

God Almighty, You revealed Your Son in the River Jordan through the wondrous act of Baptism and the Holy Spirit descending like a dove. In this act you placed Your righteousness into Baptism, bringing to us eternal hope. May the blessing of Baptism daily renew our hearts.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Baptism of our Lord

January 6, 2023 --- 5:30 pm - Worship with Holy Communion

Opening Prayer /// Opening Hymn: *“Baptized into Your Name Most Holy” 590*

Invocation: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C:** *Amen.*

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.	C: <i>Who made the heavens and earth.</i>
P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.	C: <i>Make haste to help me, O Lord.</i>
P: Jesus came asking to be Baptised.	C: <i>He came to John at the Jordan River.</i>
P: Jesus came to accomplish a purpose.	C: <i>He came to fulfill all righteousness.</i>
P: The heavens opened.	C: <i>The Spirit of God descended,</i>
P: The Spirit rested upon our Lord;	C: <i>The Father’s voice from heaven proclaimed,</i>
P: This is My beloved Son	C: <i>In Whom I am well pleased.</i>
P: This is the day the Lord has made.	C: <i>Let us rejoice and be glad in it.</i>

Psalmody: *Psalm 29*

P: Ascribe to the Lord, O mighty ones, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. **C:** *Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness.*

P: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord thunders over the mighty waters. **C:** *The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic.*

P: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon. **C:** *He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox.*

P: The voice of the Lord shakes the desert; the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh. **C:** *The voice of the Lord twists the oaks and strips the forests bare. And in His temple all cry, “Glory”!*

P: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord is enthroned as King forever. **C:** *The Lord gives strength to His people; the Lord blesses His people with peace.*

All: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Collect: 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 the You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C:** *Amen.*

Hymn: “*God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven*” 877

(Prefatory Remarks)

O.T. Lesson: *Genesis 1: 1-5* /// **Epistle Lesson:** *Romans 6: 1-11*

Holy Gospel: *Mark 1: 4-11* /// **Hymn:** “*The Star Proclaims the King Is Here*” 399

Children’s Sermon /// **Sermon** /// **Confession of Faith:** *Nicene Creed (back of hymnal)*

Offering brought to the Altar

Prayers: The families of Racine, Robin, Kim, Heather and Christian; Racine Courtney and Mia; and Richardt, Victoria and Dakota.

Lord’s Prayer (back of hymnal)

Confession of Sins

C: *Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.*

Absolution: 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. Amen.

Admonition to Communicants: I exhort you in Christ, that you give attention to the Testament of Christ in true faith, and above all take to heart the Words with which Christ presents His body and blood to us for forgiveness. That you take note of, and give thanks for, the boundless love that He showed us when He saved us from the wrath of God, sin, death, and hell by His blood; and that you then externally receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a guarantee and pledge. Let us then in His name, according to His command, and with His own Words administer and receive His Sacrament.

Blessing of Elements /// **Distribution** /// **Hymn:** “*This Is the Spirit’s Entry Now*” 591 (tune 812)

Closing Collect: *Heavenly Father, You grant us Your Spirit to open our eyes and enlighten our minds to serve You and fellow believers; lead us by Your Spirit to enable us to witness of Your love, live according to Your will, bring Your Word of life to others, rejoice in the goodness You have showered upon us, and reflect Your love in how we reach out to others; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Benediction

Kirk Horstmeyer, Pastor
Karen Whitehead, Organist

WHAT THE SCRIPTURES TEACH CONCERNING THE LORD'S SUPPER

In I Corinthians 11 the Holy Spirit led Paul to write, "This is my body" and "This cup is the new covenant in my blood" to explain the spiritual truth of the Supper: Christ is truly present in His body and blood in the bread and wine. This is a mystery, a Heavenly gift; one we can only understand in faith. Paul further says, "Therefore whoever eats the bread and drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord" and, "let a man examine himself...for he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly." There is no doubt from our Lord's Word, we are receiving His body and blood. The Father offers us forgiveness, unity of faith, strengthening of faith, etc.; it is never our right, we approach His altar only by His invitation. If you are visiting we ask that you please speak with the Pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper. We strive to lovingly carry out our responsibility to ensure the supper remains a blessing for all, never a curse. May His richest blessing be upon you all.

THIS WEEK

TONIGHT: Worship 5:30 pm
SUNDAY: Worship w/HC 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship w/HC 10:15 am –
Installation of Officers
TUESDAY: Confirmation 6:00 pm
THURSDAY: Bible Study 9:30 am and 6 pm
Next SATURDAY: Confirmation 9:30 am, Worship w/HC 5:30
Next SUNDAY: Worship at 8:00 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship 10:15 am

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE: Sat, Dec 30: 44 LS: 38; Sun, Dec 31: 8am: 44; 10:15 am: 51

Member Prayer Next Saturday and Sunday we will be praying for the families of Roeder, Bridget; Sanders, Myro and Sherry; and Sawyer, Tom and Joanne

THANK YOU: *I appreciate all the Christmas and Thinking of You cards that everyone has sent me. I miss seeing everyone and that everyone is keeping my seat open. Blessings to everyone.*
Jean Mason

NOTICE FROM ELDERS: Crews will be here Monday, January 8, to clean the carpet in the sanctuary. In an effort to keep the carpet and the rest of the sanctuary clean, we are asking everyone to refrain from bringing food and beverages, other than water, into the sanctuary during services. We understand it may be necessary to use food as an incentive to encourage children to behave, which is fine. We just ask parents to do the best they can to clean up crumbs and other leftovers.

