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Bethlehem Lutheran Church and School – Sheboygan, Wisconsin

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WELCOME AND RINGING OF THE BELL

346 When All the World Was Cursed

- When all the world was cursed By Moses' condemnation, Saint John the Baptist came With words of consolation.
 With true forerunner's zeal The greater One he named, And Him, as yet unknown, As Savior he proclaimed.
- Before he yet was born, He leaped in joyful meeting, Confessing Him as Lord Whose mother he was greeting. By Jordan's rolling stream, A new Elijah bold, He testified of Him Of whom the prophets told:

 Behold the Lamb of God That bears the world's transgression, Whose sacrifice removes The devil's dread oppression.
 Behold the Lamb of God, Who takes away our sin, Who for our peace and joy Will full atonement win.

 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we receive, rejoicing, The word proclaimed by John, Our true repentance voicing, That gladly we may walk Upon our Savior's way Until we live with Him In His eternal day.

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INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- G But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- **P** Let us, then, confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ℜ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

INTROIT

- Behold the Lord, the ruler, has come, and the kingdom and the power and the glory are in his hand.
- I have found David, my servant; with my holy oil I have anointed him.
- P I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;
- G with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.
- P He shall cry to me, "You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation."
- And I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.
- My steadfast love I will keep for him forever, and my covenant will stand firm for him.
- Golory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Behold the Lord, the ruler, has come, and the kingdom and the power and the glory are in his hand. I have found David, my servant; with my holy oil I have anointed him.

KYRIE *pages* **152-153**

- **P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- (Sung) Lord, have mercy.
- P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- (Sung) Lord, have mercy.
- For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- (Sung) Lord, have mercy.
- P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- (Sung) Lord, have mercy.
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- **G** (Sung) Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE page 155 "This is the feast"

 This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
 Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
 Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

(*Sung***)** And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C (Spoken) Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING ~ Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over

the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering

over the face of the waters. And God said, "Let there be

light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was

good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

- PBlessèd be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.
- Blessèd be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!

EPISTLE READING ~ Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE page 156

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ~ Mark 1:4-11

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.
- **G** (Sung) Glory to you, O Lord.

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

(Sung) Praise to you, O Christ.

405 To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

- 1 To Jordan's river came our Lord, The Christ, whom heav'nly hosts adored, The God from God, the Light from Light, The Lord of glory, pow'r, and might.
- 2 The Savior came to be baptized— The Son of God in flesh disguised— To stand beneath the Father's will And all His righteousness fulfill.
- As Jesus in the Jordan stood
 And John baptized the Lamb of God,
 The Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove,
 Descended on Him from above.

- Then from God's throne with thund'rous sound Came God's own voice with words profound: "This is My Son," was His decree, "The one I love, who pleases Me."
- 5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight Anointed Christ in glorious sight As God's own choice, from Adam's fall To save the world and free us all.
- Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;
 This man is Christ, our substitute!
 He was baptized in Jordan's stream,
 Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

G I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the I life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION pages 160ff

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** (Sung) And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **G** (Sung) We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **G** (Sung) It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

 (Sung) 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 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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is my ∞ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me.

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is my \clubsuit blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

THE PEACE

- **P** The ♣ peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C (Sung) Amen.

AGNUS DEI

(Sung) Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

- Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise, Manifested by the star To the sages from afar, Branch of royal David's stem In Thy birth at Bethlehem:
 - Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
- Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme; And at Cana wedding guest In Thy Godhead manifest; Manifest in pow'r divine, Changing water into wine; Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
- Manifest in making whole
 Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
 Manifest in valiant fight,
 Quelling all the devil's might;

Manifest in gracious will, Ever bringing good from ill; Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

Sun and moon shall darkened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee; Christ will then like lightning shine, All will see His glorious sign;
All will then the trumpet hear,
All will see the Judge appear; Thou by all wilt be confessed, God in man made manifest.

5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Present in Thy holy Word— Grace to imitate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou; That we might become like Thee At Thy great epiphany And may praise Thee, ever blest, God in man made manifest.

590 Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

- Baptized into Your name most holy, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
 I claim a place, though weak and lowly, Among Your saints, Your chosen host.
 Buried with Christ and dead to sin, Your Spirit now shall live within.
- 2 My loving Father, here You take me

To be henceforth Your child and heir. My faithful Savior, here You make me The fruit of all Your sorrows share. O Holy Spirit, comfort me When threat'ning clouds around I see.

 My faithful God, You fail me never; Your promise surely will endure.
 O cast me not away forever If words and deeds become impure.
 Have mercy when I come defiled; Forgive, lift up, restore Your child.

 All that I am and love most dearly— Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
 Let me confess my faith sincerely; Help me Your faithful child to be!
 Let nothing that I am or own Serve any will but Yours alone.

601 All Who Believe and Are Baptized

 All who believe and are baptized Shall see the Lord's salvation;
 Baptized into the death of Christ, They are a new creation.
 Through Christ's redemption they shall stand Among the glorious, heav'nly band Of ev'ry tribe and nation.

With one accord, O God, we pray:
 Grant us Your Holy Spirit.
 Help us in our infirmity

Through Jesus' blood and merit. Grant us to grow in grace each day That by this sacrament we may Eternal life inherit.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE page 164ff "Thank the Lord"

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us with this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G (Spoken) Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you ✤ peace.

C (Sung) Amen.

594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

God's own child, I gladly say it:
I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it,
Gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth's treasures many?
I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free
Lasting to eternity!

Sin, disturb my soul no longer:
I am baptized into Christ!
I have comfort even stronger:
Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me
Since my Baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood,
Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?

3 Satan, hear this proclamation:
I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation,
I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I've traveled,
All your might has come unraveled,
And, against your tyranny,
God, my Lord, unites with me!

Death, you cannot end my gladness:
 I am baptized into Christ!
 When I die, I leave all sadness
 To inherit paradise!
 Though I lie in dust and ashes

Faith's assurance brightly flashes: Baptism has the strength divine To make life immortal mine.

5 There is nothing worth comparing To this lifelong comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising, Still my soul continues praising: I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!

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Presiding Minister	Rev. Colin Moon (8:00, 10:30)
Preacher	Rev. Patrick Niles
Organist	Sandra Kasten
	Terry Ourada (6:00)

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