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*Then a voice from heaven said,
"This is my Son, with whom I am pleased."*

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 10, 2021

+ God Gathers Us In His Presence +

WELCOME:

OPENING PRAYER:

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP AND REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM:

Leader: When we were baptized into God's name, we were brought into fellowship with the Holy, Triune God Himself.

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

Leader: When we gather together in His 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. Yet, we must admit that too often our living bears witness to the truth that we are also children of Adam and by nature fallen and sinful.

People: **Almighty God, I confess that my thoughts, words and deeds have not always born witness to the new birth that I received in baptism. For the sake of Jesus Christ forgive me anew and grant me Your Spirit that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

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: Daily we are called and invited to live in our baptism and renew our faith. Therefore, in remembrance of your baptism and recognition of the gifts God gave you, I ask you anew: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

People: **Yes, I renounce them.**

Leader: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

People: **Yes, I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
Who out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy,
without any merit or worthiness in me,
has given me my body and soul, my reason and senses
and richly provides me with all that I need.**

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: **Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, 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 thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
Through His holy, precious blood
and with His innocent suffering and death He has redeemed me,
purchased and won me from all sins,
from death and from the power of the devil;
that I might be His own and live under Him in His kingdom.**

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. Amen.
This same Spirit, proceeding from Father and Son,
has called me by the Gospel and enlightens me with His gifts.**

Leader: Baptism is a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit. This baptism indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily repentance be drowned and that the new person, in faith, should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness, follow Him faithfully and grow in godliness until we obtain our heavenly inheritance through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Do you believe this and do you desire to live this?

People: **Yes!**

*(We now invite you to remember your baptism,
by making the sign of the cross over your forehead,
and that of children accompanying you.)*



+ *God Gives Us the Gift of His Word* +

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: *Genesis 1:1-5*

In the beginning God created heaven and earth.

The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep water. The Spirit of God was hovering over the water.

Then God said, “Let there be light!” So there was light. God saw the light was good. So God separated the light from the darkness. God named the light *day*, and the darkness he named *night*. There was evening, then morning—the first day. – GW®

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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®

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: *Mark 1:4-11*

John the Baptizer was in the desert telling people about a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judea and all the people of Jerusalem went to him. As they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River.

John was dressed in clothes made from camel's hair. He wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey.

He announced, "The one who comes after me is more powerful than I. I am not worthy to bend down and untie his sandal straps. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan River. As Jesus came out of the water, he saw heaven split open and the Spirit coming down to him as a dove. A voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, whom I love. I am pleased with you." – GW®

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN: *“Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning”* LSB 400



1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
2 Cold on His cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;
3 Shall we not yield Him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,
4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,
5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;
Fra - grance of E - dom and of - f'ring di - vine,
Vain - ly with gifts would His fa - vor se - cure.
Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;



Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,
An - gels a - dore Him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
Gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,
Rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion;
Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,



Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
Mak - er and Mon - arch and Sav - ior of all.
Myrrh from the for - est and gold from the mine?
Dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

MESSAGE: *“You're All Wet!”*

+ *We Give Thanks for God's Word* +

OFFERING:

APOSTLE'S CREED: (** catholic means the universal Christian Church*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.**

On the third day He rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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.

+ *God Sends Us Forth for Lives of Love and Service* +

CLOSING HYMN:

“Father Welcomes”

LSB 605

Refrain



Fa - ther wel - comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly



through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,



Life for - ev - er has been won.



1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom
2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,
3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly



is of these. Life and love I have to give,
be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve
rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,



Refrain

Mer - cy for your sin.
Shall be born a gain.
Live in the peace of God.

PRAYER:

Leader: Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge your family and in baptism made us members of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs of your heavenly kingdom.

People: **Lord we humbly ask You
to keep us in our baptismal promises and grace,
that according to Your good pleasure
we may faithfully grow in godliness of life
to the praise and honor of Your holy name
and finally, with all Your saints,
reach the promised land of heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

THE BLESSING:

Leader: Live always by the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming,
that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him
into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom,
which shall have no end.
Peace + be with you!

People: **Amen.**

SERVING GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Seth Moorman
Liturgist: Pastor Mark Siegert
Scripture Reading: Jackson Hammond
Organist: Ken Culley
Usher: Mark and Liz Ruhl
Recorder of Service: Carol Doss

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

(The deadline for bulletin announcements is Tuesday morning. Thank you!)



