
THE DIVINE SERVICE

OF THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD + 12 JANUARY 2020



The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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“A Church where God gives and we receive”

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Welcome to our Divine Service! We are pleased that you are with us.

*The entire service, including the **rubrics** of when to sit and when to stand and what to say, is printed out in this folder so you may follow along.*

Worship Notes

Thoughts to Ponder Before the Divine Service

Welcome to weekly Divine Service at The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church! We are a congregation that confesses the Holy Bible as inerrant, that justification is by faith according to the Holy Bible and confessed in the 1580 Book of Concord. God bless you.

To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. Please introduce yourself to our pastor. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world. If you are looking for a church home and would like to know about our beliefs and practice, please see the pastor. He will be happy to visit with you at your convenience. *Please see our statement on Holy Communion on p. 14.*

Synod Sentences for **The Baptism of Our Lord - In His Baptism, Jesus Takes His Place with Sinners**



Our Lord Jesus is baptized “to fulfill all righteousness” (Matt. 3:13–17). He partakes of a baptism for sinners in order that He might be our substitute and bear the judgment we deserve. In the water, Jesus trades places with us. Our sin becomes His sin. His righteousness becomes our righteousness. Our glory, therefore, is in “*Christ Jesus, who became to us...righteousness and sanctification and redemption*” (1 Cor. 1:26–31). Jesus is the “*chosen*” One sent from the Father to release us from the prison house of sin and death (Is. 42:1–7). Baptized into Christ, we also become the chosen ones, beloved of the Father. We cross the Jordan with Jesus (Joshua 3) through death into the promised land of new life with God.

PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH *Lord God, heavenly Father, You looked upon Your Son at His Baptism and announced Your approval, so too You looked upon me at my Baptism and pronounced Your approval as You gave me new birth through the forgiveness of my sins and made me Your child and heir. Keep me in my baptismal grace until I behold You face to face. In the name of Your beloved Son I pray. Amen*

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Upon entering the nave, silence should be observed in order to allow all to prayerfully prepare for the presence of the LORD and the reception of His gifts.

The Only Son from Heaven


Mark Knickelbein (b. 1985)

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation

837 Lift High the Cross


Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till




all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied
4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,

Refrain



Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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Stand

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



Crucifixion in Blue, Paul Clark

Invocation

- 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.**

Kneel/Stand

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

Confession of Sins

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.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 89:1, 26–28; antiphon: Liturgical Text; Psalm 89:20

Behold the Lord, the ruler, has come,*
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his hand.

I have found David, my | servant;*
 with my holy oil I have a- | nointed him.
*I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, for- | ever;**
 with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all gener- | ations.
 He shall cry to me, "You are my | Father,*
 my God, and the Rock of my sal- | vation."
 And I will make him the | firstborn,*
 the highest of the kings | of the earth.
 My steadfast love I will keep for him for- | ever,*
 and my covenant will stand | firm for him.

Gloria Patri

LSB 186



C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie

LSB 186



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

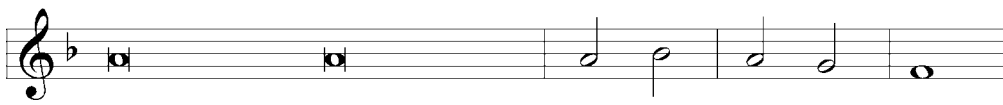
LSB 187



P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



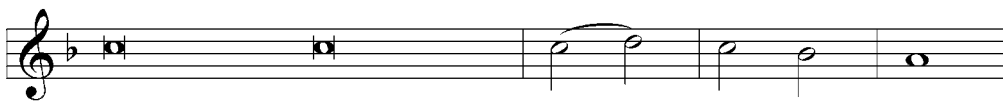
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



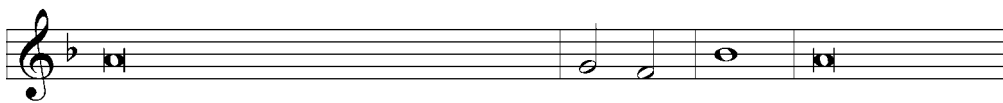
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



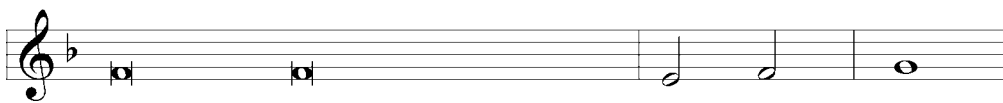
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P 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 A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Joshua 3:1-3, 7-8, 13-17

¹Then Joshua rose early in the morning and they set out from Shittim. And they came to the Jordan, he and all the people of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over. ²At the end of three days the officers went through the camp ³and commanded the people, "As soon as you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God being carried by the Levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place and follow it. . . .

