

Welcome

Baptism of Our Lord

January 9, 2022

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion



UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christ Centered - Mission Driven - Traditionally-Grounded - Congregationally Focused

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Meditation on “When Jesus Came to Jordan”

The Altar Candles are lit at this time during the Prelude.

The minister leads the congregation in the invocation. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Please stand as able.

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

The minister continues, using one of the sections below.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew 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**

The minister stands and addresses the congregation.

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. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (John 20:22-23)

C **Amen**

HYMN

When Jesus Came to Jordan

WOV# 647

GREETING

The minister greets the congregation.

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE (Mark 10:47)

A In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. **A** For the

C Lord, have mer - cy.

peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the

Lord. **A** For the peace of the whole world, the well - be - ing of the

C Lord, have mer - cy.

Church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. **A** For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their

C Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE (Luke 2:14: John 1:29: Revelation 5:12-13: 19:5-9)



Refrain
☐ Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy, have mer-cy on us; you are seat - ed



at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



3 For you a - lone are the Ho-ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je- sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

SALUTATION (2 Timothy 4:22)

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Heavenly Father, in Jesus' baptism you declared him to be your beloved Son and set him apart as your agent of grace for your creation. May we who are baptized into his life also be sent as agents of grace in your world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*A **NOISY OFFERING** of quarters for Autumn Care will be collected at this time to assist with the Sunday School Monthly Project.*

We read scripture from the Old Testament, Apostolic Letters and the Gospels because faith comes from hearing. (Romans 10:17)

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 43:1-7

¹Now 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."

Lay Reader The word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 29 *sung in unison*

¹Ascribe to the | Lord, you gods,*

ascribe to the Lord glo- | ry and strength.

²Ascribe to the Lord the glory | due his Name;*

worship the Lord in the beau- | ty of holiness.

³The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;*

the Lord is upon the | mighty waters.

THE PRAYERS (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

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

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

THE PEACE (John 20:19)

In an attempt to be vigilant and responsible, please use Hand Sanitizers provided at each entrance. Please refrain from shaking hands and reserve a little space between one another. Nods, elbows, or gentle pat on the shoulders, etc., are welcome!

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please be seated.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS (Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19)

The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared. All loose offering will go towards the Gerald Bame Scholarship Fund. During the month of January, the Benevolence focus is on Rowan Helping Ministries. If you wish for your giving to go there please specify accordingly.

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

Carol of the Baptism (Brandon)

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

**C Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed, we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. Blessed are you,

C O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING (2 Timothy 4:22)

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (Isaiah 6:3 and Matthew 21:9)

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13)

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C **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. For
thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

Please be seated.

COMMUNION (Mark 14:23)

As the minister gives the bread and wine, and says these words to each communicant:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: Amen

At Union Lutheran Church the Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday. All baptized Christians who believe in the real presence of Christ in the Lord's Supper are invited to commune. All who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please follow the directions of the Ushers. For those who prefer individually sealed units please indicate.

AGNUS DEI (John 1:29)

**C Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us, have mercy on us, have mercy.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us, have mercy on us, have mercy.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.**

COMMUNION HYMN Bright and Glorious Is the Sky verses 1, 3, 5-6 LBW# 75

Please stand as you are able.

After all have returned to their places, the minister may say these or similar words.

**P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his
grace.**

C Amen

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE (Luke 2:29-32)

**C Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell everyone what God has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice, rejoice and bear Christ's holy name.
Send us, O God, with your promises, and lead us forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

PRAYER

The following or a similar post-communion prayer is said.

**P Let us pray. Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills
of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our
Lord.**

C Amen

BENEDICTION (Numbers 6:22-27)

The minister blesses the congregation, using this or another appropriate blessing.

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen

CLOSING HYMN

Baptized in Water

WOV# 693

THE SENDING (Matthew 28:19)

The minister may dismiss the congregation.

**P You have been nurtured in Word and Sacrament now go therefore and make
disciples of all nations**

C Baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and of the Holy Spirit.

P Union Lutheran Church you are sent!
C Amen, amen, amen

POSTLUDE We were Baptized in Christ Jesus Burkhardt

Lessons for next Sunday (January 16)
Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 128; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

THOSE SERVING IN JANUARY
Acolytes: Tyler Goodman and Adam Thompson
Altar Guild: Deena Lanning and Karen Morgan
Communion Assistants: Elbert Kluttz, Deena Lanning, and Karen Morgan
Lay Readers: Elbert Kluttz, Deena Lanning, and Karen Morgan
Ushers: Phil and Linda Cauble, Mike and Brenda Cauble, and Frank and Dawn Merrell
Offering Counting Team: Jennifer Curlee, Doris Shepherd, and Wayne Vellines



“A SIMPLE EXPLANATION OF THE CHURCH SERVICE”

Welcome to church! As you participate in the church service, we will be providing you with weekly nuggets to help you understand more of what is happening, why it is happening, and some of the special language used in church.

NUGGET #11: HYMN OF THE DAY

The **Hymn of the Day** is the principal hymn of the **Divine Service** and relates to the theme of the day from the Gospel. Taking cues from Scripture’s own songbook, the Psalms, the Church’s hymns gives us a variety of ways to thank, praise, and proclaim the God who has done all good things for us.

Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things! His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him. (Psalm 93:1

(“A Simple Explanation of the Church Service”, page 14, Concordia Publishing House, 2018)

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OUR 2021 VISION: *One Relationship at a Time*

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9:30 a.m. Sunday School (please remember to practice social distancing)

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

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