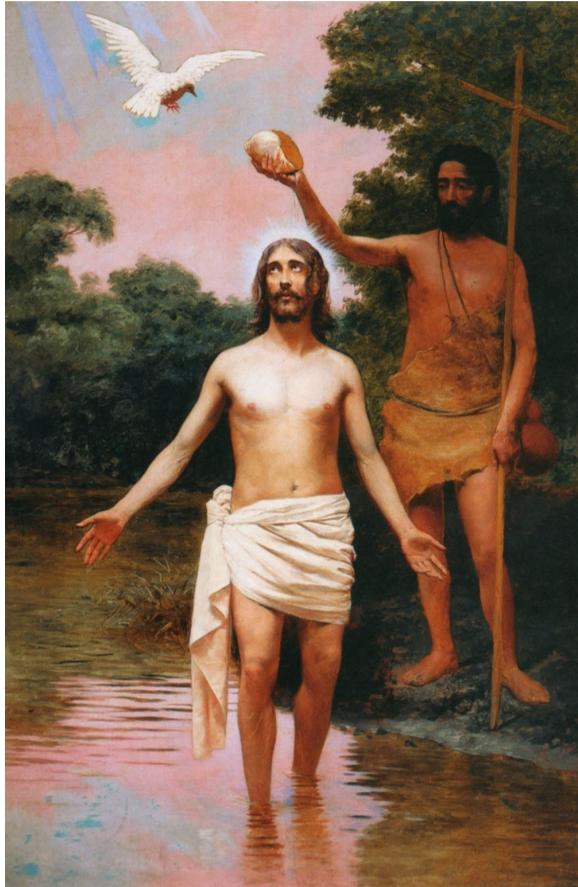


Baptism of Our Lord



January 10, 2021

Welcome to Grace

We give thanks that you have come to Grace to worship in God's house.

To our guests — We invite you to worship with us often and consider our family of faith yours.

Everything you need for worship is printed in this bulletin. Large Print Bulletins and Quiet Books (for our very young worshipers) are available from the ushers.

Our facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system to accommodate hearing difficulties. Please ask the sound technician for a receiver.

Please turn off or silence your personal communication device.

We also ask that you not bring food or drink into our worship space.

We are a congregation of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). The NALC embraces four core values: Christ Centered, Mission Driven, Traditionally Grounded and Congregationally Focused. The NALC is focused on living out Christ's Great Commission to go and make disciples in North America and around the globe. We invite you to learn more about our congregation and the NALC.

The Baptism of Our Lord

At the Baptism of Jesus a new era began for God's people. Through the waters of Baptism, new life is granted. We who are washed in the waters are drowned to our old selves and raised to new life in Him. This is one of the few places in Scripture where we see the entirety of the Trinity revealed simultaneously: the Father speaks, the Son is baptized, and the Spirit appears like a dove.

Cover Image:

The Baptism of Christ (1895)

José Ferraz de Almeida Júnior (1850-1899, Brazilian)

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PRELUDE

Linda Hoch

"When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known" - arr. Mark Sedio

"To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord" - arr. Dietrich Buxtehude

Please stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful Father,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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 us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

"When Jesus Came to Jordan"

1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap-tized by John,
he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.
He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,
to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.

The musical score consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

The Gathering

GREETING

- A The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C **And also with you!**

KYRIE

- A Kyrie eleison.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Christe eleison.
C **Christ, have mercy.**

A Kyrie eleison.
C **Lord, have mercy.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Father in heaven,
C **at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep all who have become your children through baptism into Christ, in faith, that we be inheritors of everlasting life with him, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

PARISH CONCERNS

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Dearest Jesus, We Are Here" - arr. Andrea Bush

Andrea Bush - violin

The Word

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-5

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, and the Spirit God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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

Psalm 29

Refrain

The voice of the LORD is up-on the wa-ters.

Psalm Tone

- L ¹Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.
- C ²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.**
- L ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.
- C ⁴**The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor. Refrain**
- L ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;
- C ⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**
- L ⁷The voice | of the LORD
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.
- C ⁸**The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh. Refrain**
- L ⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests
bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, "Glory!"
- C ¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.**
- L ¹¹O LORD, give strength | to your people;
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace. Refrain

SECOND READING: Romans 6:1-11

¹What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For

whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

Please stand for the reading of the Holy Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 1:4-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

P The gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

MESSAGE

Pastor Nicholas Hopman

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord"

1 To Jor - dan came the Christ, our Lord, To do his Fa - ther's
 2 Oh, hear and mark the mes - sage well, For God him - self has
 3 These truths on Jor - dan's banks were shown By might - y word and
 4 There stood the Son of God in love, His grace to us ex -

plea - sure; Bap - tized by John, the Fa - ther's Word Was
 spo - ken. Let faith, not doubt, a - mong us dwell And
 won - der. The Fa - ther's voice from heav'n came down, Which
 tend - ing; The Ho - ly Spir - it like a dove Up -

giv - en us to trea - sure. This heav'n - ly wash - ing now shall be
 so re - ceive this to - ken. Our Lord here with his Word en - dows
 we do well to pon - der; "This man is my be - lov - ed Son,
 on the scene de - scend - ing; The tri - une God as - sur - ing us,

A cleans - ing from trans - gres - sion And, by his blood and ag - o - ny,
 Pure wa - ter, free - ly flow - ing. God's Ho - ly Spir - it here a - vows
 In whom my heart has plea - sure. Him you must hear, and him a - lone,
 With prom - is - es com - pel - ling, That in our bap - tism he will thus



Re - lease from death's op - pres - sion. A new life now a - waits us.
 Our kin - ship, while be - stow - ing The bap - tism of his bless - ing.
 And trust in full - est mea - sure The word that he has spo - ken."
 A - mong us find a dwell - ing To com - fort and sus - tain us.

