

**THE BAPTISM
OF OUR LORD**

JANUARY 10 2021

**IMMANUEL
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Sunday

9:00 A.M.

Worship Service

10:30 a.m.

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Sunday School**

**Holy Communion:
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**“Then a voice came
from heaven, You
are My beloved Son,
in whom I am
well pleased.”
(Mark 1:11)**

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WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

Next week we celebrate Holy Communion. We teach that in the receiving of the Lord's Supper each person receives the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to partake of Communion, please ask to speak with Pastor Weber or one of the elders prior to the service.

A Prayer Upon Entering Church - Heavenly Father, at the Baptism of Jesus, You revealed Him as Your beloved Son. Unite me to Christ, that I may daily die to sin and arise to newness of life, so that I might share the truth of Your Gospel; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. Such a day is also a good time to remember our own Baptism. In Baptism, we are buried with Christ. We are united with Him in a death like His. In Baptism, we are also raised to new life as re-creations. As we are united to Christ in death, we will also be united with Him in resurrection when He returns and raises the dead.

WELCOME

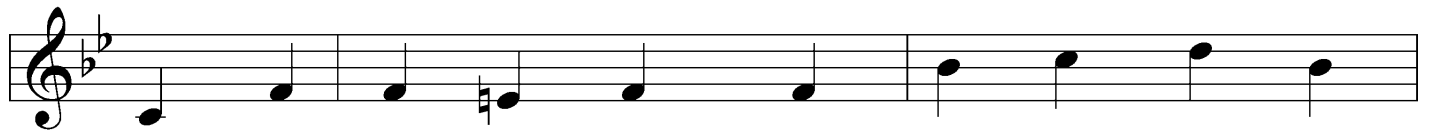
PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship)

OPENING HYMN *To Jordan's River Came Our Lord* **LSB 405**



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.

▲ INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

▲ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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, 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.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (John 20:19-23)

C Amen.



✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

▲ **INTROIT** *Psalm 2:7-11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a*

P “Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles.

C **“I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.**

P Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession.

C **You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s vessel.’ ”**

P Now therefore, be wise, O kings; be instructed, you judges of the earth.

C **Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.**

P Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.

ALL Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P “Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles.

▲ **KYRIE**



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

▲ GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shi - ped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

▲ SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

▲ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. 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 Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 1:1–5*

(God creates the heavens and the earth.)

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. 3 Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. 4 And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 29; antiphon: v. 3*

P The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is over many waters.

C Give unto the Lord, O you mighty ones, Give unto the Lord glory and strength.

P Give unto the Lord the glory due to His name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

C The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders; The Lord is over many waters.

P The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

C The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars, yes, the Lord splinters the cedars of Lebanon.

P He makes them also skip like a calf, Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.

C The voice of the Lord divides the flames of fire.

P The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh.

C The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth, and strips the forests bare; and in His temple everyone says, "Glory!"

P The Lord sat enthroned at the Flood, and the Lord sits as King forever.

C The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

P The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is over many waters.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *(Children remain seated)*

EPISTLE *Romans 6:1-11*

(We are baptized into Christ's death and resurrection.)

1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? 3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. 7 For he who has died has been freed from sin. 8 Now if we died with

Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, 9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. 10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. 11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.


P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

▲ ALLELUIA and VERSE



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

▲ HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

(Jesus is baptized by John.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C **Glory to You , O Lord.**

4 John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a

baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. 5 Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. 6 Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7 And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. 8 I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." 9 It came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And immediately, coming up from the water, He saw the heavens parting and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove. 11 Then a voice came from heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN *Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered* **LSB 404**



