

**The Baptism of our Lord                      January 12 & 13, 2020**

**W**elcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our service we gather before Jesus our Savior to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God’s holy and powerful word. Also,

- † Restrooms are down the hall and to the right from the back of church.
- † We love families! Your children are welcome in our service! Thanks for bringing them to hear about Jesus! If you would like, there are children’s bulletins with crayons in the back of church and a cry room in the back of the sanctuary.
- † Please fill out the Friendship Registers located at the end of each row.
- † If you want to review or share today’s service, you can find it on our website.
- † For upcoming events and activities, “like” us on our Facebook page.

Please come again and worship with us very soon!

TODAY’S THEME:  
**THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

**Worship Participants**

**Liturgist**..... Pastor Jacob Hoff  
**Preacher**..... Pastor Brian Adams  
**Organist** ..... Miss Heather Schmidt

**OUR WORSHIP SERVICE**

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

*Christian Worship pg. 38*

**THE OPENING HYMN ..... “To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”**  
*Christian Worship #89*



1 To Jor - dan’s riv - er came our Lord, The  
 2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The  
 3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And  
 4 Then from God’s throne with thun - d’rous sound Came  
 5 The Fa - ther’s word, the Spir - it’s flight A -



Christ, whom heav’n - ly hosts a - dored, The  
 Son of God in flesh dis - guised— To  
 John bap - tized the Lamb of God, The  
 God’s own voice with words pro - found: “This  
 noint - ed Christ in glo - rious sight As



God from God, the Light from Light, The  
 stand be - neath the Fa - ther’s will And  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, heav’n - ly dove, De -  
 is my Son,” was his de - cree, “The  
 God’s own choice, from A - dam’s fall To



Lord of glo - ry, pow’r, and might.  
 all his prom - is - es ful - fill.  
 scend - ed on him from a - bove.  
 one I love, who pleas - es me.”  
 save the world and free us all.

6 Now rise, faint hearts: be resolute!  
 This man in Christ, our substitute!  
 He was baptized in Jordan’s stream,  
 Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

10:30 AM service continues on Page 4

*Please Stand*

**THE INVOCATION**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**THE CONFESSION OF SINS**

**P:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C:** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**P:** God, our heavenly Father has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C:** **Amen.**

*8:00 AM & 6:30 PM services continue on Page 6 – Prayer & Praise*

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**HOLY BAPTISM ..... 10:30 AM ONLY**

**THE INVOCATION**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

**P:** Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded baptism when he said: “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” All of us are born into this world with a deep need for baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. At our baptism he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what baptism means for our daily lives as we speak these words:

**C:** **Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

**P:** As baptized children of God we confess our sins:

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**P:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

**P:** In obedience to the command of our Lord and trusting in his promise, you have brought this child to be baptized. Jesus told us: “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” It is in baptism that God grants the new life of forgiveness, joy, and peace to little children. By the power of God’s Word, this gracious water of life washes away sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.

**P:** Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

Eden Grace Knepper, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The almighty God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

*Please Stand*

## EXHORTATION

**P:** Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and sponsors, to assist in whatever manner possible so that Eden may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

**C: Yes, as God gives me strength.**

**P:** Let us pray.

Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the blessing of baptism by which you offer and grant the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Help us to regard our

baptism as the robe of righteousness we are to wear all the days of our life. Look with special favor on Eden and grant her a rich measure of your Spirit that she may grow in faith and godly living. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to those who have been baptized, so that all of us may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Service continues below – Prayer and Praise*

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**P:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### OH, TASTE AND SEE



**C:** Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -



ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -



ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Please be Seated*

**THE WORD**

**THE FIRST LESSON ..... Isaiah 42:1-7**

42:1 "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.

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

3 A bruised reed he will not break,  
and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.  
In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;

4 he will not falter or be discouraged  
till he establishes justice on earth.

In his teaching the islands will put their hope."

5 This is what God the Lord says—  
the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out,  
who spreads out the earth with all that springs from 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,

7 to open eyes that are blind,

to free captives from prison

and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

**THE PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 45**

*Christian Worship pg. 83*

*Refrain*



Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-



lu - ia! Great are the works of the Lord.

*Psalm tone*



My heart is stirred by a noble theme\*  
as I recite my verses for the King.

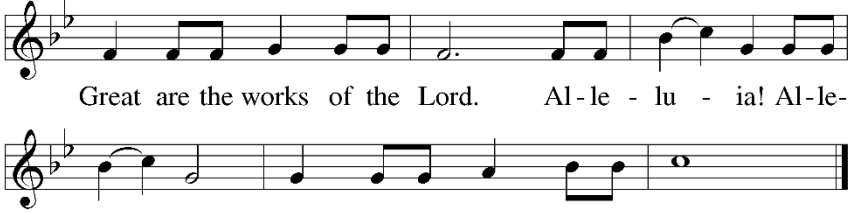
You are the most excellent of men,\*  
and your lips have been anointed with grace.

