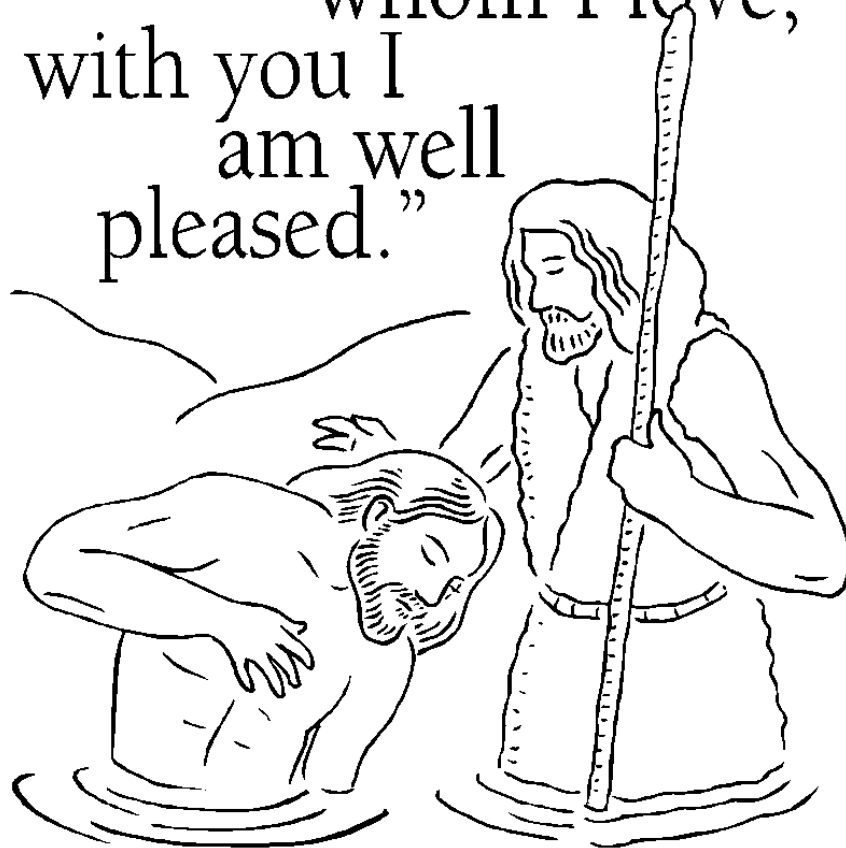


And a voice came from heaven:

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



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BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
JANUARY 13, 2019 – 9:00 AM

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
WOODCLIFF LAKE, NJ

WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

LISTEN, FOR WE ARE CALLED to look within and fully welcome the Messiah. [Sundays and Seasons]

BREAKING THE SOUND BARRIER! We invite you to try one of our listening devices, which allows you to sit anywhere in the sanctuary. They are available by speaking to an usher, Tom Kearns or David Crouse.

PINK PRAYER CARDS: You may write names for prayer on a pink card found in the pew rack. Please place your card on the altar rail for inclusion in the prayers of the day. If you wish a name to be added to our printed prayer list (for four weeks) please write "Prayer List" on the card. Please be sure this prayer request is approved by the person for whom we are praying.

"LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!" Christ Lutheran's Prayer Chain is available daily for prayer for members, friends and family. You may call JoAnn Sallo, chairperson at 201-666-2156 or the church office with your joys or concerns.

HOLY COMMUNION: All who are baptized are invited to the table where Christ is bodily present in the bread and wine. At the directions of our ushers, all who are able kneel at the rail to receive this gift. The individual cups contain wine and grape juice (grape juice is in the center of the tray). A common cup with wine is also available. Children who commune should hold out their hands to the server.

NURSERY FACILITIES: There is a self-serve Nursery and Infant Room for young children accompanied by their parents. The Infant Room contains a bathroom with a changing table. These rooms are located along the hallway from the side door of the sanctuary.

