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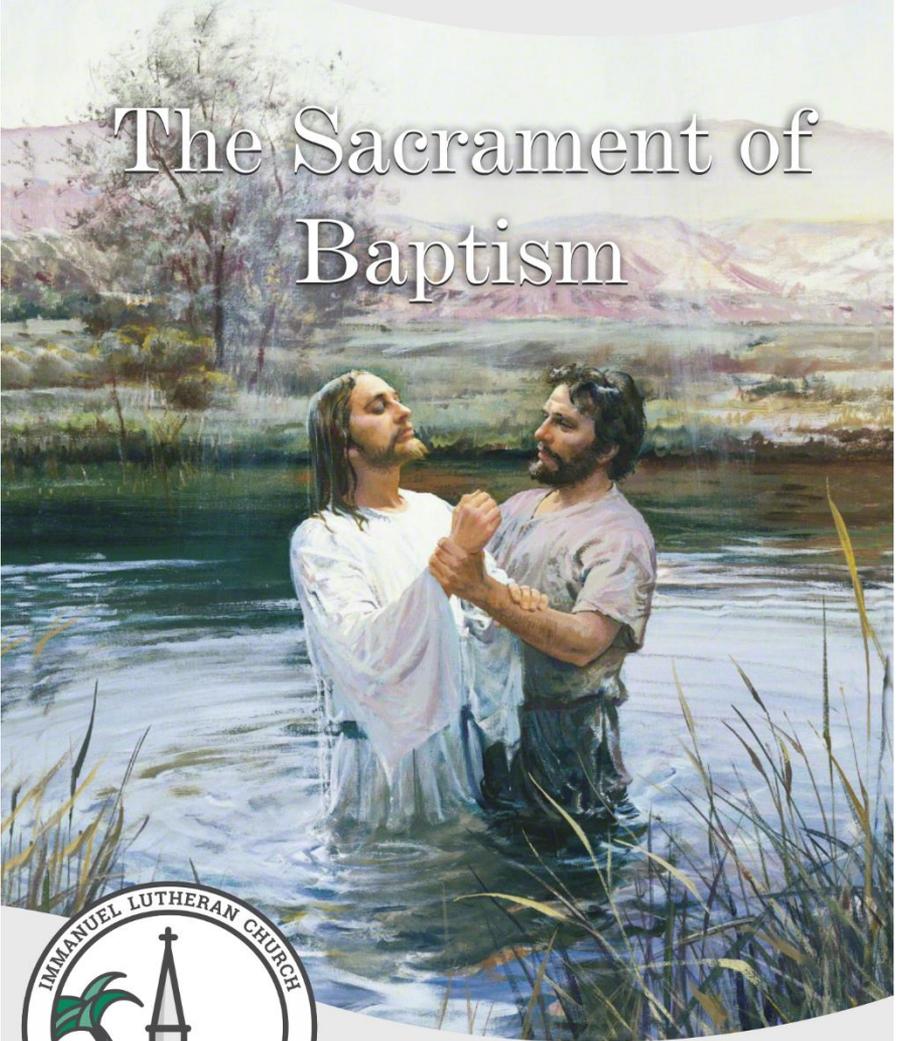
Pentecost 22

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The Sacrament of Baptism



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A “Reformation” Series

This morning we are going to continue a series on the Catechism in preparation for Reformation. The word catechism is derived from the Greek and means to “repeat again” or to “teach.” A catechism is a book of instruction, specifically in the Christian faith. Martin Luther was motivated to write and publish a new catechism after making a visitation of Lutheran congregations and finding that both the laity and even pastors and teachers were basically ignorant of the basics of the Christian faith. He published both the Large and Small Catechisms in 1529 in an effort to provide a tool to help people learn the basic truths of God’s Word. Luther’s Catechism was divided into six main parts: The Ten Commandments, The Apostles’ Creed, The Lord’s Prayer, The Sacrament of Baptism, The Ministry of the Keys, and The Sacrament of the Altar. He also included a section called The Table of Duties. The Small Catechism has been called the “Gem of the Reformation” because of its lasting value in instructing countless generations throughout the world in the truths of God’s Word. Within a generation there were 100,000 copies of Luther’s Catechism in print in Germany and it was required instruction in German schools. This morning we continue this study of God’s Word and the six chief parts of the Catechism. Here is our schedule:

Sept. 30 - The Ten Commandments

Oct. 7 - The Apostles’ Creed

Oct. 14 - The Lord’s Prayer

Oct. 21 - The Sacrament of Baptism

Oct. 28 - The Ministry of the Keys

Nov. 4 - The Sacrament of the Altar

Dig out and dust off your Catechism and take some time in the coming weeks to review this wonderful “gem of the Reformation”!

PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Ps. 51:5-13

⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. ⁶ Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. ⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. ⁹ Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. ¹¹ Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. ¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

Hymn: TLH #318

“Before Thee, God, Who Knowest All”

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

C *♩* A - - - men.

CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION:

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

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C *♩* **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C *♩* **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C *♩* A - - - men.

INTROIT

Ps. 51:1-3, 7, 10

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

P Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

C **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!**

P For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

G Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

P Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

G Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory be to the Father"

G Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, and the second system covers the second line. The piano accompaniment features a steady, rhythmic pattern of chords and single notes.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Rom. 6:4

Alleluia. Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. Alleluia.

THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our life.

G Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The first system covers the first line of lyrics, and the second system covers the second line. The piano accompaniment features a steady, rhythmic pattern of chords and single notes.

C ♪ All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!

P Let us pray. ...through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C ♪ A - - - men.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – 2 Kings 5:1-17 Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. ² Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁴ So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel." ⁵ And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothing. ⁶ And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy." ⁷ And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me." ⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." ¹¹ But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. ¹² Are not Abana and Parpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean?'" ¹⁴ So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the

man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. ¹⁵ Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, "Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant." ¹⁶ But he said, "As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none." And he urged him to take it, but he refused. ¹⁷ Then Naaman said, "If not, please let there be given to your servant two mule loads of earth, for from now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the LORD.

EPISTLE READING – Colossians 2:6-14 Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Power of Baptism

Part four of Baptism, "The Power of Baptism," is taken from the Small Catechism.

P *How can water do such great things?*

C **The water doesn't actually do anything by itself. The power is in God's Word, which is in and with the water, and in faith which trusts this Word of God in the water. Without the Word of God it is just plain water, and there is no baptism. But with the Word of God it really is a baptism; that is, a gracious water of life and washing of rebirth through the Holy Spirit.**

Just as Saint Paul says in the third chapter of Titus: "According to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. This is a faithful saying..."

Hymn: WS #751

“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

SERMON – Matthew 3:13-17 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶ 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; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

A Tale of Two Baptisms: Jesus’ and Yours!



- I. Both are opposed by man
- II. Both bestow the Holy Spirit
- III. Both identify a beloved child of God



OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

- C** ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Hymn: WS #752

“Baptized in Water”

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS –

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING HYMN: TLH #442:2 “Lord of Glory, Who hast Bought Us”

- C** ♪ Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee- Gladly, freely, of Thine own; With the sunshine of Thy goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by Thee, at length believe That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER, and BENEDICTION

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.
- C** ♪ Amen, amen, a – men.

✠ Announcements ✠

CLC Call News Trinity Lutheran, Spokane WA, has called the Rev. John Hein, pastor of Grace Lutheran, Fridley MN. <> The Rev. George Dummann, pastor of Salem Lutheran, Eagle Lake MN, has returned the call to Bethel Lutheran, Morris MN.

<p><u>Looking Ahead...</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✠ Oct. 21: Board of Education & Elders ✠ Oct. 28: Board of Trustees ✠ Oct. 28: Church Council ✠ Nov. 4: Quarterly Voters Mtg ✠ Nov. 4: Reformation Sunday/Communion & Snack
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2019 Mission Helper Trip

Applications for the 2019 CLC Mission Helper Trip to India are being accepted. The application deadline is January 7th. Space is limited so it is best to apply early. Apply online and find more information at: www.MHT.LutheranMissions.org or contact Todd Ohlmann at thohlmann@gmail.com

Shut-in/Encouragement List

Loye Issitt continues to battle for good health with a kidney condition. **Betty Sweet** is now living at the memory care facility at Spring Haven. **Emily Kuehne** suffers from total blindness and severe knee pain when standing or walking. **Patti Meno** continues to receive treatment for her kidney condition and is awaiting a transplant. **Ray Seger** is back at his rehab facility and remains shut-in. **Delores Seger** is battling severe back pain; she is praying for surgery. **Bill Issitt III** remains mostly housebound while recovering from several health problems. **Richard Cook** is dealing with general unsteadiness. **Johanna Jaehnigen** remains mostly housebound, being no longer able to drive. **Liz Hartmann** is recovering from eye surgery.

Last Week (10/14) WH – 25 Orlando – 14

General = \$3,093 | Property = \$40 | Building Fund = \$85
CLC Missions = \$40 | ILC Tuition = \$90

Total Offering = \$3,348

October Usher: Mark Moorehead | **Acolyte (10/28):** Grant R.
| **Cleaner (10/27):** Bernthal