⁷The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. ⁸And as for you, command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, 'When you come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.'" . . .

¹³"And when the soles of the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the

Jordan shall be cut off from flowing, and the waters coming down from above shall stand in one heap.”

¹⁴So when the people set out from their tents to pass over the Jordan with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, ¹⁵and as soon as those bearing the ark had come as far as the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the brink of the water (now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest), ¹⁶the waters coming down from above stood and rose up in a heap very far away, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, and those flowing down toward the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. And the people passed over opposite Jericho. ¹⁷Now the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firmly on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all Israel was passing over on dry ground until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan.

P The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 72:18–19

Blessèd be the LORD, the God of | Israel,
who alone does | wondrous things.*

Blessèd be his glorious name for- | ever;
may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and | Amen!*

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:26–31

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

P The Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,



being of one substance with the Father,
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
 whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

405 To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The Christ, whom
 2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The Son of
 3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And John bap -
 4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came God's own

heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The God from God, the
 God in flesh dis - guised— To stand be - neath the
 tized the Lamb of God, The Ho - ly Spir - it,
 voice with words pro - found: "This is My Son," was



Light from Light, The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.
Fa - ther's will And all His righ - teous - ness ful - fill.
heav'n - ly dove, De - scend - ed on Him from a - bove.
His de - cree, "The one I love, who pleas - es Me."

5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight
Anointed Christ in glorious sight
As God's own choice, from Adam's fall
To save the world and free us all.

6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;
This man is Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan's stream,
Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.



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Sermon

Pr von Hindenburg

Votum

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

C Amen.

Offering

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it
 from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-
 tion, and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A-men.

Prayer of the Church

Response to petitions is, 'Lord, have mercy'.

- ☐ Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence (In Christian freedom, you may kneel, stand, or sit during the Prayer.)

For all the baptized, that having been united to Christ's death and resurrection through water and the Word, the people of God may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit and equipped with His gifts to live the new life given to them by God's gracious act, let us pray to the Lord:

- ☐ For the Church, that in every place where God's people are called and gathered by His Spirit, they may be enlightened by His Word and sanctified by His grace for holy living and a life of good works to glorify Him, let us pray to the Lord:
- ☐ For this community of faith and our unity of confession, witness and mercy work, that the Lord may bless us with faithful pastors to preach God's Word and faithful parish leaders to guide us in the fulfillment of all that God has given us to do, let us pray to the Lord:
- ☐ For the agencies and institutions of our Synod and the mission work we have agreed to do together, that God may bless and prosper the training of church workers, the sending forth of missionaries, and the publication of faithful materials for catechism and worship as He humbles our hearts to be accountable one to another, let us pray to the Lord:
- ☐ For the nation and those who govern, that our leaders may be people of integrity and that we may be good citizens together, wisely using all the resources God has supplied for purposes consistent with His Word and purpose in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

- P** For grateful hearts, that we may receive the blessing of Christ's body and blood to our benefit and manifest in our daily lives the righteousness of faith, and that God may hasten the day when all earthly divisions will cease and we will be one people in doctrine and fellowship, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For those who have been marked with God's name in Baptism but have fallen away from the faith, that we may speak with courage and compassion the saving Word of God to them, and that they may be restored to faith and life within this assembly and kept blameless until Christ's return in glory, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For the poor, the hungry and the homeless, *especially Abai, Charlotte, James, Lucy, Martin, Susan, and Tuomo*, that we may remember them in prayer, support them with the resources God has supplied us, and encourage them to remain faithful in every adversity of life, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For all noble vocations and worthy callings, that we may use the talents and skills supplied to us by the Lord in ways that honor Him, serve our neighbor and glorify His holy name, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For those who suffer depression and illness of the mind, *especially Abai, Lucy, and Michele* that they may be comforted in their anxiety, given peace and comfort in their fears, and be renewed in hope through the Good News of Christ crucified and risen, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For the sick, that God would grant healing for their bodies and according to His will and strength to bear the infirmities they suffer, *especially Alice, Bonnie, Charles, Clinton, Dalton, David, Debra, Deneice, Ed, Gerald, Irmgard, James, Janice, Jod, Johnathan, Katheryn, Lynette, Marc, Maria, Marie, Marilyn, Marion and her family, Marjorie, Martin, Philip, Royce, and Stephen*, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For those who mourn, that God would grant them comfort in their time of sorrow and encourage them with the hope of everlasting life with those whom they loved who have departed this life in faith, *especially Anita and Clinton*, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** O merciful Lord, grant that we may have confidence in the promise given to us in our Baptism into Christ and trust You to provide answer to the prayers we bring to You this day. And when the Last Day comes, bring us into the joy of Your everlasting light and life through the merits and mercies of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.



