



CELEBRATE! WORSHIP

9:30 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 11, 2003
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

**OUR SAVIOR'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH**
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GATHERING SONG - "The Water Of Change," Larry Olson

Chorus: I've been washed by the water,
I've been cleansed by the sea,
I've been touched by the river of eternity.
Though I don't understand it,
I have never been the same.
I can't turn back the water,
The water of change.

Vs 1. **The rivers they run, the rivers they roll away.**
The voice of life whispers ev'ryday.
At the heart of it all ev'ryone wants to be free:
free to live, free to love for eternity. (Chorus)

Vs. 2 **I wonder aloud where in the world I might be**
Had the cross not been shown to me.
It's opened my heart, made me look outside and see.
I can no longer live for only me. (Chorus)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P We are the baptized people of God, set apart by the Word and Holy Spirit to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Let us confess together how far we are from what we were called to be.

C **O God, who created us whole, we come in our brokenness to remember that you have called us your own. You have reclaimed us by water and the Holy Spirit's fire, but we have wandered far from the inspiration you provide. We have lived as if there were no standards but our own self-interest. We have sought power by our own manipulations rather than accepted the strength you alone can provide. Refashion us in your image and empower us once more to follow Jesus as true disciples. Amen.**

P God has redeemed us, claimed us, and called us by name. Our sins are forgiven. With thanks and praise, we go forward to live as servants of Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

- P God created us, each one unique, giving us the freedom to find and fulfill God's purpose for our lives.
- C **God chose us, as Israel was chosen, to be followers of a new and holy path, a light to the nations.**
- P In our baptism, we were claimed as Christ was claimed, called like him to own the vocation God appointed to us, to walk the path to which we were summoned.
- C **We are the servants of God.**
- P Let us worship together as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers in the kingdom of God.

Stand

SONG OF PRAISE - "Baptized," Jay Beech

Chorus: **Baptized into the death of Christ and raised again to new life.
Baptized into the death of Christ and raised again to new life.**

Vs. 1 **Down, down, down, I was sinking deep in sin; Killing me, killing me from deep within.
He put me to death that day and the family of God stood up to say.** (Chorus)

Vs. 2 **Down, down, down, in the water down I went; Lifted up in a brand new covenant.
They made the sign on my brow and I'll do it again to remember now.** (Chorus)

Vs. 3 **Sing, sing, sing, to the ones who have not heard. We've been washed in the water and the word.
We'll sing with every breath. We will share his life like we've shared his death.** (Chorus)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.**
- P Let us pray.
- C **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. Grant that we, who have been baptized into Christ, may also hear your call and commit ourselves to serving your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Be seated

THE READING - Isaiah 43:1-7 (*page 585 in the pew Bible*)

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL SONG - “Everybody Needs,” Jay Beech

- Vs. 1 **Ev’rybody needs a quiet place to pray. Ev’rybody needs a quiet place to pray.
Ev’rybody needs a quiet place to think about the Father’s grace;
We all need a quiet place to pray.**
- Vs. 2 **Ev’rybody needs a place to call their home. Ev’rybody needs a place to call their home.
Ev’rybody needs a homing place and friends and fam’ly to embrace;
We all need a place to call our home.**
- Vs. 3 **Ev’rybody needs someone to bear their load. Ev’rybody needs someone to bear their load.
Ev’rybody needs someone to bear, a spotless lamb is hanging there;
We all need someone to bear our load. Jesus has already borne your load.**

Stand

GOSPEL - Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (*page 834 in the pew Bible*)

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, ‘I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’ The Gospel of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Be seated

SERMON - Pastor Nadine Lehr

SONG OF THE DAY - “We Are Called,” Larry Olson

As the second verse begins, children are invited to come to the front.

- Vs. 1 **(We are called) we are called (we are claimed) we are claimed (we are loved)
We are loved by the holy name.
(We are healed) we are healed (we are whole) we are whole the Savior
Ransomed our souls and we’re singing:**

Chorus: **Glory, Glory, Glory Hallelujah! Glory, Gloria! Oh...
Glory, Glory, Glory Hallelujah! Glory, Gloria!**

- Vs. 2 **(We are here) we are here (to proclaim) to proclaim (God is here)
God is here calls us each by name.
(We are here) we are here (to give praise) to give praise
The love of God will not change and we’re singing: (Chorus)**

KID TALK

THE PEACE

Kids The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Greet each other with Christ's words, "Peace be with you."

As the peace is being shared, children in grades 1-6 will go to Sunday School.

Be seated

FAITH STORY - Janell Mills

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING - "O, Living Water," words and music by Denny Gale, *Celebrate Band*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes "Lord, in your mercy." The congregation responds with "Hear our Prayer."

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.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Stand

SENDING SONG - “Sing A New Song” (Sing Alleluia), Mark Walth

Chorus: **Sing Alleluia! Sing Alleluia! Sing Alleluia to the Lord!**

Sing Alleluia! Sing Alleluia! Sing out God’s praises forever more.

Vs. 1 **Sing a new song of joy and healing; our sorrows will drown in tears of gladness. Sing to the Lord a song of praise and rejoicing, and make it a never ending song for our God!** (Chorus)

Vs. 2 **Lord, how awesome are your works toward your children. You lead us by your mighty hand. You take the seas and turn them into the dry land, our hearts into rivers of life, full of life!** (Chorus)

Vs. 3 **You are our refuge and our rock of salvation. Our only hope and trust is in you. You will never leave us nor forsake us, and so with our hearts we shout for joy, shout for joy!** (Chorus)

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Pastor Nadine Lehr

Presider: Pastor Tim Lemme

Reader: Jill Stoeffen-Fisher

Celebrate Band Members: Dave Hofstad, Dennis Gale, Steve Kuper, Mark Law, Jodie Nielsen, Janell Mills, and Beth Boyens

Sound and Stage Manager: Myron Dunn

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