

**Sunday, January 13, 2019**

**Baptism of Our Lord**



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***MISSION STATEMENT***

*We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH*

*we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS*

*we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.*

**Hearing Assistance is available during the service.**

**Please notify usher if you would like assistance**

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### INTRODUCTION

*There can be something deeply satisfying about getting ready for an important visit, a significant holiday, or a major milestone. John the Baptist has a significant role in the Gospels because he anticipates Jesus. In this Matthew text, we hear how John prepares the Jewish people for the arrival of the kingdom and its king.*

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

**“We are Called”**

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING HYMN:

**“Earth and All Stars”**

**#731 ELW**

*Please rise on the last verse*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us.

**Amen.**

Gathered in God’s presence, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Mighty and loving God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love.**

**Amen.**

Hear the voice of Jesus:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives.” In the name of ✙ Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

**Amen.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Righteous God,

**you sent your son Jesus to be baptized by John in the Jordan, so that all might hear the proclamation of your love. Make us voices of**

**proclamation, so that all might know of your love through our words and our actions. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM: "Living Water"**

**SCRIPTURE ACCLAMATION: "Thy Word"**

**GOSPEL READING: Matthew 3:1-17**

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup>"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." <sup>3</sup>This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

<sup>4</sup>Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup>Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup>I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**PSALM RESPONSE      Psalm 2:7-8**

<sup>7</sup>I will tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to me, "You are my son; today I have begotten you.

<sup>8</sup>**Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:      "Borning Cry"**

**#770 WOV**

*Please Stand*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We are not alone; we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

**THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church. Pour out your Spirit upon us and enliven us for mission. Draw us together in love that we may be one. Lead us in the way of your beloved Son. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For the earth. Sustain oceans and seas, rivers and lakes, marshes and wetlands. Watch over dormant plants and hibernating animals as they rest in your care. Renew your creation and protect all creatures from harm. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For the nations. Inspire leaders to work for the common good. Grant courage to those who put themselves at risk to protect others. Turn us away from violence and teach us to live in peace. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For those in need. Protect children and vulnerable adults who depend on others to provide for their daily care. Uphold those who struggle with depression. Console the grieving and heal the sick (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For this assembly. Bless the newly baptized. Renew your children in the covenant of baptism. Empower us by your loving Spirit to serve our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died (*especially*). Hold us safe in your arms of mercy and bring us with them into your promise of life eternal.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

**“Wade in the Water”**

**#459 ELW**

*Ushers will begin passing the offering plate.*

*Please rise as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

God of all creation,

**all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER – LED BY THE PRAISE TEAM**

**Invitation to Communion**

Come to the table. Feast on God’s abundant life for you.

All are welcome. (Communion by intinction - red wine; white apple juice)

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We thank you, O God,

**that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another**

**up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**BLESSING**

The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is your light.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CLOSING HYMN:                    “Shout to the Lord”                    #821 ELW**

**Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship!  
Please come again.**

**THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK**

Music: The Praise Team                    Greeters: Jerry & Pat Becker

Ushers: George & Kathy Larson

Hospitality Hosts: Nancy Hansen, Barry & Donna Ansell

*Thank you for your service!*

Response to God’s Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, January 6, 2019: 9:00am 88?

**THIS WEEK AT Bethesda                    Jan. 14 through Jan. 20, 2019**

Monday	1/14	1:00 pm	Double Deck Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	1/15	12 – 2 pm	Pastor’s Text Study
Wednesday	1/16	8:-12:00 pm	WIC
		9:00 am	Bible Study
		10:000 am	Stitchers
Thursday	1/17	8:00 am	ROMEOS
		12:30 pm	Funtimers
		1:00 pm	Council Meeting
Friday	1/18	10:00 am	Bone Builders
Sunday	1/20	9:00 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Praise Team
		2-5:00pm	SNOWDAY! Winter Fun Day

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ATTENDANCE REGISTRY** *Please* sign and pass the attendance registry which you will find in the pew. This information is gathered for annual reports to the Synod.

**BLESSING BOX** We received \$152.85 in the Blessing Box last Sunday. Donations will go to Local Benevolence. Thank you! What a Blessing!

**JOIN IN THE FUN!** Support our Centennial activities in 2019. For the month of January you have the opportunity to win a fabulous prize by purchasing a "Snowflake" for \$1.00 that we will use to decorate the fellowship hall. The winner will be drawn the last Sunday of the month after first service. The prize for January is donated by our quilters. Buy tickets after Sunday service or find the can on the secretaries' desk during the week.

**SNOW DAY!** A winter fun day to begin our 100<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration! Sunday, January 20, 2019 from 2pm-5pm. Fun Indoor & Outdoor activities include Snow Shoeing, Bonfire, Exploring the Nature Trail, Making a Luminary, Games, Chili & fixings, Hot Chocolate. **FREE!** Fun for all ages.

**ITEMS NEEDED FOR SNOWDAY!** Looking for ice cream pails/large sour cream/yogurt type containers to make luminaries. They can leave at the church.

**2019 BETHESDA CENTENNIAL FUNDRAISER CALENDARS** are here! These will make memorial items with the beautiful pictures each month! Only \$10 and available in the Fellowship Hall after service today and for weeks to come.

**PICTURE DIRECTORIES** are here! If you had your picture taken please pick up your complementary directory in the Fellowship Hall. If you didn't have your picture taken, updated smaller directories are available in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like a picture directory, but didn't have your picture taken, you can purchase a copy for \$10. See the secretaries in the office.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** are not here yet. Please pick up the generic envelopes in the Narthex for this week. Envelopes should be here by next Sunday.

**JELLY ON SALE** Inventory closeout! \$3 each or 2 for \$5. Available in the Fellowship Hall.

**CROSS COUNTRY SKIS** Judie Birk is looking for old cross country skis that she plans to paint/decorate for this year's bazaar. You can leave them at the church office.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY** During the month of January children's T-shirts of all sizes and colors are being collected in the narthex. Each month a different item will be collected so that by June the VBS kids will have enough items to fill shoe boxes.

**JOIN US FOR SNOWSHOEING** our Nature Trail at Bethesda on the 20<sup>th</sup>. If you can't make it and have an extra pair or two of skis to borrow, please drop off at church by Sunday, Jan. 20. Please make sure you label your snowshoes. AccuWeather has forecasted a 30 degree day with some snow flurries. Wouldn't that be snow lovely!!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS continued**

**HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER AROUND THE WORLD** – Feb. 6, 2019. We will be having a Service at 6:30pm on that Wednesday night. Fellowship afterwards.

**MALMO LIONS' SWEETHEART DANCE** Dinner & Dance on Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019. \$15/per person, call the church office for reservations before Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>. See poster in Narthex for more information.

**PRAYER & CARE** Carol Hass is in the Onamia Hospital - fell

**WE ARE CALLED**

Larry Olson



We are called (we are called). We are claimed (we are claimed). We are loved  
We are here (we are here). To pro-claim (to pro-claim). God is here



(we are loved) by the ho - ly name. We are healed (we are healed). We are whole  
(God is here); calls us each by name. We are here (we are here). To give praise



(we are whole). The Sav-ior ran-somed our souls— and we're singing  
(to give praise). The love of God will not change— and we're singing



Glo - ry, Glo - ry, Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, Glo - ri - a.



Oh, ——— Glo - ry, Glo - ry, Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah.



Glo - ry, Glo - ri - a!