

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 10, 2021 9:30 am

THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

HYMN OF INVOCATION (Please Stand)

"Baptized into Your Name Most Holy" LSB 590

**Baptized into Your name most holy
O Father Son and Holy Ghost
I claim a place though weak and lowly
Among Your saints Your chosen host
Buried with Christ and dead to sin
Your Spirit now shall live within**

**My loving Father here you take me
To be henceforth Your child and heir
My faithful Savior here You make me
The fruit of all Your sorrows share
O Holy Spirit comfort me
When threat'ning clouds around I see**

**My faithful God You fail me never
Your promise surely will endure
O cast me not away forever
If words and deeds become impure
Have mercy when I come defiled
Forgive lift up restore Your child**

**All that I am and love most dearly
Receive it all O Lord from me
Let me confess my faith sincerely
Help me Your faithful child to be
Let nothing that I am or own
Serve any will but Yours alone**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the
+ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

People: (Sing) **Amen.**

Pastor: 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.

Hebrews 10:22

(You are invited to kneel, or to be seated)

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: (Sing) **who made heaven and
earth.**

Psalms 124:8

Pastor: I said, I will confess my
transgressions unto the Lord,

People: (Sing) **And Thou forgavest the
iniquity of my sin.**

Psalms 32:5

**People: O almighty God, merciful Father,
I, a poor, miserable sinner,
confess unto Thee all my sins
and iniquities with which I have
ever offended Thee and justly
deserved Thy temporal and
eternal punishment. But I am**

heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: 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 of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. [John 20:19-23]

People: (Sing) **Amen.**

(Please Sit)

THE FIRST READING *Genesis 1:1-5 ESV*

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE *Romans 6:1-11 ESV*

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We 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. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We 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. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

(Please Stand for the Gospel)

People: (Sing) **Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!**

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to
Mark, the first chapter.

People: (Sing) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 1:4-11 ESV*

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Reader: Here endeth the Gospel.

People: (Sing) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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All: 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 shall 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 worshipped 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY (Please Sit)

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"
LSB 575

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**His oath, His covenant, and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way
He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before the throne!
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

+++ SERMON +++

"WHAT BAPTISM REVEALS"

Text: Mark 1:4-11

Theme: Baptism reveals that God is the one acting through it to bring us forgiveness and the assurance of salvation.

Goal: That each and every one present would appreciate more and more that Baptism is God's gift to us and a real Means of Grace.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Please remain seated)

Reader: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **People: Amen**

(Please rise for the Lord's Prayer)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken)

All:

**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**

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(Spoken by the Pastor)

THE DISTRIBUTION (Please Sit)

(See Communion policy on the front "Welcome" page of the bulletin or on the screen.)

Before approaching The Altar: (Kneel and say)

O Lord Jesus Christ Son Of The Living God, Who according to the will of The Father and through the operation of The Holy Spirit has given life to the world through Your death; by Your Most Sacred Body and Precious Blood deliver me from all my iniquities and from every evil, and make me ever cling to Your commandments, and permit me never to part from You.

Let not my reception of Your Body and Blood, which I, all unworthy, presume to eat and drink, be to my judgment and condemnation; but by Your mercy may it be to me for protection

and health both of soul and body. Who lives and reigns with The Father and The Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!

After Returning to The Pew: (Kneel and say this or another prayer) O Lord Christ, I can never thank You enough for instituting this Most Blessed Sacrament of Your Most Holy Body and Blood. May it ever be for me salvation to life everlasting and strength for godly living. Who lives and reigns with The Father and The Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Just as I Am, without One Plea" LSB 570

**Just as I am without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee
O Lamb of God I come I come**

**Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each
spot
O Lamb of God I come I come**

**Just as I am though tossed about
With many a conflict many a doubt
Fightings and fears within without
O Lamb of God I come I come.**

**Just as I am poor wretched blind
Sight riches healing of the mind
Yea all I need in Thee to find
O Lamb of God I come I come**

**Just as I am Thou wilt receive
Wilt welcome pardon cleanse relieve
Because Thy promise I believe
O Lamb of God I come I come**

**Just as I am Thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down
Now to be Thine yea Thine alone
O Lamb of God I come I come**

Pastor: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

People: (Sing) **And His mercy endureth forever.**

Pastor: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve you; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (Sing) **Amen**

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon
you and be gracious unto you. The
Lord lift up His countenance upon you
and give you peace.

People: (Sing) **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

"All Who Believe and Are Baptized"

LSB 601

**All who believe and are baptized
Shall see the Lord's salvation;
Baptized into the death of Christ,
They are a new creation;
Through Christ's redemption they will
stand
Among the glorious heav'nly band
Of ev'ry tribe and nation.**

**With one accord O God, we pray,
Grant us Your Holy Spirit;
Help us in our infirmity
Through Jesus' blood and merit;
Grant us to grow in grace each day
That by this sacrament we may
Eternal life inherit.**

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, *Pastor*
Marie Brown, *Organist*
Dave Hamilton, *Elder/Comm. Assist*
Dave Hamilton, *Reader*
Gary Mason, Glenn Cairns, & Kim Armstrong,
Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Major Motion being made by Treasure
THIS Tuesday.
Please attend

The Adult Instruction Group

We will resume our studies TODAY at 3 PM.

Ash Wednesday

February 17th

ATTENDANCE CARDS

Please fill them out & place them in the plate at the
back of the church.

ATTENDANCE

January 3 9:30am 34

PRAYER LIST

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers
occurs, please feel free to contact our Prayer Chain
leader, Joan Hafkesbrink, at 313.565.6871. Prayer
requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

Anniversary

Birthdays

Alex Haney – January 13

For the Shut-Ins

Gladys Hill, at Beaumont Commons

Ken Knick, at home

Dorothy MacTavish, at home

George Morton, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

Karen Morrison, Sister of Sandy Cairns—
heart attack

Douglas, Eleanor Wirth's Son, hospitalized for
a month suffering from Covid;

Val Mason, Passing of her Father on
December 8

Ronda Smith, Glenn Cairns Cousin,
recovering from Covid;

Geraldine Simms, Glenn Cairns Cousin,
recovering from Covid;

Eric Witte, son of Phyllis Witte, side effects
from Covid;

Joyce Witte, Daughter in law of Phyllis Witte,
reaction from cancer treatments;

Pastor Griffin, showing signs of improvement
from stroke—hospitalized;

Paul Campbell, hospitalized since April, will
be released soon; We pray for his
continued recovery;

Continued safety of essential workers during
pandemic

Concerning Beth Williams, the quilter, who suffered a house fire just before Christmas—After the terrific response in the last few Sundays, a few more items are needed:

1. plastic containers used in the kitchen,
2. dressers for clothing,
3. bathroom and kitchen towels,
4. non-perishable foods like spices, etc.,
5. linens (regular and queen),
6. casual chairs for living-room.

When her husband died last year, Beth cancelled the motorcycle insurance—but the company cancelled the home policy also. They are trying to sort through these issues.

If you can supply any of these items, speak with Ruth Pollatz to make arrangements. You can reach her at 1-734-306-8724.

Keep Beth in your prayers.
Thank you, God bless you for responding so lovingly thus far. Ruth Pollatz