

*God Almighty, You revealed Your Son in the River Jordan through the wondrous act of Baptism and the Holy Spirit descending like a dove. In this act you placed Your righteousness into Baptism, bringing to us eternal hope. May the blessing of Baptism daily renew our hearts.*

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**The Baptism of our Lord**

**Church Phone: 812-867-5088**

**January 7, 2023 --- 5:30 pm ---- Worship with Holy Communion**

**Opening Prayer /// Opening Hymn:** *“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” 394 vs. 1-3*

**Invocation:** 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.	<b>C:</b> <i>Who made the heavens and earth.</i>
P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.	<b>C:</b> <i>Make haste to help me, O Lord.</i>
P: Jesus came asking to be Baptised.	<b>C:</b> <i>He came to John at the Jordan River.</i>
P: Jesus came to accomplish a purpose.	<b>C:</b> <i>He came to fulfill all righteousness.</i>
P: The heavens opened.	<b>C:</b> <i>The Spirit of God descended,</i>
P: The Spirit rested upon our Lord;	<b>C:</b> <i>The Father’s voice from heaven proclaimed,</i>
P: This is My beloved Son	<b>C:</b> <i>In Whom I am well pleased.</i>
P: This is the day the Lord has made.	<b>C:</b> <i>Let us rejoice and be glad in it.</i>

**Psalmody:** *Psalm 29*

P: Ascribe to the Lord, O mighty ones, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. **C:** *Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness.*

P: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord thunders over the mighty waters. **C:** *The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic.*

P: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon. **C:** *He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox.*

P: The voice of the Lord shakes the desert; the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh. **C:** *The voice of the Lord twists the oaks and strips the forests bare. And in His temple all cry, “Glory”!*

P: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord is enthroned as King forever. **C:** *The Lord gives strength to His people; the Lord blesses His people with peace.*

**All:** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

**Collect:** 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 the You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C:** *Amen.*

**Hymn:** "From God the Father, Virgin-Born" 401 (tune 461) vs. 1,2,5,6

From God the Father, virgin born To us the only Son came down;  
By death the font to consecrate, The faithful to regenerate.

Beginning from His home on high, In human flesh He came to die;  
Creation by His death restored, And shed new joys of life abroad.

Lord, once You came to earth's domain And, we believe, shall come again;  
Be with us on the battlefield, From ev'ry harm Your people shield.

To You, O Lord, all glory be For this Your blest epiphany;  
To God, whom all His hosts adore, And Holy Spirit evermore.

*(Prefatory Remarks)*

**O.T. Lesson:** *Isaiah 42: 1-9* /// **Epistle Lesson:** *Romans 6: 1-11*

**Holy Gospel:** *Matthew 3: 13-17* /// **Hymn:** "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord" 405

**Children's Sermon** /// **Sermon** /// **Confession of Faith:** *Nicene Creed (back of hymnal)*

**Installation of Officers** /// **Offering brought to the Altar**

**Prayers:** The families of: Wallace, Donald and Susan; Wallace, Sarah, Hannah, Grant; and Ward, Michael, Gyneth, and Drew Cox.

**Lord's Prayer** (back of hymnal)

**Confession of Sins**

**C:** *Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.*

**Absolution:** Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Admonition to Communicants:** I exhort you in Christ, that you give attention to the Testament of Christ in true faith, and above all take to heart the Words with which Christ presents His body and blood to us for forgiveness. That you take note of, and give thanks for, the boundless love that He showed us when He saved us from the wrath of God, sin, death, and hell by His blood; and that you then externally receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a guarantee and pledge. Let us then in His name, according to His command, and with His own Words administer and receive His Sacrament.

