

Bethany Lutheran Church



*And there came a voice from heaven, saying,
Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. ~ Mark 1:11*

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 8, 2023

8:00 & 9:30 AM

WELCOME TO BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are so glad you are here in God's house for worship. Here are some things to remember as we are gathered together today:

Before worship, talk to God! (see inside cover of hymnal for pre-service prayer prompts)

During worship, let God talk to you!

After worship, talk to one another; and if you're a visitor, please stop by the Connections table before you leave today and capture the QR codes for more information.

Parents of Young Children: *We love to have children in worship.* God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to completely suppress it in God's house. We know the presence of children in worship is a gift to the church! It is in the Lord's house that we learn how to listen and speak to our God with our brothers and sisters in faith. Feel free to quietly explain the parts of the service and the actions of those leading worship. Children learn how to worship by copying you. If you have a need, we have "worship bags" in the Narthex filled with items to help children and families during worship. There is a **Cry Room** across the courtyard in the office complex, where you as a parent may take your little one needing a break. You will still be able to hear the worship service; and thus be able to continue your worship of the Lord.

Please place cell phones and electronic devices on mute as you join us in worship this morning. Thank you.

PRELUDE:

"Bright and Glorious Is the Sky"

Advanced Adult Bells

~ Jane McFadden

WELCOME

+ *Remembrance of Our Baptism* +

Leader: When we were baptized into God's name we were brought into fellowship with the Holy, Triune God Himself. When we gather together in God's house, in His name, we are reminded that there is nowhere on earth we belong more than in His Holy presence as His beloved baptized children. So, again, today we gather in His name.

People: **In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: *"Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy"* LSB 590



1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and
2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here You take me To be hence-forth Your
3 My faith - ful God, You fail me nev - er; Your prom - ise sure - ly
4 All that I am and love most dear-ly— Re - ceive it all, O



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,
child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, here You make me
will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er
Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;



A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and
The fruit of all Your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,
If words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I
Help me Your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I



dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.
com - fort me When threat - ning clouds a - round I see.
come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store Your child.
am or own Serve an - y will but Yours a - lone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Leader: Almighty God, You anointed Jesus at His baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed Him as Your beloved Son.

People: **Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful to You, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: *Isaiah 42:1-9*

Here is my servant, whom I support. Here is my chosen one, with whom I am pleased. I have put my Spirit on him. He will bring justice to the nations. He will not cry out or raise his voice. He will not make his voice heard in the streets. He will not break off a damaged cattail. He will not even put out a smoking wick. He will faithfully bring about justice. He will not be discouraged or crushed until he has set up justice on the earth. The coastlands will wait for his teachings. The LORD God created the heavens and stretched them out. He shaped the earth and all that comes from it. He gave life to the people who are on it and breath to those who walk on it.

This is what the LORD God says:

I, the LORD, have called you to do what is right.
I will take hold of your hand. I will protect you.
I will appoint you as my promise to the people, as my light to the nations.
You will give sight to the blind, bring prisoners out of prisons,
and bring those who live in darkness out of dungeons. I am the LORD; that is my name.
I will not give my glory to anyone else or the praise I deserve to idols.
What I said in the past has come true. I will reveal new things before they happen.
– GW ®

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: *Romans 6:1-11*

What should we say then? Should we continue to sin so that God's kindness will increase? That's unthinkable! As far as sin is concerned, we have died. So how can we still live under sin's influence?

Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? When we were baptized into His death, we were placed into the tomb with Him. As Christ was brought back from death to life by the glorious power of the Father, so we, too, should live a new kind of life. If we've become united with Him in a death like His, certainly we will also be united with Him when we come back to life as He did. We know that the person we used to be was crucified with Him to put an end to sin in our bodies. Because of this we are no longer slaves to sin. The person who has died has been freed from sin.

