



JESUS' BAPTISM

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☧ WELCOME ☧

Welcome to all in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit! If you are a guest today, we welcome you and invite you to worship with us again. Please sign our guest register.

☧ ORDER OF WORSHIP ☧

OPENING PRAYER

P: O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

HYMN 422

"Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake

CONFESSION OF SIN

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us a true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE KYRIE ELEISON (*Lord, have mercy*)

**C: [sing, p. 42] O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us.
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.
O God the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us.**

THE ABSOLUTION

P: Lift up your hearts unto God! Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized will be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all. Amen.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO (*Glory be to God in the Highest*)

P: Glory be to God in the highest.

C: [sing, p. 44] **And on earth peace, good will toward men.**

All glory be to God on high Who hath our race befriended!

To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended;

God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall dwell on earth again;

O thank Him for His Goodness!

THE SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: [sing, p. 45] **And with your spirit.**

THE COLLECT (Prayer of the Day)

C: **Father in heaven, as at our Lord's baptism in the Jordan River You once proclaimed Jesus Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit, grant that all who are baptized in His name may faithfully keep the covenant into which they have been called, boldly confess their Savior, and with Him be heirs of life eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.**

C: [sing, p. 45] **Amen.**

READINGS — Christian Worship 3-Year Series (All readings from the NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION)

The Old Testament — 1 Samuel 16: 1-13

The 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 be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king."

But Samuel 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.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate."

Samuel did what the Lord said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?"

Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed stands here before the Lord."

But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The Lord has not chosen this one either." Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The Lord has not chosen these." So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?"

"There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep."

Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."

So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one."

So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

The Epistle — Titus 3: 4-7

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved

us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

The Holy Gospel – Luke 3: 15-17, 21, 22

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and 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; with you I am well pleased.”

RESPONSE

P: Here end the Scripture readings.

C: [sing, p. 46] **God be prais-éd for His glad tidings.**

THE CREED

P: Having heard God’s Word, we confess our Christian faith using the words of the Apostles Creed.

**C: 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From there he shall 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.**

C: [sing, p. 46} Amen.

HYMN 494

I Know My Faith Is Founded

THE SERMON

"Beloved"

1 Samuel 16: 6-13

HYMN VERSE

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence,
and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation,
and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER (*Hymn 384*)

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| 1 Our Father, throned in heav'n above,
All glory to Thy name of love.
Thy Kingdom come; Thy holy will
May earth as well as heav'n fulfill. | 2 Give us this day our daily food
With all we need of promised good;
And freely all our sins remit
As we our debtors freely quit. |
| 3 Defend us from the tempter's ways
Uphold when tried, when fallen raise:
For pow'r is Thine, and boundless reign,
In glory evermore, Amen. | |

THE APOSTOLIC BLESSING

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

OFFERING

HYMN VERSE

**C: We give Thee but Thine own, Whate're the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

HYMN 230

Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth

THE COLLECT

P: Lord God, our heavenly Father, we thank You, that of Your great mercy You have given us Your holy and blessed Word, by which You gather Your people into Your Christian Church. We humbly ask, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we receive Your Word with thankful hearts, and live according to it, and ever increase in Christian faith, and hope, and love, and finally obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: [sing p. 58] **Amen.**

THE 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 on you with favor and give you peace.

C: [sing p. 59] **Amen, amen, amen.**

HYMN 199 vv. 4,5,6

Rise, Thou Light of Gentile Nations

CLOSING PRAYER

P: O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. Amen.

Musician: Shelly Thompson



❧ ANNOUNCEMENTS ❧



Al Kroll
Dean Boettcher

LAST WEEK

39 people, out of love for Jesus, offered \$3,776 of which \$50 was for Missions.

CALL EXTENDED

At the Congregational meeting two weeks ago, Andrew Burmeister was called to be the next pastor of Western Koshkonong Lutheran Church. Pastor Burmeister, who will be 57 this month, is a second career person having served in the public ministry for 12-13 years. Since 2013 he has served Our Savior Lutheran Church in Lakeland, Florida. Previous to that, he served Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Kallangur, Queensland, Australia from 2006 to 2013. He also vicared at this same church the previous year. Pastor Burmeister is not married.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes for 2019 are now available for pickup. For the sake of “recording”, please don’t use 2018 envelopes in the New Year since some might have different numbers. There are several reasons for using the “envelope system”: 1–It is about the most private/personal way of giving. 2–It gives the giver a chance to determine where he/she would like the offering to be used (Missions for example). 3–At the end of the year, when a financial statement is given, the giver can evaluate his/her stewardship (management) of the gifts God has given him during the past year.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

We will take down our Christmas decorations next Saturday, January 19 starting at 8:00 a.m.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place next Sunday, January 20th, following the Worship Service. Part of the agenda will be to discuss and seek approval to repair/remodel the Fellowship Hall and bathrooms. This project has the potential to be extensive in both cost and time.

PRAYERS

You are encouraged to keep the following members of our congregation in your prayers...members who are confined to nursing homes, sick or something other: Eileen Brekken, Boyd Daley, Charlotte Nelson, Lois Pieper, and Judy Zemke. If you know of others who might be added to this list, please inform Pastor Kock.

JUST A THOUGHT

"Pray on the days that end in y."