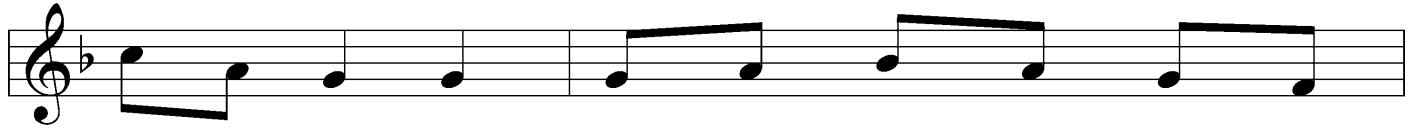
1 Je - sus, once with sin - ners num - bered, Had no blem - ish
 2 John con - fessed Him as the Sav - ior— "Look, the sin - less
 3 This the bap - tism that our Sav - ior Great - ly longed to
 4 Je - sus, once with sin - ners num - bered, Full o - be - dience



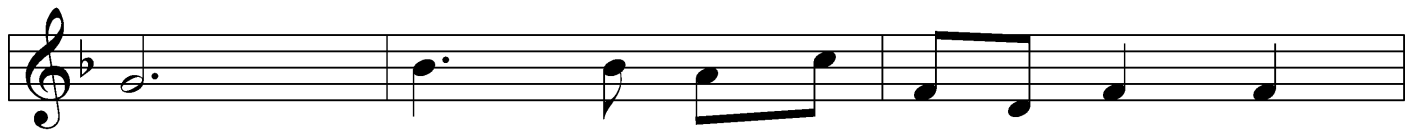
of His own; In the wa - ters of the Jor - dan
 Lamb of God!" Yet he dared not loose the san - dals
 un - der - go; This the crim - son cleans - ing need - ed
 was Your path; You, by death, have con - se - crat - ed



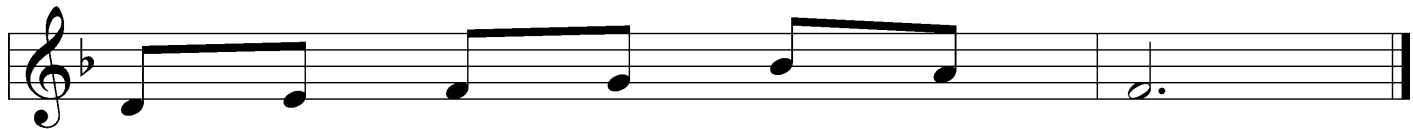
His true worth and work were shown: Heav - en o - pened
 Of the One God's love had shod. Oh, how fair the
 So the world God's love might know; This the mis - sion
 Wa - ter in this sav - ing bath: Dy - ing to the



and the Spir - it There de - scend - ed like a
 feet of Je - sus, Bring - ing news of peace to
 of Mes - si - ah As He stepped from Jor - dan's
 sin of Ad - am, Ris - ing to a life of



dove, As the Fa - ther's voice re - sound - ed,
 us, Christ, the her - ald of sal - va - tion,
 stream, He, the cho - sen and a - noint - ed
 grace; We are count - ed with the righ - teous,



"Hear My Son, the One I love."
 Preach - ing mer - cy from the cross:
 Son of God, sent to re - deem.
 O - ver us the cross You trace.

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▲ APOSTLES CREED

All I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

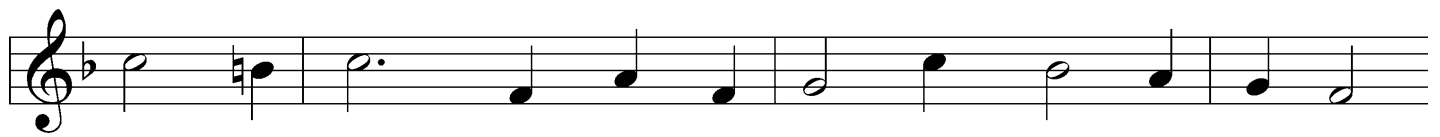
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Baptized into Your Name Most Holy* **LSB 590**



