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Baptism Sunday

Baptism



He saved us through the washing of rebirth and the
renewal by the Holy Spirit.

Titus 3:5

We Welcome Our Visitors who are with us this morning.

We hope that you are uplifted by the Gospel at our worship service.

We invite you to join us every Sunday. Please sign our guestbook in the entry.

If you would like more information about our church, please contact the pastor.

✠ Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 85 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) ✠

Greeting and prayer: (Pastor)

Choir Song: "Let My Heart Be Quiet"

Lord, let my heart be quiet, command my thoughts to still,
And capture my attention to Your will.
Of all the thousand voices 'round that clamor in my ear,
Let it be Your voice, the voice that I can hear.

Lord, let my heart be quiet, let all distractions cease.
Make room within my heart for perfect peace.
Lord, let my heart be quiet and ready to receive
Eternal words of truth You have decreed.

And let me learn to linger in quiet times of prayer;
Unhurried, let me often meet You there.

Oh, let my heart be quiet; my restless mind subdued.
Let all my expectation come from You,
And daily help me choose to let my inward man be still,
So that Your voice my quiet mind can fill.

Lord, let my heart be quiet. Lord, let my heart be still.

Invocation

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

P In the name of the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

- P** God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.
- C** **If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** (1 John 1:5, 7-9)
- P** Let us pray...
- C** **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer:**
We confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.
- P** Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven! With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the joy and peace of forgiveness let us praise the Lord...

“Baptismal Waters Cover Me”

LSB 616 v. 5

5 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me; Christ's wound - ed
hand has set me free. Held in my Fa - ther's
strong em - brace, With joy I praise Him for His grace.

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Prayer of the Day

P We pray:

Merciful God, in Holy Baptism You washed away our iniquities and cleansed us from our sins. Do not cast us from Your presence, but restore to us the joy of Your salvation. Open our lips to declare Your praise that we may sing of Your righteousness for all eternity. We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

First Reading

Titus 3:4-7 (EHV)

⁴ But when the kindness and love of God our Savior toward mankind appeared, ⁵ he saved us—not by righteous works that we did ourselves, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and the renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs in keeping with the hope of eternal life.

Second Reading

Romans 6:1-6 (EHV)

P The second reading is from Romans 6:1-6.

G Sanctify us by Your truth, O LORD. Your Word is truth!

What shall we say then? Shall we keep on sinning so that grace may increase? ² Absolutely not! We died to sin. How can we go on living in it any longer? ³ Or do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him by this baptism into his death, so that just as he was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too would also walk in a new life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in the likeness of his death, we will certainly also be united with him in the likeness of his resurrection.

⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him, to make our sinful body powerless, so that we would not continue to serve sin.

P Here ends our Scripture readings.

"The Gifts Christ Freely Gives"

LSB 602 v. 1, 2, 6



1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He gives to you and me
2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;
6 All glo - ry to the One Who lav - ish - es such love;



To be His Church, His bride, His cho - sen, saved and free!
New life He gives that makes Us His and His a - lone.
The tri - une God in love As - sures our life a - bove.



Saints blest with these rich gifts Are chil - dren who pro - claim
Here He for - gives our sins With wa - ter and His Word;
His means of grace for us Are gifts He loves to give;



That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.
The tri - une God Him - self Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.
All thanks and praise for His Great love by which we live!

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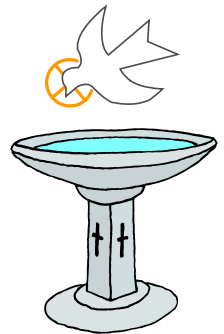
Baptism of Piper Claudine Lisak

Born: February 2nd, 2025

Reborn of Water and the Spirit: February 9th, 2025

Parents: Sam & Emily Lisak

Sponsors: Jordan & Brittany Albrecht



Apostles' Creed *We boldly confess what we believe.*

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

(Creed continues on next page →)

**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 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.**

Hymn of the Day: 686 *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

LSB 686

Sermon Text: 1 Peter 3:18-22 (EHV)

¹⁸ Because Christ also suffered once for sins in our place, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in flesh but was made alive in spirit, ¹⁹ in which he also went and made an announcement to the spirits in prison. ²⁰ These spirits disobeyed long ago, when God's patience was waiting in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In this ark a few, that is, eight souls, were saved by water. ²¹ And corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the body but the guarantee of a good conscience before God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. ²² He went to heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Sermon Theme: **Baptism Saves Us!**

1. Not by Our Act of Obedience

- ✠ Is baptism a "sacrifice" on our part (something we do in obedience to God)?
Or is it a "sacrament" (a "sacred act" in which God does something for us)?