Gird your sword upon your side, O Mighty One;\*  
clothe yourself with splendor and majesty.

*Psalm continues on next page*

In your majesty ride forth victoriously;\*  
let your right hand display awesome deeds.

*Refrain*



Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-  
lu - ia! Great are the works of the Lord.

*Psalm tone* \*



Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;\*  
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.

You love righteousness and hate wickedness;\*  
therefore God has anointed you with the oil of joy.

I will perpetuate your memory through all generations;\*  
therefore the nations will praise you for ever and ever.

**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.**

*Refrain*

**THE SECOND LESSON..... Acts 10:34-38**

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism <sup>35</sup> but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. <sup>36</sup> You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— <sup>38</sup> how 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.

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

**P:** Alleluia. You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia. (*Mark 1:11b*)


*Please Stand*

**THE GOSPEL LESSON..... Matthew 3:13-17**

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. <sup>14</sup> But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

<sup>15</sup> Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

<sup>16</sup> As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

*Please be Seated*

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY..... "The Star Proclaims the King Is Here"**

*Christian Worship #91*



1 The star pro - claims the King is here; But, Her - od,  
2 The wis - er Ma - gi saw from far And fol - lowed  
3 With - in the Jor - dan Riv - er stood The pure and  
4 At Ca - na - mir - a - cle di - vine - When wa - ter  
5 All glo - ry un - to Je - sus be And praise for



why this sense-less fear? For he who came from heav - en's  
on his guid - ing star, And, led by light, to Light they  
ho - ly Lamb of God; The Fa - ther's voice, the Spir - it -  
red - dened in - to wine, The faith - ful saw his glo - ry  
his e - piph - a - ny, Whom with the Fa - ther we a -



throne Does not de - sire an earth - ly crown.  
pressed And by their gifts their God con - fessed.  
dove, Con - firmed the Sav - ior from a - bove.  
shown And put their trust in him a - lone.  
dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

**THE SERMON .....Matthew 3:13-17**

*Please Stand*

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Please be Seated*

**THANKSGIVING**

**THE OFFERING**

*(We invite you to sign our Friendship Registers in each pew during the offering.)*

*Please Stand*

**THE OFFERING HYMN..... "We Give Thee but Thine Own"**

*Christian Worship #485 vs. 1-2*



1 We give thee but thine own, What - e'er  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus As stew -



the gift may be; All that we have is  
ards true re - ceive And glad - ly, as thou



thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.  
bless - est us, To thee our first - fruits give.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

**P:** Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**THE BLESSING**

**P:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



*Please be Seated*

**CLOSING HYMN ..... "Christ, Your Footprints Through the Desert"**

*Christian Worship #709*



1 Christ, your foot - prints through the des - ert Led to  
2 Christ, you heard the stir - ring sum - mons As by  
3 Son of God, the road from Jor - dan Led at  
4 God, in Bap - tism you have made us One with



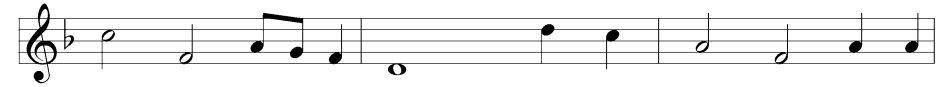
Jor - dan's flow - ing stream. There you heard the  
Jor - dan's bank you stood; Bathed, though sin - less,  
last to Cal - v'ry's hill. There up - on the  
Christ, our ris - en Lord; Freed us, claimed us,



her - ald cry - ing Is - rael's old pro - phet - ic  
with your peo - ple In the riv - er's cleans - ing  
cross for - sak - en, You ful - filled the Fa - ther's  
cleansed, for - giv - en Through the wa - ter and the



dream: "He is com - ing! He is com - ing! He will  
flood. High a - bove, the heav - ens o - pened; Came the  
will. Lamb of God, we see you dy - ing, Sin - less,  
Word. Help us hear your ur - gent sum - mons, Call - ing



cleanse the earth with flame! Sin - ners, plunge be - neath the  
Spir - it as a dove; Spoke a voice be - yond all  
yet for sin - ners slain. But where death rose up to  
us to serve you now. Send us forth, your sons and



wa - ters! Wash a - way your guilt and shame!"  
hear - ing: "See my Son, the one I love!"  
tri - umph, You be - gan your glo - rious reign!  
daugh - ters, With the cross up - on our brow.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BAPTISM:** Today in the 10:30 AM service Eden Grace Knepper will be received into God's kingdom through holy baptism. Eden is the daughter of Chris and Rachel Knepper. Serving as her godparents are Morgan Bandkowski, Matt Rewasiewicz, Katie Freimark and Brian Relihan. May the Lord bless this family as they grow together in Christ.