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Open on Sundays: 9:00 and 10:30 am

[For today's worship all *portions in italics* will be spoken by our worship leaders.
Congregational responses are in **bold-faced type**.]

[Please stand as you are able.]

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who shines in glory,
clothes us in compassion,
and bears gifts of mercy for all.*

Amen.

Let us confess our sins with confidence in God's promise of forgiveness.

[Silence is kept for reflection.]

God, wonderful counselor,
**we confess that we have turned from your gifts
and chosen our own way.**

**We have not made room for you
in our hearts or in our world.**

**We have lived in fear;
we have not welcomed the stranger;
we desire gifts that will not endure.**

**Forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
and open us to receive the peace of Jesus
dwelling in and among us.**

Amen.

God's lovingkindness has appeared to us in Christ our Savior.

*We are saved, not by anything we have done,
but by God's mercy poured out on us richly.*

*In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.*

*Through the Spirit living in you,
God give you faith to trust Jesus,
who is Love born for you, now and always.*

Amen.

[Please remain standing as you are able.]

GATHERING SONG – “Blessed Be Your Name” [Words/Music by Matt Redman & Beth Redman]

♩=116

A

E

F#m⁷



1. Bless - ed ___ be ___ Your ___ name ___ in the land that ___ is ___ plen-
2. Bless - ed ___ be ___ Your ___ name ___ when I'm found in ___ the ___ des-
3. Bless - ed ___ be ___ Your ___ name ___ when the sun's shin - ing ___ down.
4. Bless - ed ___ be ___ Your ___ name ___ on the road marked ___ with ___ suf-

4

D

A

E



- ti - ful, ___ where Your streams of ___ a - bun - dance ___ flow, ___ bless-ed ___
- ert ___ place, ___ though I walk through ___ the ___ wil - der - ness, ___ bless-ed ___
___ on ___ me, ___ when the world's "all ___ as ___ it ___ should ___ be." ___ bless-ed ___
- fer - ing, ___ though there's pain in ___ the ___ of - fer - ing, ___ bless-ed ___

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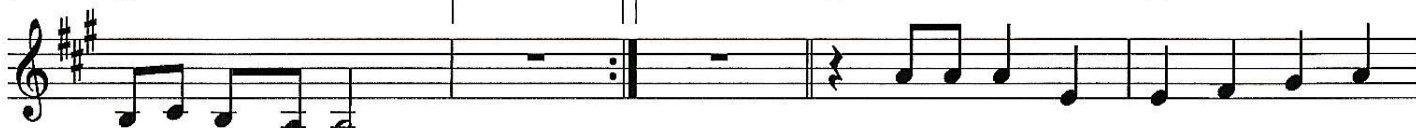
D

1, 3.

2, 4.

A

E



- ___ be Your name. ___
___ be Your name. ___
___ be Your name. ___
___ be Your name. ___

Ev - 'ry bless - ing You pour out I'll

12

F#m⁷

D

A

E



turn back to praise.

When the dark - ness clos - es in, Lord,

16

F#m⁷

D

⌘

A

E



still I will say, "Bless-ed be the name of ___ the ___ Lord, ___ bless-ed be Your

♩=70

D



Je - sus,

be the cen - tre.

Be my source,

5

A^{7sus}

G/B

D



be my light,

Je - sus.

9

D



Je - sus,

be the cen - tre.

Be my hope,

be my vi - sion.

Be my path,

13

A^{7sus}

G/B

D



be my song,

Je - sus.

Be the fi -

be my guide,

Je - sus.

17

A^{7sus}

D

A^{7sus}

- re in my heart.

Be the wind

in these sails.

20

D

A^{7sus}Bm⁷

Be the rea - son

that I live,

Je - sus,

[Song continues on the following page.]