If we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. We know that Christ, who was brought back to life, will never die again. Death no longer has any power over Him. When He died, He died once and for all to sin's power. But now He lives, and He lives for God. So consider yourselves dead to sin's power but living for God in the power Christ Jesus gives you. – GW ®

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

“Seek the Lord”
~ John Carter

The Bethany Choir

HOLY BAPTISMS:



9:30

+ *Ana Kim Millan* +

+ *Adriana Millan* +

+ *Addison Millan* +

+ *Adam Millan* +

Elder: Through Baptism, God has made *Ana, Adriana, Addison and Adam* members of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that together we may present the forgiveness of God in Christ to our world.

People: **We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ and workers with us in the kingdom of God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: 9:30 AM

THE HOLY GOSPEL: *Matthew 3:13-17*

Then Jesus appeared. He came from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. But John tried to stop Him and said, “I need to be baptized by You. Why are You coming to me?”

Jesus answered him, “This is the way it has to be now. This is the proper way to do everything that God requires of us.”

Then John gave in to Him. After Jesus was baptized, He immediately came up from the water. Suddenly, the heavens were opened, and He saw the Spirit of God coming down as a dove to Him. Then a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love—my Son with whom I am pleased.” – GW ®

SERMON HYMN: “*We Know That Christ Is Raised*” LSB 189



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em-braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

SERMON: "PIA"

Text: Romans 6 & Matthew 3

HYMN OF THE DAY: "We Will Feast in the House of Zion"



We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our



hearts re-stored. He has done great things, we will say to - geth - er. We will feast and



weep no more.

1. We will not be burned by the
2. In the dark of night, be-fore the
3. Ev - 'ry vow we've bro - ken and be -



fire; He is the Lord, our God. We are not con -
dawn, my soul, be not a - fraid. For the prom - ised
-trayed, You are the faith - ful one. And _ from the



-sumed by the flood; up - held, pro- tect - ed, gath - ered up.
morn - ing, oh, how long? Oh, God of Ja - cob, be my strength.
gar - den to the grave, bind us to- geth - er, bring sha - lom.

OFFERING: *The Offering Box is located in the center aisle. If you so desire, Text Giving is now available by texting GIVE to 562-210-0463. For On-line Giving information, contact Maraley at mshaeffer@bethanylutheran.org or call 562-421-4711, ext. 21. Thank you!*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER:

**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.**

Leader: The Word of God teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

People: **Almighty God, I confess that I do not deserve eternal life and that I am in need of forgiveness; while I am Your baptized child, I am still by nature a child of Adam and my thoughts, words and deeds that have dishonored you and of which I am ashamed bear witness to need for Your mercy and grace.**

Leader: On the day you were baptized, you received the sign of the cross over your forehead and heart to mark you as one redeemed by Jesus Christ. Today that sign is used again as a testimony to the gift God has given you in Christ. In mercy, God has sent His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. So, in His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Leader: In baptism, we were united to the suffering and death of Jesus Christ and cleansed of sin by His blood. In baptism, we were renewed and called to a life of daily repentance and faith which clings to our Savior. Today, we come to renew that faith once more. In baptism you, or your sponsors on your behalf, responded to the grace of God by renouncing the devil and all his works and all his ways. So, I ask you anew, do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

People: Yes, I renounce them.

Leader: In baptism you, or your sponsors on your behalf, responded to the call of God by proclaiming the Christian faith. So, I ask you anew, do you believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

People: Yes, I believe.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

People: Yes, I believe He is my 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 there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: Yes, 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 everlasting.

Leader: The Almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, will strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting. Through baptism He has promised you both eternal joys and daily strength.

***** For our 8:00 a.m. worshippers, the service continues with the Procession to the Font.**

***** For our 9:30 a.m. worshippers, the service continues with the Celebration of Holy Communion:**

+ *Holy Communion* +

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Bethany in the joyful confession that our Lord gives us His very Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins in this sacrament. God intends this gift for His children who recognize their sin, trust in Christ as their Savior, desire to live for Him alone and join in this joyful confession.

