thy love;
 Take my feet and let them be
 Swift and beautiful for Thee.

- 3 Take my voice and let me sing
 Always, only for my King;
 Take my lips and let them be
 Filled with messages from Thee.

- 4 Take my silver and my gold,
 Not a mite would I withhold;
 Take my intellect and use
 Ev’ry pow’r as Thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it Thine,
 It shall be no longer mine;
 Take my heart, it is Thine own,
 It shall be Thy royal throne.

- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
 At Thy feet its treasure store;
 Take myself, and I will be
 Ever, only, all for Thee.

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