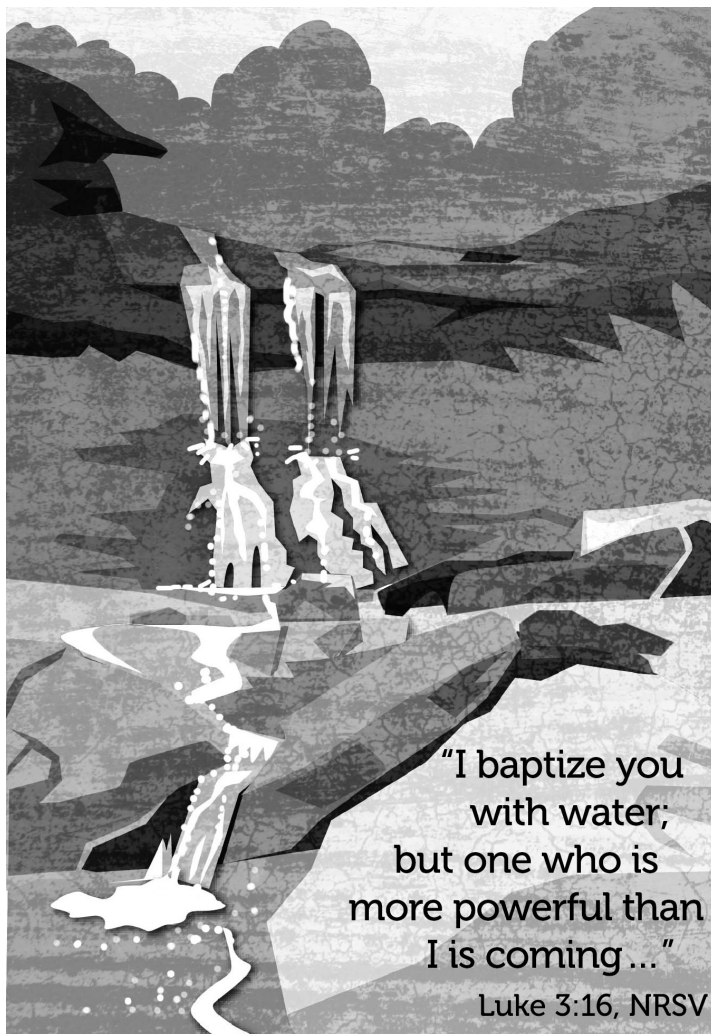


WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



JESUS: THE ANOINTED SON OF GOD

First Sunday after the Epiphany

ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH | *Wisconsin Rapids, WI*

January 13, 2019

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

If you are a visitor to our church, we extend you a warm welcome. It's encouraging to see parents bring their families to worship the Lord. If your child is restless, you can use the Family Room to calm your child. Restrooms are located in the hallways along either side of the Worship Center. For those with special needs, large print copies of the service and listening devices are available from the ushers. One of our ushers or greeters can help you find the restrooms, family room or answer your other questions.

SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY

The long-expected Messiah has arrived; the waiting is over as the Son of David is anointed at his baptism and sent on his way to begin his ministry. So too, we are anointed at our baptism with the Holy Spirit and with power that comes from on high. The water and Word of Baptism unite us with Christ and make us heirs of eternal life!

The liturgical color¹ for this Sunday is white, as heaven is opened for us and God speaks to his Son and confers his perfect righteousness on us through his means of grace, in which baptism is included.

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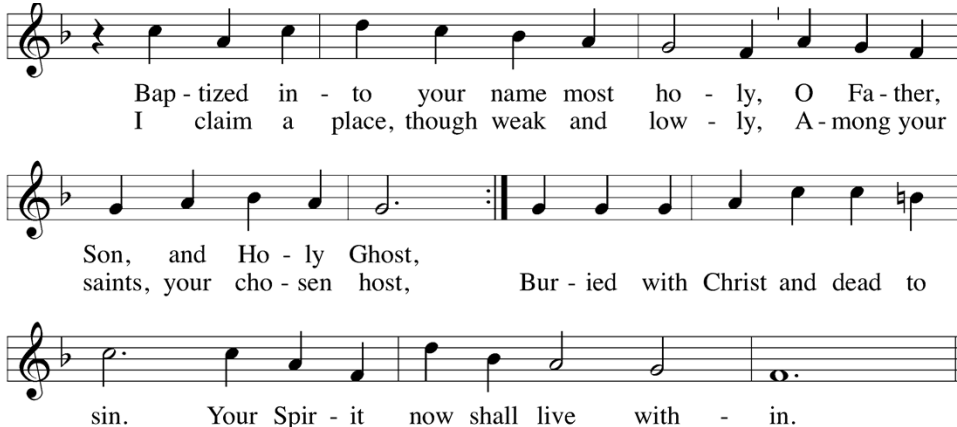
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

WELCOME

GATHERING RITE ON HOLY BAPTISM

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.