**DECORATION TAKE DOWN:** The 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation classes are asked to help take down the church Christmas decorations today, Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 AM service.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY:** Next Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, our focus will be on Christian Education. The whole school will be singing at the 10:30 AM service, and afterwards we will have an Open House in school from 11:30-2:00 PM with light refreshments. If you know of someone looking for a great school, please help us spread the word!

**2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES:** The 2020 offering envelopes are in the back of church. If we've missed your name, please let the office know!

**PRESCHOOL & JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT:** St. Paul's Early Child Enrichment Center is now open for enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year. Children must be 3 or 4 years old by September 1st, 2020. Interested families may contact Mrs. Patti Krizan or Mrs. Nancy Willms at (414) 421-1833 for more information. Registrations are taken on a first come first served basis. Enrollment opens to the community on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Next year's Vacation Bible Camp will be held July 6-10, 2020. Registration will take place later in spring.

**USHERS:** We currently have (4) open spots in both services. Please consider serving your congregation in this way. If you are able to help or have any questions, please contact Kyle Brightsman at (414) 335-2906 or [kbg5217@gmail.com](mailto:kbg5217@gmail.com).

**PRESCHOOL POWER HOUR:** Join us at Power Hour two Thursdays a month! Open to children ages 0-4 with their caregivers. Meet us in the church narthex from 10:45-11:45 AM on the following dates: January 16, February 6 & 20, March 5 & 19, April 2, May 7 & 21. There are extra flyers on the narthex counter to share with a friend!

**"IN THE IMAGE" WLHS FASHION SHOW:** Get the girls together for an afternoon of fashion! Enjoy light hors d'oeuvres, a runway show put on by Wisco students, and great music! Featuring apparel from David's Bridal and LulaRoe! Please join us Sunday, January 19 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Tickets start at \$5 - front row \$10. All ticket proceeds benefit the In the Image scholarship. Visit [www.wlhs.org/image](http://www.wlhs.org/image) for tickets.

**5TH GRADE EXTRAVAGANZA:** 5th grade students and their families are invited to the 5th Grade Extravaganza on Sunday, January 26, starting at 5:30 p.m. The evening will include food, fun, and entertainment. Students and parents have a chance to learn about our caring, Christian environment, superior academics, award-winning co-curriculars, generous tuition assistance, and the amazing opportunities that WLHS offers. Students will tour the building in the form of a scavenger hunt. To register for this exciting event, visit [wlhs.org/5thgrade](http://wlhs.org/5thgrade).

## VOLUNTEERS

### GREETERS FOR THIS WEEK (January 12 & 13)

**8:00 AM** – Josh & Allison Ebeling; Henry & Evelyn

**10:30 AM** – Dee Kresa; Taylor

**6:30 PM** – Richard & Kathy Hinz

### GREETERS FOR NEXT WEEK (January 19 & 20)

**8:00 AM** – Jacque & Doreen Vallier

**10:30 AM** – Mark & Rosie Derouin

**6:30 PM** – Donna LaBlanc

### USHERS FOR JANUARY

**8:00 AM** – TEAM #1 – Bob Hille, Larry Stujenske, Josh Ebeling, Brandon Wirtz, Gary Boldt

**10:30 AM** – TEAM #5 – Mark Klein, Chris Klein, Gary Eickhorst, Dan Mertz, Brett Abramowski

**6:30 PM** – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow



**ALTAR GUILD**

Jan 1-7 – TEAM #4 – Marge Gebert, Renate Nazimek, Barb Migacz  
Jan 8-14 – TEAM #4 – Marge Gebert, Renate Nazimek, Barb Migacz

**REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE**

Jan 12: Set-up – Pete & Sherry Kosovich, Clean-up – Larry & Marion Klug  
Jan 19: Set-up – Don & Marge Gebert, Clean-up – Beverly Garves

**THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, January 12**

Worship Service ..... 8:00 AM  
Adult Bible Study/PSCIC/Sunday School..... 9:15 AM  
Worship Service ..... 10:30 AM  
Christmas Decoration Take Down ..... 11:30 AM

**Monday, January 13**

Worship Service ..... 6:30 PM

**Tuesday, January 14**

Church Council ..... 6:30 PM

**Wednesday, January 15**

Board of Elders..... 6:30 PM  
Board of Education ..... 6:30 PM  
Senior Choir Rehearsal..... 6:30 PM

**Thursday, January 16**

Preschool Power Hour ..... 10:45 AM  
Men’s Basketball..... 7:30 PM

**Friday, January 17**

School Devotion ..... 8:30 AM

**Sunday, January 19**

Worship Service ..... 8:00 AM  
Adult Bible Study/PSCIC/Sunday School..... 9:15 AM  
Worship Service ..... 10:30 AM  
School Open House..... 11:30 AM

**Statistics – Last Week**

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 101, Communed – 91  
10:30 AM – 167, Communed – 102  
6:30 PM – 52, Communed – 42  
Total Attendance – 320  
Total Communed – 235