- Sunday at Holy Cross begins at **10:00 am** with Adult Bible Study (Parish Hall) and Sunday School (Youth Room for 7th - 9th Graders & Classroom 3 for elementary students).
- Worship Service then follows, beginning at **11:00 am** outside the Parish Hall.

COUCH CONVERSATIONS:

Take some time this week with your family, or on your own, to have some conversations about our text and theme for worship – **Mark 1:4-11**. We hope that these conversations will help you as you continue to be formed spiritually.

Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus. This is a day for us to also remember our own baptism. In baptism God claims you as His own and makes you one of the family of God. When the water & the Word are combined, sins are forgiven.

- When were you baptized?
- If you don't remember your baptism, ask your parents to tell you about it.
- How can you share the joy of baptism with others?



Please pray for peace and comfort for Charlotte Anderson's family. Charlotte passed away in the morning on Sunday, January 3rd. She is now in the arms of our Lord Jesus Christ celebrating the new year in Heaven. No service is planned at this time.

REQUESTS — FOR — PRAYER

Also please continue to pray for all the families who have tested positive for Covid-19, including Karleen's friends Michelle Brown (Zion Thrift Store in Fullerton), Jim and Elvera (Missouri), and all medical staff and essential workers.

Give thanks to the Lord for the successful surgery of 18-month old Pete. Pray for continued healing for Pete and his great-grandfather who is recovering from pneumonia.

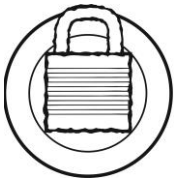
GIVING PROPORTIONATELY: Luke 21:1-4



The 2021 Offering Envelopes are ready for pick up. You may pick them up Sunday mornings before or after Church Service or at the Church Office (Tuesday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm).



Your gift can be designated to the roofing project. Construction began this past week on the **new roof for the Church Office Sanctuary** (flat roof sections). For further details, please contact Les Friend, Ken Culley or Betty Koester.



Security Update

In a phased-approach during the next several weeks in January, the combinations on the gate locks are being changed for security purposes and will be released on an as needed basis only. If you have a need to obtain the combination, you must complete the new "Combination Lock - Statement of Understanding" form and submit it to the Church Office. By signing the form, you are agreeing to be familiar with Holy Cross policies, that you will not share the combination with anyone, and if you share the combination with another, then you agree to pay all costs for re-keying / replacing / reconfiguring locks to re-secure the property.

All forms require authorization from a Leadership Team member. Please allow 5 business days for the form to be processed. To obtain the form, please contact the church office (hcsecretary@yahoo.com).

Please note that an email to submit the form was sent to congregation members pre-approved to receive the combination based upon their roles/responsibilities at Holy Cross.

Support Holy Cross through Scrip!

We have scrip that can be purchased for gifts as well as for your use all year long. Over 75 to choose from, including California Pizza Kitchen, Carl's Jr., Carrows, Cheesecake Factory, Chipotle, Claim Jumper, Claire's, Coco's, Cold Stone Creamery, Darden (Red Lobster, Olive Garden, Longhorn Steakhouse, Bahama Breeze, Seasons 32 Grill), Del Taco, Denny's, Domino's Pizza, home repair stores (Home Depot, Lowe's ... and many, many, more.



Just contact Liz Ruhl (mruhl7777@aol.com) or the Church Office.



Tuesday through Thursday (9:00 AM to 1:00 PM)
(Remember to wear face mask upon entry to Church Office.)

This week at Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(following HC published "Safe Together" Protocol)

Today	1/10	10:00 am	Sunday School, Youth Group and Bible Study
		11:00 am	Traditional Service (outside)
		3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Boy Scouts
Monday	1/11		
Tuesday	1/12	9:00 am - noon	555 Team - Making Time for Prayer (Room 7)
		10:00 am - noon	Food Pantry
		10:00 am	MAC
		4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Choir
		4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Confirmation (Church Office Conference Room)
Wednesday	1/13	1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Living Way Bible Study (Matthew)
Thursday	1/14	5:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Salam Ministries
Friday	1/15		
Saturday	1/16	8:00 am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	1/17	10:00 am	Sunday School, Youth Group and Bible Study
		11:00 am	Traditional Service with HC (outside)
		3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Boy Scouts

Any additional events require prior approval by the Leadership Board.