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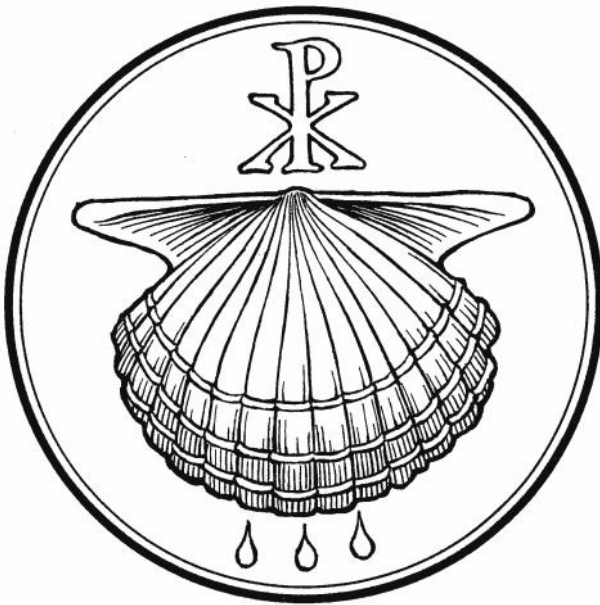
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Baptism of Our Lord



*"You are My beloved Son;
with You I am well pleased."*

Mark 1-11b

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting One

Hymn of Invocation

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Introit

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.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

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.**

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,

my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

Kyrie

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Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Genesis 1:1-5 (ESV)

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Gradual

Praise the Lord, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Epistle Reading: Romans 6:1-11 (ESV)

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 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.

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. 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. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Holy Gospel: St. Mark 1:4-11 (ESV)

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes He who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when He came up out of the water, immediately He saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on Him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "*You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased.*"

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Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion in which we joyfully receive Christ's Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public witness that we are in complete agreement with the denomination's doctrinal teachings at whose altar we commune. Therefore, we ask that only communicant members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod commune with us. All guests are asked to talk to Rev. Heller before coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament.

In our thoughts and prayers,

† Donna Brewer (mother of Krystal Bornemann) & Darlene Raeser;

† Our nursing home residents, that God would keep them under His gracious care.

Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 42 Offerings: \$3,499.00

And John preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie." John is right: Jesus is immensely greater than any of us, yet behold how He came to serve! That is the upside down, outlandish grace of God: the innocent Jesus takes our sinner's place. This is the greatest act of giving the world has ever known or will know: The Father gives His Son to die in the place of sinners.

Welcome to worship as Jesus reveals Himself to us as the Son of God in this season of Epiphany. To save us, Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan River to have the sins of all the world washed upon Him so that He would be the sin bearer for us. At His Baptism, He was anointed with the Holy Spirit to carry the guilt of our sin to the death of the cross. Bearing the world's sin, God proclaimed Jesus to be His Son in whom He is well-pleased. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

Installation of Officers: The following members of our congregation have been chosen by their fellow members to assume positions of special importance and service in our congregation, assisting the pastor in the work of Christ's Church:

Chairman, Evangelism	?
Chairman, Fellowship	Kent Larson
Chairman, Public Relations	Jim Black
Chairman, Youth	?
Finance Committee	Casey Voigt
Lay Ministry	Chris Bonebrake Jonathan Schlender Lyle Yeager

Marriage: Blessing or Curse?: The perversity of the world is ever before us. Vice is now labeled virtue, and sin itself is celebrated. As Christians, we cling to God's Word. Join us as we begin a new Bible study, **Marriage: Blessing or Curse?**, to learn what the Bible teaches about marriage and the Christians' response to those who want to redefine marriage.

2018 offering envelopes are in your mailboxes. Please begin using them this Sunday as your number may have changed from last year.



The 2018 Greeters List is posted on the bulletin board. Please select the month you wish to be greeters.

"Thank You" Kristi Stevens and Melissa Schlender for providing bars/cookies for the month of December.

Wittenberg Mission Offering

The purpose of Wittenberg Chapel is to serve our youth from our congregations attending college there with Word and Sacrament ministry and to reach out to the rest of UND the students on the campus with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The reason for the mission offering needed for the Wittenberg Chapel and ministry is that early in 2017 the District Board of Directors considered to end the Wittenberg ministry by closing and selling the facility. This action was because of the chapel roof leaking and fear of what it would cost to fix it. Along with that the district called pastor there retired. It was also a consideration of what it might take to update the parsonage that you the district own also. It just didn't seem that we as a district had the funds to continue that ministry with good stewardship of the gifts that you give. **Many of the district congregations, pastors, and people expressed great concern about this and desired that we keep the ministry going there.**

Therefore, the District Board of Directors checked into the roof repair on the chapel and updating the parsonage and decided that the \$47,900 to repair the chapel roof and \$20,000 updating of the parsonage was good stewardship and also that we would call a full time pastor for that position.

Between now and the January 21-24, 2018 District Convention in Dickinson, I would ask you and your congregation to consider a generous offering towards Wittenberg Chapel and Ministry. Your entire congregation may want to get involved in this effort including your Sunday School, youth, LWML, and all the members of your congregation

Your servant in Christ,

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† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	10:00 am	Divine Service *Installation of Officers
	11:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
Tuesday	10:15 am	Communion @ Knife River Care Center
Wednesday	3:30 pm	Catechism
	6:00 pm	Council Meeting
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	10:00 am	Divine Service *Mites Collection
	11:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM—12:00 PM

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