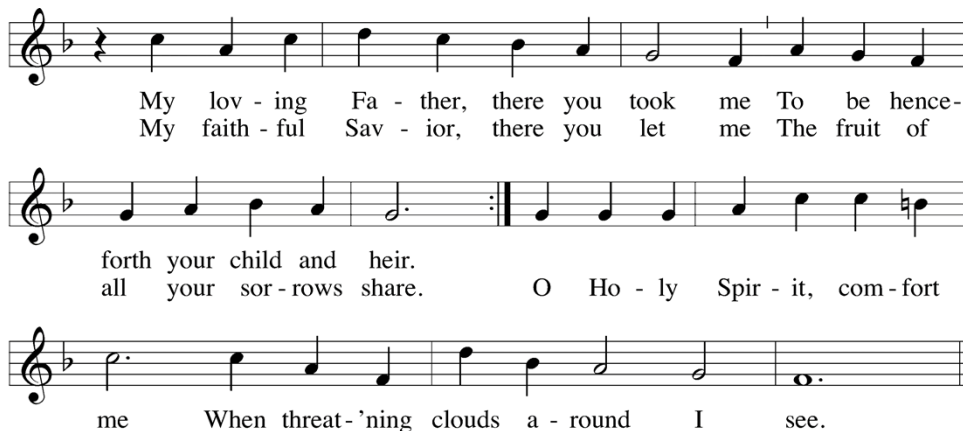
Bap - tized in - to your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther,
I claim a place, though weak and low - ly, A - mong your
Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,
saints, your cho - sen host, Bur - ied with Christ and dead to
sin. Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.

P: I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

C: Flesh gives birth to flesh, but Spirit gives birth to spirit. (*John 3:5,6*)

P: Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us. (*Ps 51:5*)

C: But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. (*1 Corinthians 6:11*)



My lov - ing Fa - ther, there you took me To be hence -
My faith - ful Sav - ior, there you let me The fruit of
forth your child and heir.
all your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it, com - fort
me When threat - 'ning clouds a - round I see.

P: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**



My faith - ful God, you fail me nev - er; Your pro - mise
Oh, cast me not a - way for - ev - er If words and



sure - ly will en - dure.
deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I come de -



filed; For - give, lift up, re - store your child.

P: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the Word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless (*Ephesians 5:25-27*). Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**



All that I am and love most dear - ly— Re - ceive it
Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly, And help me



all, O Lord, from me.
your own child to be! Let noth - ing that I am or



own Serve an - y will but yours a - lone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

10:30 – INSTALLATION OF LEADERS

The Word

FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 16:1-13

David is anointed as king.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalms 2 | CW p.65

SECOND LESSON

Titus 3:4-7

We have been anointed in our baptism.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Pastor: Alleluia. You are my Son, whom I love;

Everyone: with you I am well pleased. Alleluia. (*Mark 1:11b*)

Please stand.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3:15-17, 21, 22

Jesus is anointed at his baptism.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Everyone: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The children are invited to come forward for an object lesson.

HYMN OF THE DAY

*To Jordan's River Came Our Lord | 89 (1-6)
Contemporary Arrangement of Tune 391*

SERMON

REJOICE IN THE MIRACLE OF BAPTISM!

1. We are made alive by the Spirit
2. We have life by God's Son

Please stand.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostle's Creed

Everyone: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 will 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. Amen.

Please be seated.

THANK OFFERING

St. Paul's members offer their first and their best to their Savior in order to support the sharing of the Gospel through our church and our worldwide church body, the WELS. Our guests do not need to feel obligated to participate. We ask that everyone, guests and members, sign the Friendship Register which will be passed out during the offering.

If the gospel message has moved you to give and you would like an electronic option, you can scan this QR code with your mobile phone. It will connect you with our website's giving page.