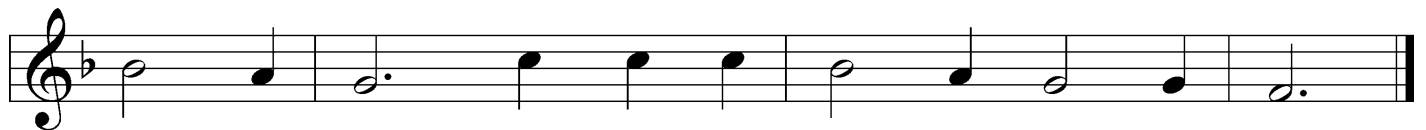
1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and
 2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here You take me To be hence-forth Your
 3 My faith - ful God, You fail me nev - er; Your prom - ise sure - ly
 4 All that I am and love most dear-ly— Re - ceive it all, O



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.

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SERMON *"Beloved of the Father"* (Mark 1:11)

OFFERING *(Please place your offering in the offering plate as you leave.)*



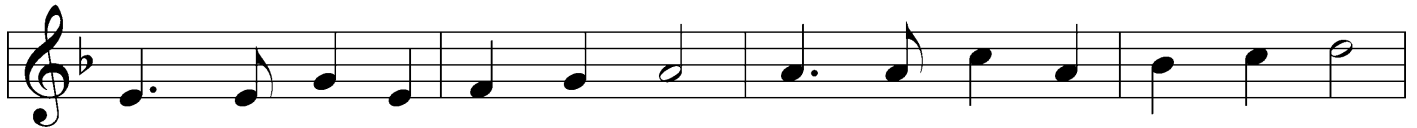
OFFERTORY *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* **LSB 394**



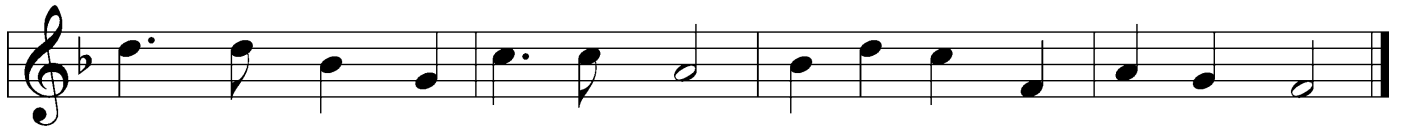
1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest - ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,
Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

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▲ **SHARING OF THE PEACE** *"Peace be with you"* (John 20:21)
[using ASL (American Sign Language)]

▲ **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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

Dear heavenly Father, in the Jordan River, You revealed Jesus to be Your beloved Son. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

C reveal Your grace to us.

P Lord, strengthen all those who have been baptized, especially those who have been baptized recently, with Your heavenly protection. Lead them to find their true identity in You as Your beloved sons and daughters. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

C reveal Your grace to us.

P Lord, comfort all those who are suffering in grief, [especially . . .]. Console them with the sure and certain hope that just as we have been united with Christ in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

C reveal Your grace to us.

P Lord, give courage to all those who live in conflict with their family members, especially regarding differences of faith. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

C reveal Your grace to us.

P Lord, bless all pastors, church planters, missionaries, and servants in Your Church who proclaim Your Word and administer Your Sacraments. Embolden them to seek and to save the lost and bring those who have strayed back into Your family. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

C reveal Your grace to us.

P Lord, place Your healing hand upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [especially . . .]. Have mercy upon them, and lead them on the path to health according to Your will. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

C reveal Your grace to us.

P Lord, we commend all these things to You in the name of Your beloved Son, Jesus. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

C reveal Your grace to us.