- ✠ What miraculous things does God do for us—even for infants—in baptism?
(see **Titus 3:4-7** from our Scripture reading earlier)

2. But by What Jesus has Done for Us

✝ What does Peter point to as the reason “**baptism now saves you**”? (v. 21)

Offertory

LSB 956

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

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Sermon Hymn: "Word and Water, Filled with Promise"

CW21 647

1 Word and wa - ter, filled with prom - ise, grant for - give - ness,
 2 As the wa - ter res - cued No - ah, ark up - lift - ed
 3 Though our vi - sion may not cap - ture all that hap - pens

cleanse, re - claim in the Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it's
 on the waves, so this wa - ter, by God's prom - ise,
 at the font, here the Sav - ior keeps his prom - ise—

ho - ly, pre - cious, sav - ing name. Bless - ings pur - chased
 al - so res - cues, al - so saves. Now by Je - sus'
 those he shep - herds shall not want: ev - 'ry trace of

when our Sav - ior paid the aw - ful ran - som price—
 res - ur - rec - tion we be - fore our God ap - pear
 sin for - giv - en, guilt com - plete - ly washed a - way,

Stanza 3 may be sung when there is a baptism in the service.

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all pure faith de - liv - ered and sin - less, in Je - sus in this wash - ing: ful - ly right - eous, firm - ly plant - ed;

peace and par - don, with a con - science see God's king - dom, par - a - dise. crys - tal clear. come to - day!

**4. Let us always, Lord remember that the water and the Word
Bear Your never-failing promise: Our Salvation is assured.
Your baptismal benediction ever shower from above—
All the Spirit's grace in Jesus, and, dear Father, all Your love.**

Offering *We offer our gifts to the Lord, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.*

Prayer of the Church *We bring our prayers to God.*

Lord's Prayer

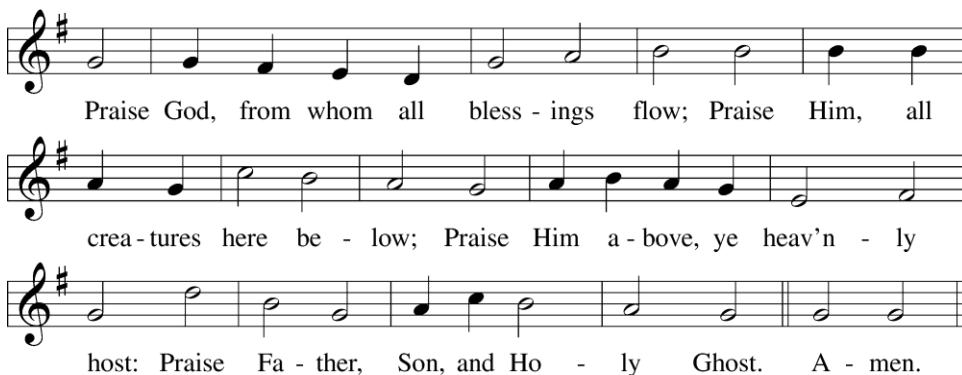
- ☐ Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Benediction *The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

- ☐ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

The Doxology

LSB 805



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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Closing Hymn: 594 *God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It* (please stand for last verse)

Announcements



Welcome! We welcome all our visitors this morning.
Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again soon.

