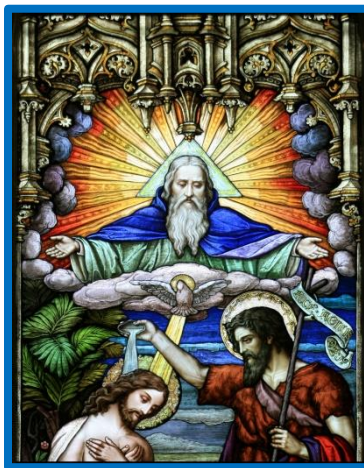


SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022
Rev. Vivian L. Rodeffer, Pastor

BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY
Maxine Alstrom, Music Director



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Viv

*Most wonderful God, foolish and flawed though we are, we too delight in your beloved Son. As in his name we gather in the house of many praises, may the heavens be opened for us, that we may catch a glimpse of that Light and Love that transforms our common days with a beauty not of our making. Through Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen!***

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 28

Blessed be the Lord, who has heard the voice of my supplications!

The Lord is my strength and shield in whom my heart trusts.

So I am helped, and my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to the Lord.

The Lord is the strength of the people, the saving refuge of his anointed.

O save your people, and bless your heritage; be their shepherd, and carry them forever.

HYMN #128

“He Leadeth Me”

**1. He leadeth me, O blessed thought!
 O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
 Whate'er I do, where'er I be
 Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.**

Refrain

**He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
 By His own hand He leadeth me;
 His faithful foll'wer I would be,
 For by His hand He leadeth me.**

**2. Lord, I would place my hand in Thine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.**

Refrain

**3. And when my task on earth is done,
When by Thy grace the vict'ry's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since God through Jordan leadeth me.**

Refrain

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

**Heavenly Parent,
At the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan
You proclaimed him your beloved Son
And anointed him with the Holy Spirit.
Grant that all who are baptized into his name
May keep the covenant they have made,
And boldly confess him as Lord and Savior,
Who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,
One God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 3: 1-6 & 13-17

Jeannie Laureano, Reader

¹ In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This 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.’”

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

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Wade in the Water”

Maxine Alstrom, Piano

MESSAGE

THE WATER THAT NEVER CEASES TO FLOW

“And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; with whom I am well pleased.’” v.17

Will you **repent** of your sin?
 Will you **accept** the freedom and power God gives you?
 Will you **resist** evil, injustice and oppression?
 Do you **confess** Jesus as your savior?
 Will you **trust** his grace?
 Will you promise to **serve** him as your lord?
 Will you **acknowledge** that all the peoples of every culture and color
 and walk of life are God’s beloved children?

THE MORNING’S OFFERINGS OF OUR HEARTS AND OUR GIFTS

***DOXOLOGY #94**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise God the source of all our gifts!
 Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
 Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

THE MORNING PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER & THE 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. Amen

HYMN TFWS #2184 “Sent Out in Jesus’ Name” (“Enviado Soy de Dios”)

**Sent out in Jesus name, our hands are ready now
 to make the earth the place in which the kingdom comes.
 The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain
 Into a world of love, of justice and of peace.**

**The task is ours to do, to set it really free.
O help us to obey and carry out your will.**

**Enviado soy de Dios, mi mano lista esta
Para construir con El un mundo fraternal.
Los angeles no son enviados a cambiar
Un mundo de dolor por un mundo de paz.
Me ha tocado a mi hacerlo realidad;
A yudame, Señor, a hacer tu voluntad.**

BENEDICTION

May we come to know Christ better
and then make him known to others, especially by the way we live.
And may almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

Monday, January 10	10 AM ZOOM Prayer/ Discussion Group 7 PM ZOOM NOW
Tuesday, January 11	NO CHOIR REHEARSALS
Sunday, January 16	10 AM ZOOM WORSHIP ONLY
Monday, January 17	10 AM ZOOM Prayer/ Discussion Group
Tuesday, January 18	7 PM ZOOM Combined Finance/ Trustees Meeting

