

# THE Baptism OF OUR LORD

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JANUARY 12, 2014

Faith Lutheran Church builds up the body of Christ by making disciples, offering new beginnings and new life through the Gospel of Christ.

- Fellowship to build up one another in love
- Assemble regularly for worship and sacraments
- Intercede in prayer on behalf of one another
- Teach the truth of God's Word
- Help people in our community and beyond by witnessing, inviting, and serving



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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GREET ONE ANOTHER and SHARE THE PEACE

### OPENING HYMN *Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)*

- 1           Amazing grace-how sweet the sound-  
              That saved a wretch like me!  
              I once was lost but now am found,  
              Was blind but now I see!
- Refrain   My chains are gone; I've been set free.  
              My God my Savior has ransomed me.  
              And like a flood, His mercy reigns;  
              Unending love, amazing grace.
- 2           The Lord has promised good to me,  
              His Word my hope secures;  
              He will my shield and portion be  
              As long as life endures.     *Refrain*
- 3           The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
              The sun forbear to shine,  
              But God who called me here below  
              Will be forever mine,  
              Will be forever mine,  
              You are forever mine.

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### INTROIT *Ps. 2:7-11, 12c; antiphon: Is. 42:1a*

[P] Behold My Servant, whom I uphold,

**[C] My Chosen, in whom My soul delights.**

[P] I will tell of the decree:

**[C] The Lord said to Me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten You.**

[P] Ask of Me, and I will make the nations Your heritage,

**[C] And the ends of the earth Your possession.**

[P] You shall break them with a rod of iron

**[C] And dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."**

[P] Now therefore, O kings, be wise;

**[C] Be warned, O rulers of the earth.**

# Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

Words & Music by John Newton, Chris Tomlin, & Louie Giglio



1. A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, That  
2. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
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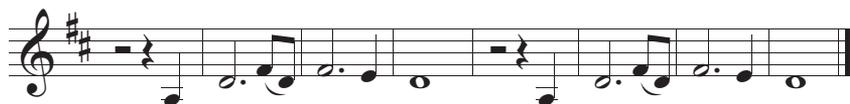
*Refrain:* My chains are gone. I've been set free, my God, my



Sav - ior has ran-somed me. And like a flood



His mer-cy reigns, un-ending love, a-maz-ing grace.



*Ending:* will be for - ev - er mine. You are for - ev - er mine.

[P] Serve the Lord with fear,

**[C] And rejoice with trembling,**

[P] For His wrath is quickly kindled.

**[C] Blessèd are all who take refuge in Him.**

**[All] 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,

**[C] My Chosen, in whom My soul delights.**

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**[All] 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. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Isaiah 42:1-9*

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: "I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**[C] Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** *Romans 6:1–11*

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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**[C] THANKS BE TO GOD.**

[please stand]

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**[C] Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 3:13–17*

[P] The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

**[C] Glory to You, O Lord.**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. 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; and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**[C] Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**[C]** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God  
the Father Almighty.

From thence 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,  
and the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON HYMN #596** *All Christians Who Have Been Baptized*

**SERMON** *The Waters of Baptism*

## **OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY #805** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**[P]** Let us pray to the Lord,

**[C]** Lord, have mercy.

**LORD'S PRAYER** [spoken together]

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**CLOSING HYMN #601** *All Who Believe and Are Baptized*

[silent prayer]

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Today**

11:00 am Annual Voter's Meeting  
6:00 pm Confirmation Class  
6:00 pm Youth Group

**Tuesday**

8:00 am Circuit Pastor Meeting  
12:00 pm Chamber of Commerce Meeting

**Wednesday**

6:30 pm Music Rehearsal

**Next Sunday**

8:45 am Sunday School + Adult Bible Class  
10:00 am Worship

**First Reading** *Is. 49:1-7*

**Epistle** *1 Cor. 1:1-9*

**Gospel** *John 1:29-42a*

6:00 pm Confirmation Class  
6:00 pm Youth Group

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**Reminder:** The 2014 Annual Voter's meeting is scheduled immediately following church **today**. There are 2 agenda items on the agenda...

- 1) Discuss and approve 2014 New Board Members and Officers and
- 2) Review, discuss and vote on 2014 Annual Budget. Look forward to seeing as many members as possible attend.

**Today:**

Acolyte: Caroline Maxwell

**Next Sunday (January 19):**

Acolyte: Noah Hanselman

**January Elder:** Doug Kunde

# HOLY BAPTISM

(from Luther's Small Catechism)

## **What is Baptism?**

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's Word.

## **Which is that Word of God?**

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19)

## **What benefits does Baptism give?**

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

## **Which are these words and promises of God?**

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:16)

## **How can water do such great things?**

Certainly not just water, but the Word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this Word of God in the water. For without God's Word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the Word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three, "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying." (Titus 3:5-8)

## **What does such baptizing with water indicate?**

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

## **Where is this written?**

St. Paul writes in Romans, chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." (Romans 6:4)



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Wednesday	1:00 – 3:00 pm
Thursday	9:00 – 11:00 am

*Occasionally other pastoral duties may interfere with the regular office hours.  
Please call pastor's cell phone if there is ever a need.*