Today:
2/9/25 **Choir Practice – 8am**
 Worship w/ Baptism – 9am
 Sunday School & Bible Class – 10:15am

This Week: Tuesday – **Worship Service at New Perspective** (Franklin) – **11am**
 Board of Elders – 6pm
 Board of Education – 7pm (Rescheduled)
 Wednesday – **Worship Service at The Villa** (Greenfield) – **10am**
 Wednesday Bible Class – 6:30pm (Zoom & In-Person)

Church Cleaning: Team #4 (2/8-2/14); Team #5 (2/15-2/21)

Care Packages for ILC Students - Sign up sheet On Cupboard Door in Church Hallway –

If you'd like to donate some treats and/or gift cards to our three high school students at Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, please see the sign-up sheet in the entryway. Please have items in the church kitchen **today (Sunday, Feb. 9th)**. Please see the sign-up sheet for more information.

Building Security Update / New Cleaning Checklist Sheets - As an update from our Board of Property meeting this week, there will be new church and school checklist cleaning sheets to be used. They will be in the same location that the older sheets were stored [utility room].

Also, we have made the decision to keep the doors locked on Saturdays going forward as an extra safety measure, please make sure to remember your key fob to be able to access the building, if you don't have a key fob or your key fob needs to be reset, please reach out to the Board of Property and we will assist you with that. Thank you. - James Schaser – Board of Property Chariman

Wednesday Evening Bible Study @ 6:30pm – Please make plans to join us either in-person or online via Zoom for our Wednesday Evening Bible Class. We will be studying selected Psalms. To join online please click on Pastor Luke's Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8729663333>

2025 Directory Updates – We will be printing an updated church directory for 2025 soon. Please



check the printed directory on the bulletin board in the church entryway and make sure that your family and contact information (phone, email, address) is correct. If it is correct, please put a ✓ (checkmark) by your family's entry.

Please write in any changes, corrections, and additions, or email them to our church secretary, Brittany Albrecht (secretary@messiahhc.org). We hope to have the new directories printed by the end of February. Thank you!

Arts Camp 2025 - Registration is now open for students grades 5th-8th. Arts Camp is March 21-23, 2025 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN. You can find more information at www.immanuelmankato.org/school/arts-camp/
Email Amber Casto artscamp@immanuelmankato.org if you have any questions!

CLC Call News – Teacher Mikkela Schmitt of St. Stephen Lutheran School has **accepted** the call to Trinity Lutheran School, Watertown, SD. <> Teacher Cathy Augustin of Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN, has announced her **retirement** at the end of the current school year. <> Pastor Cory Drehle of Berea Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, SD has **received** the call to Pastor Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. <> Pastor Paul Nolting of Grace Lutheran Church, Valentine, NE, Peace Lutheran Church, Mission, SD, and St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, White River, SD has announced his **retirement** effective Summer 2025. <> Pastor George Dummann of Salem Lutheran Church, Eagle Lake, MN has **received** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, New Ulm, MN to serve as their pastor along with his current call.

Bible Readings:

2/9	Gen. 30:25-43 Psalm 39 Matt. 19:16-30
2/10	Gen. 31:1-23 Psalm 40 Matt. 20:1-16
2/11	Gen. 31:24-55 Psalm 41 Matt. 20:17-34
2/12	Gen. 32 Psalm 42 Matt. 21:1-17
2/13	Gen. 33 Psalm 43 Matt. 21:18-27
2/14	Gen. 34 Psalm 44 Matt. 21:28-44
2/15	Gen. 35:1-15 Psalm 45 Matt. 21:45-22:14

February Ushers

Ted Quade
John Marita
Matt Weibye

February Slideshow

Caleb Gerbitz

Cleaning Team 2/15-2/21

Team 5
S/E Lisak
J/K Rodebaugh
J/H Barthels
J/S Serba
L/J Bernthal

Fruits of Faith

Last Week:

To Date:

Budgetary Offerings:

\$5,412.25

\$230,834.05

Budgetary Needs:

\$8,571.29

\$265,709.99

Over (Under) Budget:

(\$3,159.04)

(\$34,875.94)

Missions:

\$100.00

\$1,705.00

MDF:

\$70.00

\$1,270.00

Attendance Last Sun. (2/2): 140



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