To help you prepare for communion we invite you to take a few moments of quiet prayer. For aid there are prayers on the front page of the hymnal for both before and after the reception of communion. Or simply pray, *Dear Lord Jesus, at Your gracious invitation You invite me to come to You, to eat and drink Your holy body and blood as You Yourself have promised to give in this sacrament of Your altar. Forgive me of my sin, through this Your meal of Forgiveness. Let me experience the fullness of Your love, through this Your meal of love. Strengthen my faith, through this meal of Yours that calls for and bestows faith. Empower me to live for You, through this Your meal that promises life everlasting and equips me for daily living as one who has received You and Your gifts.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

Leader: He who brought you to Himself in the waters of baptism now comes to you through bread and wine with the body and blood of Christ Jesus.

“For on the night in which He was betrayed...”

For those communing, who so desire, the center cups in each tray are alcohol free.

The wafers next to the Christ candle side are gluten free;

for those with dietary restrictions, please take a gluten free wafer.

For those wishing to use a self-contained communion chalice, let an usher know.

In our 9:30 a.m. service we will practice the Easter tradition of continuous communion. We will not kneel at the altar, rather we will join the procession of saints and come forward and remain standing as we receive the bread and wine. After receiving the elements, you are invited to return to your seat and continue in meditation, prayer and song.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

“Lord, to You I Make Confession”



Lord, to
Though my
Your Son
Lord, on



you I make con - fe - sion: I have sinned and gone a - stray, I have
con - science' voice ap - pall me, Fa - ther, I will seek your face; though your
came to suf - fer for me, gave him - self to res - cue me, died to
you I cast my bur - den. Sink it to the depths be - low. Let me



mul - ti - plied trans - gres - sion, cho - sen for my - self my way. Led by
child I dare not call me, yet re - ceive me in your grace. Do not
heal me and re - store me, rec - on - ciled and set me free. Je - sus'
know your gra - cious par - don, wash me, make me white as snow. Let your



you to see my er - rors, Lord, I trem - ble at your ter -
for my sins for - sake me; Let your wrath not o - ver - take
cross a - lone can van - quish these dark fears and soothe this an -
Spir - it leave me nev - er; make me on - ly yours for - ev -



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"All Who Believe and Are Baptized"

LSB 601



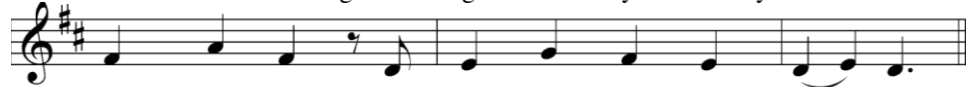
1 All who be-lieve and are bap-tized Shall see the Lord's sal - va - tion;
2 With one ac-cord, O God, we pray: Grant us Your Ho - ly Spir - it.



Bap-tized in - to the death of Christ, They are a new cre - a - tion.
Help us in our in - fir - mi - ty Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it.



Through Christ's re-demp-tion they shall stand A - mong the glo-rious,
Grant us to grow in grace each day That by this sac - ra -



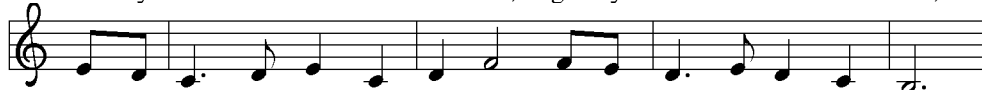
heav'n - ly band Of ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion.
ment we may E - ter - nal life in - her - it.

"We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus"

WOV 698



1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap-tized in his death;
2 In the wa - ter and the wit-ness, in the break-ing of the bread,
3 Glo-ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo-ry be to Christ the Son,



that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.
in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,
glo-ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;



And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread-ful death like his,
God has made a new be - gin-ning from the ash - es of our past;
as it was in the be - gin-ning, glo - ry now re-sounds a - gain



we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.
in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.
in a song that has no end - ing. . . . A - men.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING:

Leader: Through baptism, God has made you a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus; that together we might go to share the love and forgiveness of God in Christ to the world.

CLOSING HYMN: *“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”* LSB 722



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear,
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,



Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.
For You, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.
I know that You will strength - en My steps toward home.



With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
Close by Your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;



So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.
For when Your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.
So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

POSTLUDE

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