20 F#m7 D A

name. Bless - ed be the name of the Lord,

23 E F#m7 E D Last time to Coda ⊕

— bless - ed be Your glo - ri - ous name." —

26 1. (D.C.) 2. A E

You give and take a - way, You

30 F#m7 D A E

give and take a - way. My heart will choose to say, "Lord,

34 F#m7 1. D 2. D D.S. al Coda

Bless - ed be Your name." You name." Bless-ed be the

37 ⊕ Coda D A

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHILDREN’S SERMON [The congregation may sit.]

THE FIRST READING – Isaiah 43:1-7

¹*But now thus says the LORD,*

he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

²*When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;*

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

³*For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.*

I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴*Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you,*

I give people in return for you,

nations in exchange for your life.

⁵*Do not fear, for I am with you;*

I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west

I will gather you;

⁶*I will say to the north, “Give them up,” and to the south, “Do not withhold;*

bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—

⁷*everyone who is called by my name,*

whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL according to St. Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵*As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”*

²¹*Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”*

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CONGREGATION ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS [The congregation may sit.]

[Pink prayer cards with your joys or concerns may be placed on the altar rail.]

SERMON – Declare It

[The offering will be received during the singing of the following song.]

SONG – “Be the Centre” [Words and Music by Michael Frye]

$\text{♩} = 70$

D

Je - sus, be the cen - tre. Be my source,

5 **A^{7sus}** **G/B** **D**

be my light, Je - sus.

9 **D**

Je - sus, be the cen - tre. Be my hope,
be my vi - sion. Be my path,

13 **A^{7sus}** **G/B** **D**

be my song, Je - sus. Be the fi -
be my guide, Je - sus.

17 **A^{7sus}** **D** **A^{7sus}**

- re in my heart. Be the wind in these sails.

20 **D** **A^{7sus}** **Bm⁷**

Be the rea - son that I live, Je - sus,

[Song continues on the following page.]

23 A^{7sus} G/B D 1. 2. D.C.

Je - sus.

27 3. D

Je - sus, be the cen - tre.

31 A^{7sus} G/B 1. D

Be my source be my light, Je - sus.

35 2. D

Be my source, Je - sus.

38

Je - sus.

APOSTLES' CREED [Please stand.]

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 DAY [Please remain standing.]

Loving God, you teach us to keep nothing from you. We bring to you all our prayers, large and small, those heavy on our hearts and those known only to you.

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. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Tracie, and all who are preparing for baptism. Lead us in the way of your beloved Son. 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. We pray for Donald, the President; Robert and Cory, our Senators; and Josh, our Representative. 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 . . .

**Beverly Albert, Dolores Albert, Bill Caver, Susan Bachstetter,
Victor Bongard, Kathy Bowen, Kathy Cipoletti, Tony Conboy,
Elizabeth Danko, Ken Eastlund, Ken Eiken, Flynn, Mike Hainsselin,
Sebastian Hitzig, Kim Herrera, Mae Hulburt, Jane, Janice,
Shiloh and Katherine Johnson, Katie, Art Klein,
Marie Kober, Julia Kopcsó, Camp Koinonia, Kristi, Henry Krumrei,
Donna Nardella, Lorraine and Jack Sadlon, Argine Safari,
Nancy Sweet, Trudy Ungar, and the family of Ron Brown.
Thanks and praise to God on the birth of Violet Sarahlee Stutzel!**

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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

Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Let us pray. Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

Come, not because you are perfect but because, through Christ Jesus, you are invited.

[The congregation may sit.]

HOLY COMMUNION

[All are invited to the Table where Christ is bodily present in the bread and drink.

At the direction of our ushers, everyone who is able kneels at the rail.

Bread will be distributed first (gluten free wafers are available),

followed by wine and grape juice in individual cups.

A chalice with wine is also available.

Children and all who have not received First Communion will receive a blessing.

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.]

[Please stand.]

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BLESSING

Dear God, thank you for being with us today and always. Help us discover just how much you love us and how we can share that love with everyone we meet. In Jesus' name,

Amen.