▲ **LORD'S PRAYER** *(Matthew 6:9–13)*

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.**

▲ **BENEDICAMUS**

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

▲ **BENEDICTION**

P The LORD bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C **Amen.**



SENDING HYMN

Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying

LSB 597



1 Wa - ter, blood, and Spir - it cry - ing, By their wit - ness
2 In a wa - t'ry grave are bur - ied All our sins that
3 Dark the way, yet Christ pre - cedes us, Past the scowl of
4 Though a - round us death is seeth - ing, God, His two - edged
5 Spir - it, wa - ter, blood en - treat - ing, Work - ing faith and



tes - ti - fy - ing To the One whose death - de - fy - ing
Je - sus car - ried; Christ, the Ark of Life, has fer - ried
death He leads us; Spreads a ta - ble where He feeds us
sword un - sheath - ing, By His Spir - it life is breath - ing
its com - plet - ing In the One whose death - de - feat - ing



Life has come, with life for all.
Us a - cross death's rag - ing flood.
With His bod - y and His blood.
Through the liv - ing, ac - tive Word.
Life has come, with life for all.

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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January Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays Members

- 3 Loretta Eilers*
- 8 Tiffany Bolding*
- 9 Rene Peynado*
- 24 Erlene Boots*
- 31 Rafael Reyes, Jr.*
- 31 Orlando*

Winter Texans

- 4 Linda Bleess*
- 7 Marcy Polzin*

School

- 12 Melody Mata*

Anniversaries Members

- 26 Mario & Ruby Lozano*

Winter Texans

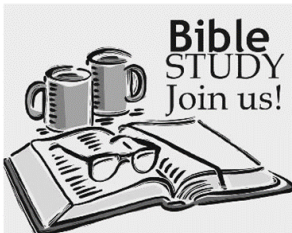
- 3 Glenn & Ellen Weibel*
- 5 Keith & Vera Voss*
- 28 Dennis & Eileen Zecher*





Portals of Prayer

for January to March 2021 are available in the Narthrex or office.



*Adult Bible Class/Sunday School
at 10:30 a.m.*

Rev. Goetz leading the class.

A warm welcome to our Winter Texans as they arrive weekly to the RGV. Stay safe!

Memory Verse Challenge

This week's memory verse: Acts 2:38-39

"Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

12/31/2020		12/27/2020	
New Year's Eve Service	26	Sunday Worship	37
Plate:	\$ 21.00	Plate:	\$ 177.00
Envelopes:	\$ 5,205.00	Envelopes:	\$ 823.00
Donation: Cemetery	\$ 500.00	Donation: Gift Cemetery	\$ 500.00 \$ 80.00
Total:	\$ 5,726.00	Total:	\$ 1,580.00
		Bible Class:	17 \$ 11.00

a reminder:

*4th Quarter 2020 Voters Meeting
Tuesday, January 19th @ 7:30 p.m.*

Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule	
January Sunday Servants:	
Elder:	Joe Winston
Altar Guild:	Billie Jo Neuhaus & Maribel Perez
Music:	Bonny Winston
This Week	The Baptism of Our Lord
Usher:	Ken & Bob Eilers
Sunday:	Worship Service 9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am
Next Week	Second Sunday after the Epiphany
Usher:	Don Vogel
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service 9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am

In Holy Baptism, the Triune God Reveals Himself and Recreates Us in His Image

“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth” (Gen. 1:1). Then, as “the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters” (Gen. 1:2), God spoke His Word: “‘Let there be light,’ and there was light” (Gen. 1:3). In the same way, “the beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ” (Mark 1:1) brings about the new creation through the waters of Baptism by the same Word and Spirit of God. When John the Baptist came, “proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,” Jesus also came “and was baptized by John in the Jordan” (Mark 1:4, 9). Although He had no sins of His own, He took His stand with sinners in His Baptism and took the sins and mortality of the world upon Himself. He was baptized into His own death, by which the heavens are opened and the Spirit is given to us. God the Father is well pleased with His beloved Son and raises Him from the dead. As we share His Baptism and are “united with him in a death like his” (Rom. 6:5), we also share His resurrection unto “newness of life” (Rom. 6:4).

1/3/2021		
Sunday Worship	42	
Plate:		\$ 466.00
Envelopes:		\$ 1,070.00
Donation:		
Total:		\$ 1,536.00
Bible Class:	28	\$ 23.00

Second Sunday after the Epiphany Readings:

*1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)
Psalm 139:1-10
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51*