



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
January 7, 2018
Baptism of our Lord Sunday
11:00 am



WELCOME

Pastor Kristin

CALL TO WORSHIP

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: 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.
The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the water of rebirth.
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word, you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams, for bodies of water far and near, big and small – for the Mediterranean and the Red Sea, the Sea of Galilee and the Jordan River, for the Atlantic Ocean and the Great Lakes, for Put-In-Bay, the Maumee and Ottawa Rivers, for our many lakes, ponds, the water we use everyday, and the water in this font.

People: Your waters are below us, around us, above us. With these waters you wash away our sins and give us new life. You are the fountain of resurrection.

Pastor: Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your

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“Then they said to him, ‘Who are you?’ Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?”

Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. At this font, holy God, we praise you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us through this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all your 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, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, now and forever.

People: Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry (verses 1-4) # 249

THE GREETING

Pastor The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE As With Gladness Men of Old (verse 1) # 302

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Pastor God who calls us, your servant John cries out in witness to Christ. May our lives also point to and proclaim the One who has delivered us and claimed us as his own. In the name of that same Jesus.

People Amen.

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES



OLD TESTAMENT READING (read in unison)

Psalm 32:1-2

¹Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. ²Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

GOSPEL VERSE

HALLE, HALLE, HALLE

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Pastor The Holy Gospel according to John.

People Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

John 1:19-34

¹⁹This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." ²¹And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." ²²Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. ²⁴Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" ²⁶John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." ²⁸This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing. ²⁹The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" ³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³²And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." (NRSV)

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Kristin

TODAY’S MESSAGE

The Voice of Truth

Pastor Kristin

HYMN OF THE DAY Will You Come and Follow Me (verses 1, 2, 5) **# 798**

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF OUR COMMUNITY AND SHARING THE PEACE

Each petition ends with *let us pray* and people respond *Have mercy, O God*.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE Let the Vineyards **# 182**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Leader Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring, our selves, 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.

People Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

DISTRIBUTION HYMN Lamb of God **# 195**

COMMUNION HYMN Lamb of God **# 336**
As the Grains of Wheat **# 465**

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor The body and blood of our Lord Jesus strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

People Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader 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.

People Amen.



Sending

BENEDICTION

Pastor 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.

People Amen.

SENDING HYMN Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing **# 545**

SENDING

Pastor: As you go into the world, remember our mission!

Piano Side: Live out Servant Love

Pulpit Side: Show Hospitality

Piano Side: Extend Generosity

Pulpit Side: Worship the Risen Lord

Pastor: Go in peace, a living example of the love of Jesus Christ

All: Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE



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