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

[Please remain standing.]

SENDING SONG – “Shine, Jesus, Shine” Words and Music by Graham Kendrick

♩ = 112

G G^{SUS} G D/G G G^{SUS} G D/G



1. Lord, the light of Your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the dark-ness, shin - ing;
2. Lord, I come to Your awe-some pres-ence, from the shad-ows in - to Your rad-i-ance;
3. As we gaze on Your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac-es dis-play Your like - ness;

5 C D/C Bm Em C D/C



Je - sus, Light of the world, shine up - on us, set us free by the
By the blood I may en - ter Your bright - ness, search me, try me, con -
Ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry, mir - rored here may our

8 Bm Em F D^{SUS} D F



truth You now bring us. Shine on me, shine on
-sume all my dark - ness. Shine on me, shine on
lives tell Your sto - ry. Shine on me, shine on

12 D^{SUS} D G D/G G C G/B Am Am/G



me. Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the
me.
me.

16 D^{SUS} D G D/G G C G/B Am Am/G F D^{SUS} D



Fa-ther's glo - ry; Blaze Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

21 G D/G G C G/B Am Am/G D^{SUS} D



Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;

25 G D/G G C G/B Am D⁷ G C/G

Send forth Your word, — Lord, and let there be light.

29 1, 2. 3.

D/G C/G D/G C/G G C/G G

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION: Judge**Pastor Marc A. Stutzel**

We rarely, I think, picture Jesus as primarily a judgement figure. When we close our eyes and imagine Jesus for us, visions of fire and brimstone are typically far from our minds. Personally, with a newborn living in my home, I lean on the picture of Jesus welcoming children instead of seeing him as someone wielding a winnowing fork while surrounded by unquenchable fire. Yet John the Baptist, in our reading from the gospel according to Luke, imagined the Messiah to be someone who primarily judges. This Messiah would come into our world, a place where God's love, generosity, and justice already existed but was, currently, obscured. Work needed to be done to bring all the good stuff of God to fruition. The Messiah, then, would need to get his hands dirty and would be active in the world at large. John used an image of someone wielding a winnowing fork as an example of what the Messiah would do. A winnowing fork was a tool used to sort the good grains of wheat from the rest of the stalk. It was the good grains of wheat that produced good flour while the rest would be given to animals or tossed aside. The Messiah wasn't gentle in the way we think a Messiah to be. The Messiah was active, efficient and would be harsh. And if we do think about the Messiah being harsh, we usually want him to act that way towards other people and not to us.

Yet, the rest of Jesus' story after this point doesn't really match this vision. Throughout his 3 years of public ministry, from his baptism to his death on the cross, Jesus rarely is the one with a winnowing fork in his hands; instead, we are the ones acting as if we're the ones who can recognize the good from the bad. We imagine ourselves to be judges and we, like many people in Luke, have no problem casting a judgement on Jesus, because Jesus has a habit of hanging out with the wrong kind of people in the wrong kind of places and for entirely the wrong reasons. He has meals with people he shouldn't, talks to people he should avoid, and keeps acting as if the gospel is real, honest-to-goodness, good news for the poor. Jesus' first judgement is to preach, teach, and act as if God will be God and that God will keep God's promises. God's promises are always rooted in a God who gives life because that's just what God does. We are thrilled when God gives us life, transforming us in ways we can't imagine. But we're less thrilled when we see God doing the same thing in others, especially in those we avoid. Throughout the gospel according to Luke, the text will show us how our judgements are not God's. The Messiah with the winnowing fork doesn't just separate people in the good and the bad. The Messiah also transforms us, pulling out the good grains of faith from the chaff inherent in our lives. And by encountering Jesus over and over again, through the confession of sins, the promise of forgiveness, and by meeting him in the bread and drink, we also discover what it's like to live as the baptized and beloved ones we actually are.