MUSICAL OFFERING

Angels from the Realms of Glory

8:00 – INSTALLATION OF LEADERS

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's Son, in fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death:

Congregation: You ushered in the day so long foretold.

P: Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

C: You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.

P: Prince of Peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope.

C: Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.

P: Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

C: Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.

Special prayers and intercessions.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P: Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.



1 Christ, your foot - prints through the des - ert Led to
 2 Christ, you heard the stir - ring sum - mons As by
 3 Son of God, the road from Jor - dan Led at
 4 God, in Bap - tism you have made us One with



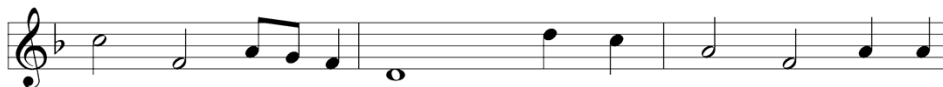
Jor - dan's flow - ing stream. There you heard the
 Jor - dan's bank you stood; Bathed, though sin - less,
 last to Cal - v'ry's hill. There up - on the
 Christ, our ris - en Lord; Freed us, claimed us,



her - ald cry - ing Is - rael's old pro - phet - ic
 with your peo - ple In the riv - er's cleans - ing
 cross for - sak - en, You ful - filled the Fa - ther's
 cleansed, for - giv - en Through the wa - ter and the



dream: "He is com - ing! He is com - ing! He will
 flood. High a - bove, the heav - ens o - pened; Came the
 will. Lamb of God, we see you dy - ing, Sin - less,
 Word. Help us hear your ur - gent sum - mons, Call - ing



cleanse the earth with flame! Sin - ners, plunge be - neath the
 Spir - it as a dove; Spoke a voice be - yond all
 yet for sin - ners slain. But where death rose up to
 us to serve you now. Send us forth, your sons and



wa - ters! Wash a - way your guilt and shame!"
 hear - ing: "See my Son, the one I love!"
 tri - umph, You be - gan your glo - rious reign!
 daugh - ters, With the cross up - on our brow.

Please stand.

CLOSING PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray together.

Everyone: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

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: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

May the Peace | CWS 745

Sing final refrain twice.

1 May the peace of God our heav'n - ly Fa -
peace which pass - es un - der - stand -
ther, And the grace of Christ the ris - en
ing, And this grace which makes us what we
Son, And the fel - low-ship of God the
are, And this fel - low-ship of his Com -
Spir - it Keep our hearts and minds with - in his
mun - ion Make us one in spir - it and in
love. heart. And to him be praise for his

glo - rious reign From the depths of earth to the

heights of heav'n. We de - clare the name of the

Lamb once slain— Christ e - ter - nal, the King of

kings.

2 May this kings.

WELS CONNECTION - *Year in Review*



TAKE HOME QUESTIONS

1. As a study on baptism as a whole, look up the following verses: 1 Peter 3:18-21; Acts 22:16; Romans 6:4; Acts 2:38-39. What commonalities do you notice in what God says about baptism?
2. Read the entire book of Titus (it's short and will likely take you less than 5 minutes to complete). What about reading the verses in context is especially helpful for you?
3. If Jesus didn't sin, why was he baptized? Look at Matthew 3:15 and 2 Corinthians 5:21 to connect the dots.
4. What is the key comforting truth in 1 Samuel 16:7? How can you use that verse to encourage people in their faith (or even to come to church in the first place)?

YOUTH WORSHIP QUESTIONS

(Intended for grade school-age, but useful for anyone.)

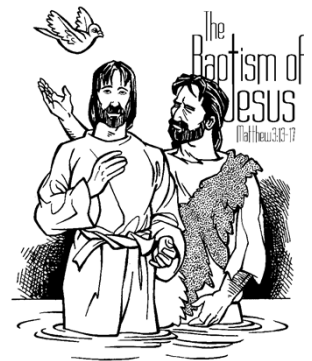
1. Sometimes, in church, we hear or see words that are confusing or big. If you come across a word you don't know in one of the songs or readings today, write it down. Then, ask your family what it means when you get home.

2. What is one thing you want to remember about today's children's message?

3. From what book of the Bible did pastor preach the sermon?

4. What did you learn about Jesus in the sermon?

5. After what you heard in church today, what is one thing you can pray for?



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR 2019 LEADERSHIP TEAM

Our Sunday worship includes installation of leaders. Our leadership team is listed below. Feel free to contact them with any concerns or ministry ideas. And, please keep them in your prayers as they guide our congregation over the next year.