Service of the Sacrament

PASTORAL CARE AND HOLY COMMUNION: At The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Altar every Lord's Day. In this Sacrament, we joyfully receive Christ's true Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins.

As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public confession of our unity in the Christian faith (1 Cor. 10). Members in good standing of congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and congregations in which the LCMS is in Altar/Pulpit fellowship are asked to announce themselves to the pastor prior to the service. All others are invited to speak with the pastor regarding preparation for communion fellowship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Those who are baptized but not receiving communion are invited to come forward for a blessing, kneeling with arms crossed at your heart.

Please be assured that we do so not out of spiritual arrogance, but rather in a sincere desire to be faithful to our Lord's command and the apostles' teaching. For more information, please take one of the trifold brochures in the Narthex entitled, "Why?" Sacraments and Closed Communion. For scriptural reference regarding our Communion practice, please see the laminated cards located in the hymnal/Bible holder on the back of the pew.

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

LSB 194

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

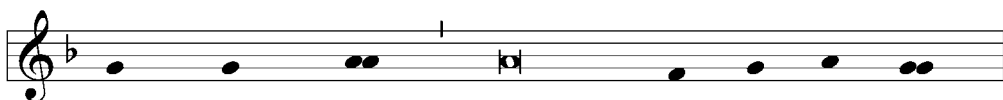


P Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,

...

...

...



temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197



P Our Lord Je - sus Christ, on the night when He was be - trayed, took bread,

... ..



This do, as often as you drink it, in re - mem - brance of Me.”

Pax Domini

LSB 197



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the

world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

Sit

Distribution

Responses when receiving the true body and very blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and when your table is dismissed are:

LSB 199

Amen, Amen, and Amen.

When all have communed, you will be invited to stand, and the following is said:

The Dismissal

LSB 199

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-

cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

B and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Salutation

LSB 201



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

LSB 202



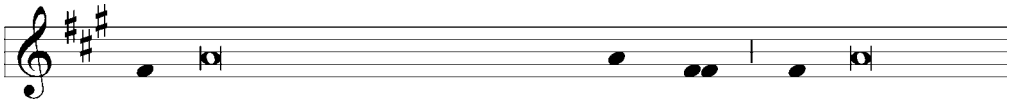
A Bless we the Lord.



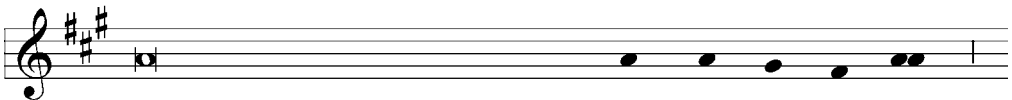
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

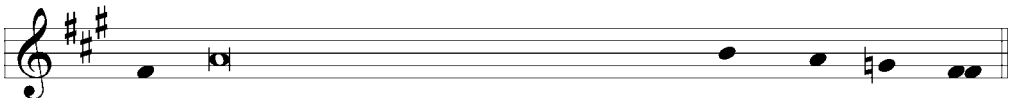
LSB 202



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn to Depart

602 The Gifts Christ Freely Gives



1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He gives to you and me
2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;
3 The gifts of grace and peace From ab - so - lu - tion flow;
4 The gifts are there each day The ho - ly Word is read;



To be His Church, His bride, His cho - sen, saved and free!
New life He gives that makes Us His and His a - lone.
The pas - tor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know.
God's chil - dren lis - ten, hear, Re - ceive, and they are fed.



Saints blest with these rich gifts Are chil - dren who pro - claim
Here He for - gives our sins With wa - ter and His Word;
For - give - ness that we need Is grant - ed to us there;
Christ fills them with Him - self, Blest words that give them life,



That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.
The tri - une God Him - self Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.
The Lord of mer - cy sends Us forth in His blest care.
Re - stor - ing and re - fresh - ing Them for this world's strife.

5 The gifts are in the feast,
Gifts far more than we see;
Beneath the bread and wine
Is food from Calvary.
The body and the blood
Remove our ev'ry sin;
We leave His presence in
His peace, renewed again.



6 All glory to the One
Who lavishes such love;
The triune God in love
Assures our life above.
His means of grace for us
Are gifts He loves to give;
All thanks and praise for His
Great love by which we live!



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As the postlude is played, all are invited to follow Pastor down the center aisle to the narthex as we greet one another there.

