

Sunday, January 7, 2018

Baptism of Our Lord / Lectionary 1

Greeting

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✙ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

A.M.: *A reading from Romans:* Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. (*Romans 6:3-5*)

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.
Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams, for Lake Wausau and Wisconsin River.

Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow.
Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you.
You are the fountain of resurrection.
Praise to you for your saving waters:

Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well.
The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock.
Naaman washes his leprosy away,
and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.
Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word
that saves us in this sacrament.

Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation.
Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears.
Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.
Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Those present will be sprinkled with water during the gathering hymn.

Gathering Hymn

“Christ, when For Us You Were Baptized”

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P: Almighty God,
who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit
and forgives us all our sins,

For the church and the ministry of the baptized, that your Holy Spirit will teach all people to forgive sins, ending violence and ushering in peace throughout the world, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the earth and all living things, for favorable weather, for plants and animals, that you will cause all creation to thrive in the care of good stewards, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the leaders of national and local governments, agencies, and organizations, for areas of the world suffering from war *especially* Middle East and Ukraine. We also pray for the Iranians and North Koreans in their struggle against their hostile government. Let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the sick and suffering, the imprisoned and hungry, the lonely and grieving (*especially Westaby family on the death of Dale*), that Christ our great physician will soothe and console all in need, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

In thanksgiving for our ancestors in the faith, both distant and near, who have taught us to believe the good news of Christ, especially Dale Westaby. Let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Pastor: Merciful God, you hear our prayers even before we speak them. Receive them for the sake of the one through whom you have revealed your goodness, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sharing of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always
and also with you.

Offering

Offertory

“You Belong to Christ”

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Offertory Prayer

A.M.: Let us pray together in unison

Merciful God,

receive the gifts we bring,

ourselves, our time, and our possessions.

Through this meal unite us as your body,

shining with the light of your justice and mercy;

for the sake of him who gave himself for us,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Institution of the Holy Communion

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

The Lord's Prayer

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to his banquet.

Invitation to Communion

A.M.: We who are many are one body,
for we all partake of the one bread.
Come. Be filled with light and life.

Lamb of God

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Communion Hymn

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” #800

Blessing After Communion

Prayer After Communion

A.M.: O Morning Star, fair and bright,
you have refreshed us again with heavenly food.
You are our dearest treasure.
Go with us now—
today, tomorrow, every day—
that we tell the story of your never-ending love
and sing your praise both now and forever.
Amen.

Blessing

The God of glory dwell in you richly,
name you beloved,
and shine brightly on your path;
and the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Love Has Come”

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Dismissal

A.M.: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
I will and I ask God to help me.

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Prayer Concerns: Thelma Bursik, Neil Coakley, Joella Corado (Maggie Westaby’s cousin), Arlene Dopkins, Jerrilynn Duxbury, Betty Jane Kettunen, Justin Nickolai, Esther Osterby, Barb Peterson, Dolores Riege, Pam (Rodney Riese’s wife), Dina Sarras, Kathrine Sylvia Sarras, Norm Winterhoff, April Winters (Jamie Rice-Heckendorf’s niece), Breanna Kurth, Meredith Westaby, LuAnn Sanders and the family of Dale Westaby for their loss.

Today is recognition of the Altar Guild Members.

Today is “Noisy Offering”. The Social Concerns Committee uses the money to help feed the needy in our area.

2017 Contribution Statements – Please pick up your statement up in the Narthex.

The January 2018 Semi-Annual ILC Congregational Meeting will be held on January 28th following the 9:00 am worship service. Plan on attending this important meeting.

Brian Lenz update – the group arrived safely in Ghana Wednesday, Jan. 3rd. Over the next couple of days, the group will travel inland to a village near Aworowa. Brian is looking forward to meeting and working with the people there. The group will return to Wisconsin January 23rd. Thank you for your prayers and generosity!

Let’s Learn Together: Peace Not Walls - A new three-week Sunday study will begin on January 14th. We will meet on January 21st and again on February 4th. We will come together to learn more about the Holy Land. A couple of Immanuel’s own historians will give us an overview of the early history and bring us to more recent happenings in the past couple centuries. We will visually visit the area, share with each other what we learn from our individual reading, and even enjoy a taste of the region. Claudette Haring and Carolyn Michalski will share personal experiences and understandings from their recent pilgrimage among Jews, Christians, and Muslims living in this troubled region. Join us!

Are you a quilter or would like to learn? The ILC quilters will be starting on Thursday, January 18th at 9:00 am and continuing each Thursday till May. They meet on the 2nd floor – education wing. The quilts are donated to Lutheran World Relief for distribution to refugees and others in need throughout the world. If you have questions, contact Kathy Knox.

Mitten Tree Is In the Narthex. You can bring in mittens, scarves and hats for those who need them. Thank you, Social Concerns.

Good Gifts – Please look over the ornaments on the tree in the Gathering Room. Pick out yours and leave your payment in the office. Make checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church and in the memo line put “Good Gifts”. All proceeds will support ELCA Global Mission efforts here and abroad. A gift that will keep on giving.

Blessing of counting team members will be next Sunday, January 14th. If you are on the counting teams, please plan on attending worship service.

Our Sister Church is the Lobatla Parish. Address is: c/o Moruti (Pastor) Rev. T. J. Ditibane, P.O. Box 160, Motswedi, 2870, Republic of South Africa

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Presentation Manager	Karen Spoehr
Altar Guild	Joan Bergeth & Dwala Smail
Contact Person	Jo Beckman

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun.	Jan. 07	8:15a	Choir Practice
		9:00a	Communion Worship Service, Blessing of Altar Guild Members, Noisy Offering
		10:15a	Sunday School
		10:15a	Coffee Fellowship hosted by Nickolai & Spoehr Families
		10:30a	Choir Practice
Mon.	Jan. 08		-----
Tues.	Jan. 09		Financial Reports Due to ILC Office
		5:30p	Handbell Choir Practice
		5:45p	TV Worship CH 980
Wed.	Jan. 10		-----
Thurs.	Jan. 11	9:15a	TV Worship CH 980
Fri.	Jan. 12	9a-noon	Church Office Open
Sat.	Jan. 13		-----
Sun.	Jan. 14	9:00a	Worship Service, Blessing of Counting Team Members
		10:15a	Sunday School
		10:15a	Coffee Fellowship Hosted by Al & Vonnie Solomonson
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