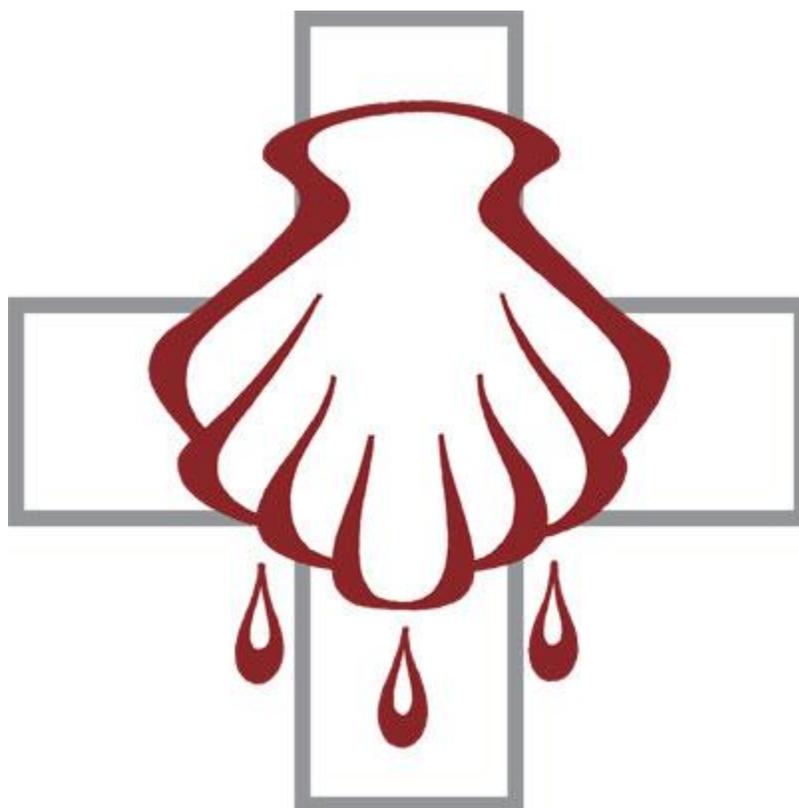


THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 10, 2016

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PRAYER, MEDITATION and MUSIC

WELCOME

Stand

HYMN OF INVOCATION

“Amazing Grace”

LSB 744

INVOCATION

LSB 184

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

C Amen.

EXHORTATION

LSB 184

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.)

CONFESSION OF SINS *(Kneel)*

LSB 184

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.

ABSOLUTION

LSB 185

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING VERSICLES (*Stand*)

LSB 219

ANTIPHON (COMMON)

LSB 220

VENITE

LSB 220

ANTIPHON (COMMON)

LSB 221

*Sit***OLD TESTAMENT READING***Isaiah 43:1–7*

¹But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you.⁴Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. ⁵Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you.⁶I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE CHOIR ANTHEM

“I Have Called You by Your Name” (Eilers)

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the third chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 3:15–22

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will

baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother’s wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and 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.

RESPONSORY

Common

LSB 221

Sit

HYMN

The Water Flows

The water flows from heav'n above, and with it comes God's gift of love; And, like His Word, it does His will, His promised graces to fulfill.

*Alone, the water sustains grain until the harvest comes again;
But, with God's Word, it brings new life, and frees His foes from sin-filled strife.*

The water flowed o'er Jesus' head when to the Jordan He was led. From heav'n the Father spoke above, "You are My Son, the One I love."

Alone, the water cleanses skin, but cannot touch the sin within; But with God's Word a baptism makes, forgiving us for Jesus' sake.

The water flows---oh, precious stream---in Jesus' death us to redeem. Lord, flow through us with holy love, until we join the saints above.

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SERMON

“Great Expectations” *(based on the Gospel reading)*

A CHORAL BENEDICTION (Besig)

HYMN TO DEPART “Be Thou My Vision”

BOTB 20

1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

3. Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

4. High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

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Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor James Hageman

Organist: Steve Kohlmeier

Altar Guild: (8:00 a.m.; 10:45 a.m.;

6:30 p.m. Elaine Fortner

Attendance:

12/24/15	6:30 p.m.	51	12/27/15	8:00 a.m.	50
	11:00 p.m.	135		10:45 a.m.	68
12/25/15	9:00 a.m.	59	1/3/16	8:00 a.m.	64
				10:45 a.m.	78
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