To Jordan Came the Christ Our Lord

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

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Parish Announcements

+ Christian Education +

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD—*"Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You. Blessed are You, O Lord! Teach me Your statutes."* (Psalm 119:11-12.)
Each week the faithful gather to receive the Word of their Lord.

In addition to our **Divine Service** on Sunday at 10 am, and **Matins** on Tuesday at 11 am, we have opportunities to gather and study God's Holy Word:

Adult Bible Classes: Sunday at 8:30 and Tuesday at 11:30

Sunday School (ages 3+): Sunday at 8:30

Confirmation and Membership Classes: As requested

☞ *Matins will resume this Tuesday!* ☞

STEWARDSHIP

Offerings for January 5:

Attendance:

Adult Bible Class/SS Attendance: 7



**There will be a Council Meeting on
Sunday, January 19, after the *Amani*.**



Upcoming Birthdays in January

16: Alice

21: Beverly

26: Richard



ALL WOMEN OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD are invited to our quarterly LWML meeting on Sunday, January 26. We will begin with **a soup and**

dessert potluck in the Assembly Room after the worship service, followed by a short Bible Study and meeting. Afterward, we will find out who has been our special Secret Sister during 2019 and then choose a new one for 2020! As our numbers are few at The Good Shepherd, we sincerely hope more of you will join us to better know our Lord and each other, share His love, and

support the work of worldwide missions. If you would like to make a soup or dessert for our potluck, please **contact Gayle** by the 22nd. Call or ask Gayle for further information about LWML also, and/or see our bulletin board and handouts in the narthex. We hope you will join us on the 26th!



As John is preaching like this and baptizing, as St. Matthew goes on to say, Jesus comes to him at the Jordan from Galilee and desires to be baptized [Matt. 3:13]. How marvelously backward this is! The Pharisees and scribes who were full of sin and condemnation deny they have any sin. They know nothing of repentance and refuse to be baptized. On the other hand, there is Christ, who is without any sin and who alone bears the distinction of having Christ, who is without any sin and who alone bears the distinction of having never sinned.

But why does He come to be baptized, seeing that He is without any sin or impurity for Baptism to take away? What a blessed Baptism that must be! Here John gets a sinner who has no sin so far as His own person is concerned, and yet He is the greatest sinner, who has and bears the sin of the world. That is why He, too, undergoes Baptism and confesses by that deed that He is a sinner—not with respect to Himself, but with respect to us. For here He steps into my person and yours and stands in the place of all of us who are sinners. And since no one admits to being a sinner, especially not the proud saints, it is necessary that He become a sinner for all. He assumes the form of sinful flesh, and in His suffering on the cross, as many psalms testify, He laments the burden of the sins that He bears. . . .

[Christ] comes to be a sinner as Isaiah 53 [6] says: "The Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all." For since we (the prophet says) "all like sheep have gone astray" [Isa. 53:6], God found this remedy: He took the sins of all human beings and hung them all around the neck of Him who alone was without sin. He thus becomes a great sinner—indeed, the greatest sinner of all and the only sinner on earth—so that there is no other. For the text says that the Lord has laid on Him the sins of us all.

Because He has become the Sinner who has all of our sin placed upon Him, He truly does need Baptism and must be baptized for the forgiveness of sins—not with respect to His own person, which is innocent and spotless, but for the sake of us, whose sins He bears. He plunges them into His Baptism and washes them away from Himself (that is, He washes them from us, since He has stepped into our person) so that they must be drowned and die in His Baptism. . . .

Therefore, He is both the greatest and only sinner on earth, for He bears the sins of the whole world, and also the only righteous and holy One, since no one is made righteous and holy before God except through Him.

Excerpted from Luther's Works, vol. 58, pages 44–45.



We Pray For . . .

Abai: *friend of Pr&K* – peace of mind, clarity, direction (K)

Alice – recovering from surgery

Bonnie: *Pr's cousin* - liver cancer

Charles: *Pr's brother* – heart issues

Charlotte: *Jamesetta's mother, wife of Pr. Kollie* – financial, strength (L)

Clinton – recovering from surgery; grieving

The Conrad Family – *our missionaries in Mexico*

Cynthia – our TGSLC shut-in

Dalton – chronic sciatica

David - DD shut-in

Debra: *Jod's cousin* - recovering from cancer

The DeGroot Family and St. Andrew's Lutheran Church – *our missionaries in Albuquerque*

Deneice – breast cancer recovery

Rev. Ed Killian – recovering from systemic bacterial infections

Gerald: *friend of Marlene* – cancer; strength and comfort in the loss of 2 sons

Irmgard: *friend of Pr&K* – 89 y.o. with heart, lung, and vision issues

Rev. James Kollie: *Jamesetta's father and our Missionary in Liberia*; wisdom and strength (L)

