
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JANUARY 9, 2022

WELCOME

SONG: “We Will Glorify” (Twila Paris)

**We will glorify the King of kings,
we will glorify the Lamb;
We will glorify the Lord of lords,
for He is the great I Am.**

**Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty;
We will bow before his throne.
We will worship him in righteousness;
We will worship him alone.**

**He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth;
He is Lord of all who live.
He is Lord above the universe;
All praise to him we give.**

**Hallelujah to the King of kings;
Hallelujah to the Lamb.
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords,
Who is the great I Am.**

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SONG: “Spirit of the Living God” (Pete Sanchez Jr.)

**Spirit of the Living God,
We affirm Your presence here,
Spirit of the Living God,
We affirm Your power here.
To heal us, and to deliver us,
To fill us and to change us,
Spirit of God.**

**Spirit of the Living God,
We affirm Your presence here,
Spirit of the Living God,
We affirm Your power here.
To rest on us, and to empower us,
To work through us and to reveal in us,
Jesus the King.**

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INVOCATION

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

People: The only true God, in whom we trust, and whose name was put upon us at our Baptism.

Pastor: "You are worthy, our Lord and God,

People: To receive glory and honor and power,

Pastor: For you created all things,

People: And by your will they were created and have their being." (Rev 4:11)

BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE:

Pastor: What is baptism?

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

Pastor: What benefits does Baptism give?

People: 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.

Pastor: How can water do such great things?

People: 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.

Pastor: What does such baptizing with water indicate?

People: 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.

CONFESSIONAL PRAYER: (Spoken together)

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed; therefore we flee for refuge to Your boundless mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amene.

HYMN: "All Christians Who Have Been Baptized" (LSB #596)

**All Christians who have been baptized,
Who know the God of heaven,
And in whose daily life is prized
The name of Christ once given:
Consider now what God has done,
The gifts He gives to ev'ryone
Baptized into Christ Jesus!**

**You were before your day of birth,
Indeed, from your conception,
Condemned and lost with all the earth,
None good, without exception.
For like your parents' flesh and blood,
Turned inward from the highest good,
You constantly denied Him.**

**But all of that was washed away
Immersed and drowned forever.
The water of your Baptism day
Restored again whatever
Old Adam and his sin destroyed
And all our sinful selves employed
According to our nature.**

**In Baptism we now put on Christ
Our shame is fully covered
With all that He once sacrificed
And freely for us suffered.
For here the flood of His own blood
Now makes us holy, right, and good
Before our heav'nly Father.**

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OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 42:1-7

¹“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations. ²He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. ³A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; ⁴he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his law the islands will put their hope.” ⁵This is what God the LORD says— he who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and all that comes out of it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: ⁶“I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, ⁷to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

EPISTLE READING: Acts 10:34-38

³⁴Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right. ³⁶You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

SONG: “Blessed Be the Name of the Lord” (*Don Moen*)

**Blessed be the name of the Lord,
He is worthy to be praised and adored;
So we lift up holy hands in one accord, singing,
“Blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name of the Lord.”**

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GOSPEL READING: Luke 3:15-22

¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Christ. ¹⁶ John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” ¹⁸ And with many other words John exhorted the people and preached the good news to them. ¹⁹ But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of Herodias, his brother’s wife, and all the other evil things he had done, ²⁰ Herod added this to them all: He locked John up in prison. ²¹ When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

BAPTISMAL CONFESSION OF FAITH:

Pastor: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

People: I do.

Pastor: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

People: Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?

People: Yes, 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: Yes, 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.

Pastor: Will you be baptized into the Christian faith, into new life, and into the kingdom of God?

People: We have been! In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: What shall we say then? Shall we continue to live in sin so that God’s grace will increase?

People: Certainly not! We have died to sin - how can we go on living in it any longer?

Pastor: When we were baptized in union with Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death.

People: By our baptism we were buried with him and shared in Jesus' death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from death by the glorious power of the Father, so also we might live a new life!

SONG: "Grace Alone" (Scott Wesley Brown, Jeff Nelson)

**Ev'ry promise we can make,
Ev'ry prayer and step of faith,
Ev'ry diff'rence we will make
Is only by His grace.
Ev'ry mountain we will climb,
Ev'ry ray of hope we shine,
Ev'ry blessing left behind
Is only by His grace.
Grace alone
Which God supplies,
Strength unknown
He will provide.
Christ in us,
Our Cornerstone,
We will go forth in grace alone.**

**Ev'ry soul we long to reach,
Ev'ry heart we hope to teach,
Ev'rywhere we share His peace
Is only by His grace.
Ev'ry loving word we say,
Ev'ry tear we wipe away,
Ev'ry sorrow turned to praise
Is only by His grace.
Grace alone
Which God supplies,
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End...We will go forth in grace alone.

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SERMON: Isaiah 42:1-4 "The Lord's Servant"

OFFERING

PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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 and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

HYMN: "Hail, O Source of Every Blessing" (LSB #409)

**Hail, O Source of ev'ry blessing,
Father of our human race!
Gentiles now, Your grace possessing,
In Your courts obtain a place.
Grateful now, we fall before You,
In Your Church rejoice to live,
See Your glory and adore You,
Thankful for the grace You give.**

**Once far off but now invited,
We approach Your sacred throne,
In Your covenant united,
Reconciled, redeemed, made one.
Now revealed to eastern sages
See the Star of Mercy shine,
Myst'ry hid in former ages,
Myst'ry great of love divine.**

**Hail, O all inviting Savior!
Gentiles now their off'rings bring,
In Your temples seek Your favor,
Jesus Christ, Our Lord and King.
May we, body, soul, and spirit,
Live devoted to Your praise,
Glorious realms of bliss inherit,
Grateful anthems ever raise.**

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BIBLE STUDY OPTIONS

Adult Bible Class:

**Meets on Sundays at 8:30am-9:15am.
Also meets on Tuesdays at 11am-noon.**

Location: Church fellowship hall.

Topic: Both classes are the same.

**We are currently finishing up our look at the
book of Revelation.**

Scripture References

1-9-2022

Isaiah 42:1-4

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Isaiah 42:1

¹ “Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations.

Luke 3:22

²² ...“You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

Matthew 27:46

⁴⁶ ...“Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?”—which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Matthew 5:17

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

Isaiah 53:5

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. ○

Galatians 3:13

¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.”

John 20:21

²¹ ...“Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

Acts 2:17,18

¹⁷ “In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

Isaiah 42:2

² ...will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets.

Isaiah 55:10,11

¹⁰ As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, ¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Isaiah 42:3

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Isaiah 42:3,4

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1. How do we know who the servant of the Lord is?

2. Where were Isaiah’s words made evident in Jesus’ life?

3. When did Jesus establish justice?

4. What does God’s justice demand?

5. How was God’s justice against our sin fulfilled?

6. Why don’t we have to fear any future punishment if we trust in Jesus?

7. Why does Jesus make us his servants today?

8. How do these words from Isaiah help us?

9. Why can’t witnessing be forced?

10. When are we like bruised reeds or smoldering wicks?

11. What does Jesus do when we are bruised and smoldering?

12. Why should we not be discouraged as the Lord’s servants?