### **Blessing of Elements /// Distribution**

**Hymn:** *“O Blessed Spring, Where Word and Sign”* 595

**Closing Collect:** *Heavenly Father, You grant us Your Spirit to open our eyes and enlighten our minds to serve You and fellow believers; lead us by Your Spirit to enable us to witness of Your love, live according to Your will, bring Your Word of life to others, rejoice in the goodness You have showered upon us, and reflect Your love in how we reach out to others; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### **Benediction**

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**Kirk Horstmeyer, Pastor  
Karen Whitehead, Organist**

### **WHAT THE SCRIPTURES TEACH CONCERNING THE LORD’S SUPPER**

In I Corinthians 11 the Holy Spirit led Paul to write, “This is my body” and “This cup is the new covenant in my blood” to explain the spiritual truth of the Supper: Christ is truly present in His body and blood in the bread and wine. This is a mystery, a Heavenly gift; one we can only understand in faith. Paul further says, “Therefore whoever eats the bread and drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord” and, “let a man examine himself...for he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly.” There is no doubt from our Lord’s Word, we are receiving His body and blood. The Father offers us forgiveness, unity of faith, strengthening of faith, etc.; it is never our right, we approach His altar only by His invitation. If you are visiting we ask that you please speak with the Pastor before receiving the Lord’s Supper. We strive to lovingly carry out our responsibility to ensure the supper remains a blessing for all, never a curse. May His richest blessing be upon you all.

## THIS WEEK

**TONIGHT:** Worship w/HC 5:30 pm  
**TOMORROW:** Worship 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship 10:15 am –  
Installation of Officers, Council Meeting after 10:15 Service  
**TUESDAY:** Confirmation 6 pm  
**THURSDAY:** Bible Study 9:30 am and 6 pm  
**Next SATURDAY:** Confirmation 9:30 am, Worship w/HC 5:30  
**Next SUNDAY:** Worship w/HC at 8:00 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship w/HC 10:15 am

**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:** Sat, Dec 31: 52 Comm: 46; Sun, Jan.1: 9:30 am 70 Comm: 54

**MEMBER PRAYER LIST:** Next Sat and Sun we will be praying for the following: Wells, Charlie and Debbie; Welte, Bryan and Michelle, Cash, Josslyn; Welte, David and Ann.

**THANK YOU:** *We thank you very much for the Christmas Cards. They were a blessing to us.*  
*Joyce Frazier*

### MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENTS:

**Council Meeting:** today after 10:15 service  
**Elder's Meeting** on Monday, January 9 at 7 pm.  
**Youth Meetings:** Sunday, January 15 and 29 at 5 pm  
**Thursday Bible Study** at 9:30am and 6:00 pm  
**Voter's Meeting:** Sunday, January 29 following the 10:15 service. Please make sure your Board or committee is represented. It is important that we receive the information for each Board and Committee and that we fulfill the responsibilities we each have to uphold our constitution.



## About the Cover

It seems natural that John would have attempted to prevent Jesus from being baptized. What need does the spotless, sinless Lamb of God have in a Baptism for the repentance of sins? However, Jesus insists upon submerging Himself with sinners in this Baptism to fulfill all righteousness. The righteousness of God is found in His mercy for poor sinners as He emerged from the watery grave into new life and took those sins all the way to the cross.

## THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

## Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

- <sup>1</sup> 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.
- <sup>2</sup> He will not cry aloud or lift up his  
voice,  
or make it heard in the street;  
<sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a faintly burning wick he will  
not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth  
justice.
- <sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be discour-  
aged  
till he has established justice in  
the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his  
law.
- <sup>5</sup> 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:
- <sup>6</sup> "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,  
<sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the  
dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in  
darkness.
- <sup>8</sup> I am the LORD; that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to carved idols.
- <sup>9</sup> Behold, the former things have  
come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth  
I tell you of them."

## Epistle: Romans 6:1-11

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to  
continue in sin that grace may abound?  
<sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died  
to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know  
that all of us who have been baptized  
into Christ Jesus were baptized into his  
death? <sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was cru-  
cified with him in order that the body  
of sin might be brought to nothing, so  
that we would no longer be enslaved to  
sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been  
set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died  
with Christ, we believe that we will also  
live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ  
being raised from the dead will never  
die again; death no longer has domin-  
ion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died  
he died to sin, once for all, but the life  
he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also  
must consider yourselves dead to sin  
and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

## Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to  
the Jordan to John, to be baptized by  
him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him,  
saying, "I need to be baptized by you,  
and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup>But Jesus  
answered him, "Let it be so now, for  
thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all right-  
eousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>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;  
<sup>17</sup>and behold, a voice from heaven said,  
"This is my beloved Son, with whom I  
am well pleased."