Janice: *member at St Philip Compton* – breast cancer recovery

Jod – peace of mind, attacks from the Enemy, recovery from auto/bike accident

Johnathan – strengthening of faith; continued cancer remission

Katheryn: *Karina's mother* - various health issues

Ken: *friend of Pr&K* - wisdom

Kevin – at university

Lois: *friend of Marlene* – strength and comfort

Lucy – peace of mind, strength, resettlement process (K)

Lynette – strengthening of faith; chronic health issues

Marc – complications with diabetes

Maria: *friend of Marlene* - recovery from gall bladder surgery

Marie – recovering from surgery

Marilyn: *Stephen's mother* - various health issues

Marion and her family – various health issues around the country

Marjorie: *mother of Pr. Rob't Green* – 87 y.o. in final stages of bladder cancer

Martin: *friend of Karina* – financial, various health (K)

Michele: *friend of Pr&K* - strength

Philip: *friend of Marlene and Stephanie* – metastasized colon cancer

Rodgers: *friend of Pr&K* – employment (K)

Royce – health issues

Stephen – COPD, other health issues

Susan: *friend of Pr&K* – financial, good health (K)

Tuomo Simojoki: *our LHF missionary in Kenya* – severe attacks from the Enemy as he shares the Word in East Africa (K)

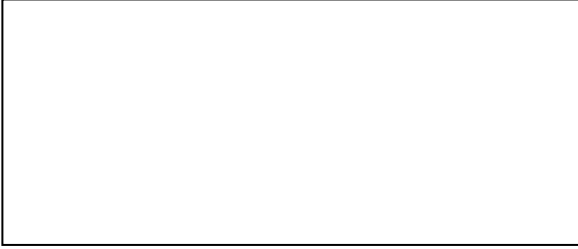
(K) – person living in Kenya

(L) – person living in Liberia

You may notice we have an extensive prayer list. **It is our joy to pray for you!** Check out the **Picture Board in the Narthex** of those for whom we are praying, to put faces to names. If you'd like someone to be added, or one of yours removed, just let Karina know.

Sermon Notes

Scripture Text



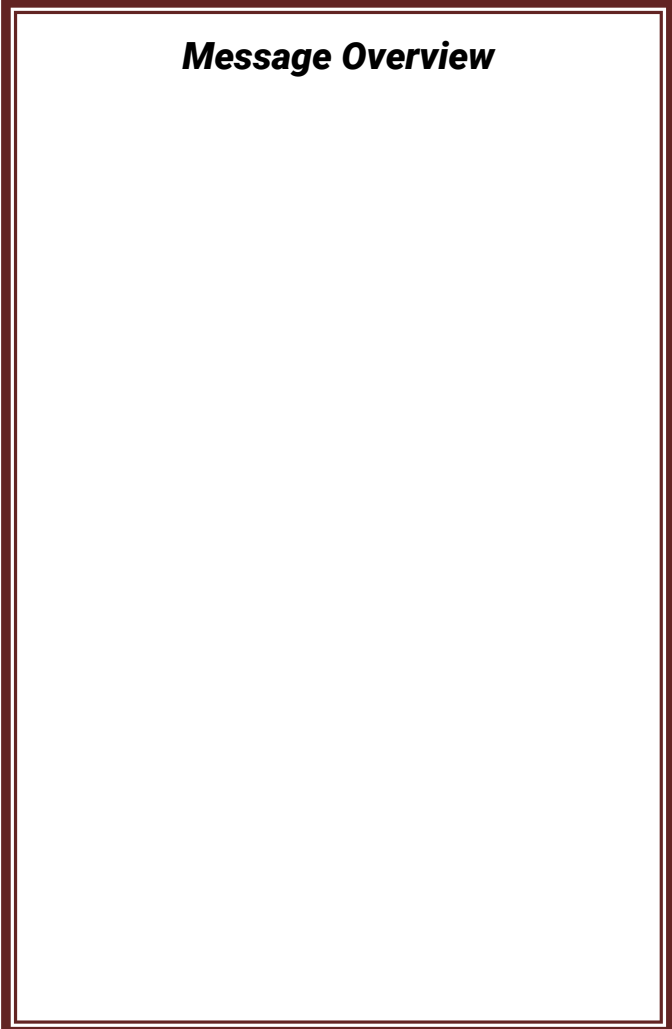
Key Points on Law/Sin/Repentance



Key Points on Gospel/Grace/Love



Message Overview



Things to Study Further

