

Welcome! We are happy to share God's peace with everyone. Visitors are invited to sign our guest book in the entryway. If you have any questions, the ushers are ready to help. Feel free to visit after the service.

- Aids to assist with hearing (Williams Sound System) are available from the ushers.
- Large Print Hymnal Binders are available on the tract desk for those with vision difficulties.

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680 Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

CW 680

- 1 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.
- 2 My loving Father, there you took me
to be henceforth your child and heir.
My faithful Savior, there you let me

the fruit of all your sorrows share.

O Holy Spirit, comfort me
when threat'ning clouds around I see.

3 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.

Please stand for the final stanza

4 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.

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

Amen.

Confession

CW 173

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 174

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest

CW 176

Refrain: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Refrain

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have

mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. *Refrain*

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen.

Refrain

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children, and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Be seated)

First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1–13

¹The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I see a king for myself among his sons.”

²Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.”

The LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will let you know what you are to do. You are to anoint for me the person that I point out to you.”

⁴So Samuel did what the LORD had told him to do and went to Bethlehem. Trembling with fear, the elders of the city came to meet him. They said, “Do you come in peace?”

⁵He said, “Yes, in peace. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” He consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they had come, he looked at Eliab and said, “Certainly this is the LORD's anointed.”

⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at how tall he is, because I have rejected him. For the LORD does not look at things the way man

does. For man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.”

⁹Then Jesse had Shammah pass by. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.”

¹⁰Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel. Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, “Is that all of the young men?”

Jesse said, “There still is the youngest, but he is tending the sheep.”

Samuel said to Jesse, “Send for him, for we cannot sit down to eat until he comes.”

¹²He sent for him and brought him in. David had red hair and striking eyes, and was good-looking. The LORD said, “Get up! Anoint him, because this is the one.”

¹³So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers. The Spirit of the LORD rushed on David with power from that day forward. After that Samuel set out and returned to Ramah.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

2 You Are My Son

Psalm 2

Refrain

You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.

Why do the / nations rage?

Why do the peoples / plot in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers
assemble a- / gainst the LORD

and against his A- / nointed One. *Refrain*

He who sits in / heaven laughs;

the Lord / scoffs at them.

Then he addresses them in his anger and frightens them
with his fury, / saying,

“I have set my King on Zion, my / holy hill.” *Refrain*

I will declare the / LORD’s decree:

He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have be- /
gotten you.”

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the / Holy Spirit,

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

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Second Reading

Titus 3:4–7

⁴But when the kindness and love of God our Savior toward mankind appeared, ⁵he saved us—not by righteous works that we did ourselves, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and the renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs in keeping with the hope of eternal life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 1:11

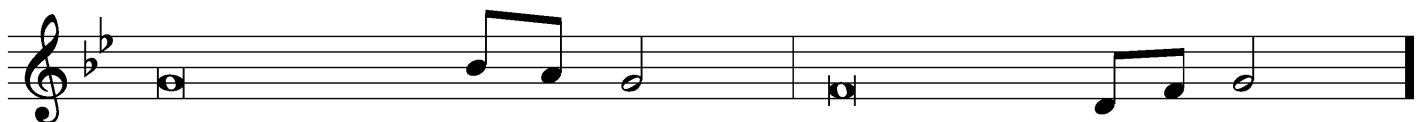


Refrain



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

Tone



You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.

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Gospel*Luke 3:15–17,21-22*

¹⁵The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might be the Christ.

¹⁶John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But someone mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing shovel is in his hand, and he will thoroughly clean out his threshing floor. He will gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

²¹When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. While he was praying, heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love. I am well pleased with you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

(Be seated)

377 To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord

CW 377

1 To Jordan’s river came our Lord,
the Christ, whom heav’nly hosts adored,
the God from God, the Light from Light,
the Lord of glory, pow’r, and might.

- 2 The Savior came to be baptized—
the Son of God in flesh disguised—
to stand beneath the Father’s will
and all his promises fulfill.
- 3 As Jesus in the Jordan stood
and John baptized the Lamb of God,
the Holy Spirit, heav’nly dove,
descended on him from above.
- 4 Then from God’s throne with thund’rous sound
came God’s own voice with words profound:
“This is my Son,” was his decree,
“the one I love, who pleases 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.

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Sermon

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Christ Is Here!

I. In power (15-17)

II. In our place (21-22) (*Stand*)

Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty.**

**From there 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.**

(Be seated)

Prayer of the Church

Offering

679 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

CW 679

1 God's own child, I gladly say it:

I am baptized into Christ!