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SIGN UP FOR A HUDDLE

Pastor Proeber held his first “huddles” with members this weekend. He would like to meet with all members in this way here at church. To make coordinating your schedule simpler, we have set up an electronic sign up. If we have your email address or follow us on facebook, you should have received a link to the sign up. You can also sign up on the sheets on the Ministry Table in the Welcome Center or by calling the church office 715-421-3634.

VOLLEYBALL RETURNS

Jan. 27 | 2:00-5:00 p.m.

We will once again have volleyball in the gym on Sunday afternoons. This is open to both men and women. This is just for fun and fellowship, but our church plans to compete in a tournament at Northland Lutheran High School on February 9. If you have questions, please contact Todd Wolf at 715-697-2889. Bring a friend!

HELP WITH BOOKFAIR

Jan. 25-February 3

Our school will be holding a bookfair during Christian Education Week. Volunteers are needed for set up, cashiering, and helping children select books. If you can help, please contact Mrs. Karen Obsuszt at 715-421-3634 ext. 24 or karenobsuszt@gmail.com.

DIG DEEPER INTO EXODUS

Jan. 16 | 6:30-8:00 p.m.

The book of Exodus recounts God's deliverance of the Israelites from Egypt and the establishment of God's covenant with their nation. The Bible Book Group invites you to join them as they take a deeper look at this book. The group meets in the Resource Center on Wednesday nights.

NLHS SOCK DRIVE

Northland Lutheran High School (NLHS) is holding a sock drive through January 15. The socks will go to Wausau charities. You can help by donating new or gently-used socks. There is a laundry basket in the Welcome Center for your donations.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATES

The Grace of Giving presentations ended this past Sunday. Thank you to all those families who accepted the invitation to attend. We had in excess of 90 families in attendance, and of those, 35 pledge cards were returned to date. The response has been very encouraging – it is anticipated that giving will increase about \$1,600 per month, or \$19,200 per year, based on those early numbers. If you have not returned your pledge card, please do so in the next week or so. If you did not receive a card and would like one, please feel free to contact Pastor Paul or Mike Anderson for more information.

THANK YOU to all those who contributed to the Thanks Giving Sundays appeal. We indeed have much to be thankful for, as shown by the \$26,000 that was given during this time period. The monies received were used to pay our bills which will enable us to continue our mission to touch lives with the gospel message.

We recently received \$309 from the Thrivent Choice program. Thank you to Thrivent Financial and their members for their gifts.

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING REPORT

Last week's attendance: 289

Year-to-date average attendance: 289

From July 1, 2018 to January 4, 2019

Actual gifts to ministry: \$ 503,351

Actual cost of ministry: \$ 511,746

Mortgage Balance \$ 1,574,987



CALENDAR

January 13-20

SUNDAY	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Bible Study in the Dining Room
	9:15 AM	Sunday School (grades K-5)
	10:30 AM	Worship
MONDAY	6:30 PM	Worship
TUESDAY	6:45 AM	Men's Bible Study at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop
	9:45 AM	Women Walking in the Word in the Resource Center
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	School Chapel Service
	6:30 PM	Bible Book Group in the Resource Center
	6:30 PM	Catechism Class (grades 6-8) in the Bible Study Room
	6:30 PM	Choir in the balcony
THURSDAY	7:00 AM	Men's Small Group at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop
	1:00 PM	Newsletter Assembly in the Volunteer Workroom
	5:30 AM	Handbell Practice in the balcony
	6:30 PM	A People Close to God in the Bible Study Room
	6:30 PM	Men's Devotionals Basketball in the gym
SUNDAY	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Bible Study in the Dining Room
	9:15 AM	Sunday School (grades K-5)
	10:30 AM	Pioneer Pinecar Derby in the gym
	6:30 PM	Leadership Council in the Bible Study Room

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 20	Sanctity of Life Sunday
Jan. 20	Pioneers Pinecar Derby
Jan. 21	Call Meeting
Jan. 25	Panther Home Game
Jan. 27	Adult Co-ed Volleyball

HAVE YOU BEEN
BAPTIZED? If not, speak
to our pastor about
receiving this sacrament.



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