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**The Baptism of Our Lord**

**January 11, 2015**

**VISITORS – WE WELCOME YOU** to this house of prayer this morning. May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and hope you will return again soon.

Prelude  
Welcome  
Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn: #605, "Father Welcomes"

Invocation and Dialog

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: There is one body and one Spirit.

**C: There is one hope in God's call to us.**

P: One Lord, one faith, one baptism.

**C: One God and Father of us all.**

P: As Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father,

**C: even so we also should walk in newness of life.**

Collect of the Day, spoken by Pastor

Hymn: #602, "The Gifts Christ Freely Gives"

Old Testament Reading .....Genesis 1:1-5

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Epistle .....Romans 6:1-11

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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Holy Gospel .....Mark 1:4-11

Responses

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

*(The Gospel is read.)*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ!**

Children's Message: "New Beginnings"

Hymn of the Day: #404, "Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered"

Sermon: "Water and Life"

Offering

Baptismal Remembrance and Confession of the Creed

P: In Holy Baptism our sins are forgiven and we are granted a new life in Christ, our Lord. We solemnly renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways; we confess the gift of faith in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

P: I ask you anew this day: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

**C: I do renounce them.**

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

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

**C: 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.**

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, we give thanks that Your Son Jesus suffered and died for our sins. We celebrate with joy His resurrection from the dead and ascension into heaven. We are grateful for the work of Your Holy Spirit in us, which brought us to faith through Baptism. We know that You are faithful to us. Keep us faithful as well. Show us the way You would have us live. In Jesus, our blessed Savior.

**C: Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer ..... back cover of the hymnal

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #596, "All Christians Who Have Been Baptized"

Chimes/Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

## TODAY - CHRISTMAS CLEAN-UP AND POTLUCK

You are welcome to attend a potluck lunch after church today. This event is sponsored by New Horizons. After lunch, we will take down the Christmas decorations. Everyone is invited to participate.

## JANUARY MEETINGS

The Church council will convene on Tuesday, January 20th at 7:00 PM in order to prepare the agenda for the Voters' Meeting. The Voters' Assembly will convene for the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, January 27th at 7:30 PM.

If you have reached the age of 18 and are a confirmed member of this congregation, we would love to have you participate in the business decisions of your church! All you need to do is attend the meeting and sign the church constitution. Copies of the constitution are available for your inspection. Please see Pastor Sorenson or the elders if you have questions.

## LIFE QUOTES

**January 11** "We can't stop all evil in this fallen world, but we can fight it in our own neck of the woods with love. Love never ends. Love can save lives. Love declares that there is no such thing as an unwanted child." *Dr. Alveda King, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*

## FIRST CHOICE CLINIC BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

All baby bottles are due back at church by Sunday, January 25th. If you would still like to contribute to the support of our local pro-life pregnancy center, please include your cash or check in one of the empty baby bottles in the narthex. Remember, your gifts may be given in honor or in memory of someone special.

## CIRCUIT MEETING

Members from the congregations of our circuit are invited to attend a special meeting being held on February 7th at Bethany in Lake City. District staff will be available to meet people from our circuit and to answer any questions we may have. The district officers will also have questions for us. The meeting will begin at 9:00 AM on Saturday, the 7th. Pastor Sorenson will attend along with a couple of our elders. Any other people who would like to participate are asked to let Pastor so that he can give names to our Circuit Visitor. Thank you.

## YOUTH SKI TRIP

Pastor is in the process of making arrangements for a youth group ski trip to Welch Village. The date for the event is February 7th. We will leave from church at 2:45 PM. We will ski until 10:00 PM, or until everyone in the group has decided they have had enough fun! The cost is \$39 for those who will get a lift ticket, rental equipment, and a beginner lesson. Lessons are available for beginners who are at least eleven years of age or older.

Lessons will begin at 5:00 PM sharp. Those who just purchase a lift ticket will pay \$23 for the evening of skiing. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for those who would like to attend. Note: While this is a youth group event, all ages are welcome to participate. However, young children will need to be accompanied by a parent.