He, because I could not pay it,

gave my full redemption price.

Do I need earth's treasures many?

I have one worth more than any

that brought me salvation free,

lasting to eternity!

2 Sin, disturb my soul no longer:

I am baptized into Christ!

I have comfort even stronger:

Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.

Should a guilty conscience seize me

since my baptism did release me

in a dear forgiving flood,

sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?

3 Satan, hear this proclamation:

I am baptized into Christ!

Drop your ugly accusation,

I am not so soon enticed.

Now that to the font I've traveled,

all your might has come unraveled,
 and, against your tyranny,
 God, my Lord, unites with me!

4 Death, you cannot end my gladness:
 I am baptized into Christ!
 When I die, I leave all sadness
 to inherit paradise!

Though I lie in dust and ashes
 faith's assurance brightly flashes:
 Baptism has the strength divine
 to make life immortal mine.

5 There is nothing worth comparing
 to this lifelong comfort sure!
 Open-eyed my grave is staring:
 even there I'll sleep secure.
 Though my flesh awaits its raising,
 still my soul continues praising:
 I am baptized into Christ;
 I'm a child of paradise!

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(Stand)

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.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to
 you.
 The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.
Amen.

692 All Who Believe and Are Baptized

CW 692

1 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 shall stand

among the glorious, heav'nly band
of ev'ry tribe and nation.

- 2 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.

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Setting Two from Christian Worship

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Our **Time** to Our Lord

Envelope Recommendation: It is recommended by our financial chairman, Joel Birsching, that we cross off the number on the top of our envelope box, and just use the number on the envelope itself. The 'someone' that made such a mess of this, wishes to express her apologies to each of you!!! (For anyone not sure, that 'someone' is the church secretary)

Pastor David J Plocher: The father of Pastor James Plocher, has been called home to heaven by his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on December 31, 2024. If you are

interested in sending a card of condolence to the Plochers you may do so at: Pastor and Kelly Plocher 504 E. Lafollette St. Pardeeville WI 53954

Euchre Night: Members have shown interest in an evening of euchre and fellowship! Consensus has shown that Friday evening would be best. We'll plan our first gathering for **January 17th at 6:30 PM**. Bring you game faces, some snacks for sharing, and your beverage. Plan on some giggles!

Women's Bible Study: The Women's Bible Study will begin on **Thursday January 23rd 5:30 PM and will continue the fourth Thursday of each month**. Our new topic of study and discussion will be *Self Care: Selfish or Sacred?* In our hectic lives, sometimes burning the candle at both ends, we forget about our own needs. Let us learn from the Lord's own words his expectations and gracious wishes for us.

Removing Christmas Decorations: We'll plan on coming together **today after Bible class** to take down this year's Christmas decorations. Many hands make the work light (plus it's a great fellowship opportunity!) Join the fun!!!

Beautifying Our Worship: Please notice that there is a calendar on the bulletin board beside the office door that allows any of us to sign up to place flowers on the stands or on the retable on the altar. Consider this for events in our lives: memorials, anniversaries, thanksgiving, or just because.

Our **Time** to Our Lord

Attendance: January 5th and 6th

Sunday Service: 111, Communed: 98, Sunday School: 9,
Bible Class: 45

Monday Service: 13 Communed: 10

Upcoming Events:

Sunday 01/12/2025

9:00 AM Worship

Monday 01/13/2025

7:00 PM Worship

Tuesday 01/14/2025

6:30 PM Church Council

Sunday 01/19/2025

9:00 AM Communion

Worship Service

Monday 01/20/2025

7:00 PM Communion

Worship Service

Our Talents to Our Lord

January Servers

January Sunday Ushers: Paul and Silas Schultz, Eric Korthals, Carter Korthals

January Monday Ushers: David Atkins

January Finance: Gabe Fall, Sam and Carter Korthals

January Altar Guild: Beth Solgat and Beth Arnold

Organist: Olivia Marker

Our Treasures to Our Lord

For 2025, the planned giving needed is \$7,910.00 per week to meet our ministry goals.

Last Week's Budgetary Offerings: \$5,016.00

New Year's Offerings: \$115.00

Initial Offering: \$347.00

Sunday School Offerings: \$10.00

Member Memorial Gifts Given in Memory of Dorothy

Martini: \$235.00

Non-Member Memorial Gifts Given in Memmory of

Dorothy Martini: \$460.00