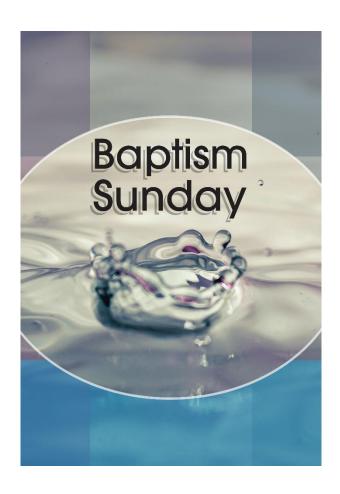
REDEMPTION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Baptismal Sunday





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Pre-Service Meditation:

Romans 6: 3-4 ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, You have given us the precious gift of Baptism. Let this gift be on our minds daily strength, for through it you grant us forgiveness, life, and salvation. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit forevermore, Amen.

Service of the Word

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

TLH 134 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Introit

Psalm 2:7-11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a

P: Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

I will tell of the decree:

The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have

begotten you.

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

Now therefore, O kings, be wise;

be warned, O rulers of the earth.

Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

Hymn of Response:

WS 798 God We Praise You

1 God, we praise You, God, we bless You! God, we name You sov'reign Lord! Mighty King whom angels worship, Father, by Your Church adored: All creation shows Your glory; Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne, Singing, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord of hosts and God alone!"

2 True apostles, faithful prophets, Saints who set their world ablaze, Martyrs, once unknown, unheeded, Join one growing song of praise, While Your Church on earth confesses One majestic Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, God, our hope eternally.

Old Testament Lesson

2 Kings 5:1-19

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. ² Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁴ So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel." ⁵ And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold,

and ten changes of clothing. 6 And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy." ⁷ And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a guarrel with me." 8 But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saving, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel." 9 So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. 10 And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." 11 But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. 12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. 13 But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴ So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. 15 Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, "Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant." 16 But he said, "As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none." And he urged him to take it, but he refused. Then Naaman said, "If not, please let there be given to your servant two mule loads of earth, for from now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the LORD. 18 In this matter may the LORD pardon your servant: when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, leaning on my arm, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, when I bow myself in the house of

Rimmon, the LORD pardon your servant in this matter." 19 He said to him, "Go in peace."

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 29 (selected verses)

- P Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.
- P The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters.
- The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
- The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- **P** The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
- The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
- May the Lord give strength to his people!

 May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Epistle Lesson

Titius 3:1-9

Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, ² to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. ³ For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. ⁴ But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. ⁸ The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on

these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people. ⁹ But avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, 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 thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn

LSB 407 To Jordan Came the Christ our Lord

Sermon Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. 8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. 11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Baptism Gives Life From Death

Hymn Response:

798 God We Praise You

3 Jesus Christ, the King of glory, Everlasting Son of God, Humble was Your virgin mother, Hard the lonely path You trod: By Your cross is sin defeated, Hell confronted face to face, Heaven opened to believers, Sinners justified by grace. 4 Christ, at God's right hand victorious, You will judge the world You made; Lord, in mercy help Your servants For whose freedom You have paid: Raise us up from dust to glory; Guard us from all sin today. King enthroned above all praises, Save Your people, God, we pray.

Offering Hymn:

WS 785 Children of the Heavenly Father

Service of the Sacrament

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. . . Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus





Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord;



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

Hear us as we pray in Your holy name and as You have taught us:

Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed by 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

Words of Institution Distribution

A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS ABOUT COMMUNION: All CLC churches practice "close communion." We ask that only those who are members of our church or another congregation in the CLC come forward to receive the Sacrament. This is NOT a judgment on your faith! Rather, it is an expression of our own faith and unity. If you would like more information, or are interested in becoming a member, please speak to the pastor.



Benediction

Amen.

Hymn

WS 751 God's Own Child

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<u>WELCOME</u> To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.

Announcements

Upcoming Events:

- Service Change: January 21st, we will be having church at 11:30 instead of 9 am. There will be no Bible Class.
- Home-ec <u>Dinner</u>: All are invited to join us for a spaghetti dinner following the service put on by the Home-ec class. Thank you to Gail Mantei for teaching the class and helping the kids prepare the dinner!
- <u>Voters Meeting:</u> Following the service on January 21st, we will be having a voters meeting. All are encouraged to attend.
- Lent: The Lenten season begins early this year. February 14th is Ash Wednesday and our first midweek worship service.

Upcoming Schedule:

Sunday Jan. 21st Redemption Sunday Service at 11:30 Sunday Jan. 28th Redemption Sunday Service at 9 Sunday Feb. 4th Redemption Sunday Service at 9