7 All that the mortal eye beholds
 Is water as we pour it.
 Before the eye of faith unfolds
 The pow'r of Jesus' merit.
 For here it sees the crimson flood
 To all our ills bring healing;
 The wonders of his precious blood
 The love of God revealing,
 Assuring his own pardon.

APOSTLES' CREED

A We confess our Christian faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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**

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A God of power and might, comfort your people and come quickly to this weary world. Hear our prayers for everyone in need.

A brief silence

After each petition:

A Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A O heavenly Father, give us all such things through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and savior, in whose name we thus pray:

C 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.

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary . . . *The Presider continues with the preface, concluding:...*we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C 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.

Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way he also took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and said, "Take and drink it all of you.

This cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is poured out for you

for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Please be seated.



All are welcome to receive the Lord’s Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.

*All baptized persons are welcomed to the Lord’s Table.
Children who do not commune are invited forward to receive a blessing.
You may receive the Communion Wine by taking a communion glass from the tray as it is offered to you.*

Grape juice is available in the center of the communion tray.

After you have received, please place the empty communion glass in the basket provided
(Gluten-free hosts are available by telling the person giving the host)

COMMUNION MUSIC

Linda Hoch

"Word of God Speak" - Bart Millard/ Pete Kipley

"O Living Breath of God" - arr. Anne Krentz Organ

After communion is finished, please stand.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

The Sending

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ grant you peace.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"

1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you
came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as
ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.

The musical score consists of three systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Linda Hoch

"Fugue on *King's Lynn*" - arr. Karl Osterland

Dismissal: *Ushers will release rows from the back of the church to the front. Please keep your bulletin.*

Offering: A basket will be placed by the baptismal font for offering. Offerings can be placed in the basket before or after the service

Today's flowers are given by...

Daniel Morrison and family in honor of Jill, mother & wife & grandmother.

Joe and Shirley Moleno in celebration of Grandchildren, Joey Cashman and Kayla Graves, Birthdays.

Ann Korb in celebration of daughter Lisa Kuhar's Birthday.

Remember in our prayers... *The family of Shirley Wortman, Barb Girard, Connie Caldwell, Grace Sima, Randy Cashman, Marilyn Braatz, Manjula Kothuru, Mary Ulrich, Clarence Clapham, Rosemarie Litzinger, Janice Hardick, Joan Hassler, Shawn Turnbull*

Notes & News

WELCOME, GUESTS! *We welcome you as our guest in our church home and invite you to continue to worship with us.*

2021 Giving Envelopes have been placed on tables in the Gathering Space and are ready  to be picked up. Envelopes can be picked up Sundays, during office hours, and also during office hours, call ahead and the staff will bring them out to your car.

Service Recording: The recorded 8:15am service will be available at www.grace43081.org around 11am.

NURSERY will be closed until further notice. If you have any question see Molly King.

Capital Campaign Update: Due to the generous donation from the estate of Ray McMillen and the costs associated with financing, Council has moved to payoff our existing debt as soon as the monies to do so are available. Though the Living Stones Capital Campaign is scheduled to go through June of next year (2021), it makes the most financial sense to use our cash now instead of waiting to collect the rest of those pledges. Funds received for the Living Stones Campaign after the payoff will be placed in our facilities reserve fund to be used for property improvements. We appreciate everyone's dedication and continued stewardship to the Living Stones Campaign and excitedly look forward to the next chapter of our Church's ministry. With glad hearts, Melissa Hodek and Robert Bassett.

2021 WORSHIP SPACE FLOWERS To sign-up for flowers in the Worship Space, please select the preferred Sunday in the folder at the Welcome Center, include your name, phone number and the reason for the flowers. Gifts for the Worship Space flowers will be combined for arrangements; **the suggested gift for the arrangement is \$20.** Payments accepted by one of the following: include in your weekly giving envelope (notation: flowers) or online at: www.grace43081.org All special memories and celebrations will be noted in the weekly worship bulletins.



thank you!

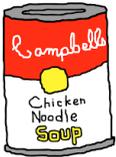
Thank you! Grace Sima would like to thank everyone for their cards and gifts when she had her hip replacement. She would also like to thank the Care Team for the beautiful poinsettia.

YOUTH & FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vision Statement: To nurture Youth and Family in Christ through Bible based teaching, music, activities and community outreach.

Sunday School vs. Adults!

We are collecting cans of soup during the month of January for WARM. Please bring in cans of soup. There will be designated bins for the cans of soup by the Welcome Center. We will once again be using a point system for the competition.



- Chicken Noodle is worth 1 point
- Vegetable Soup is worth 1 point
- Cream soups (Mushroom, Chicken etc.) worth 3 points
- Chunky Soups are worth 5 points
- Tomato Soups are worth 1 point

Last year the adults beat the children 419 cans to 364 cans. We donated 783 cans to Warm. The goal is to donate 1000 cans this year. The Super Bowl is February 7th which is the last day to turn in the cans.. **LET THE COMPETITION BEGIN!**

REACHING OUT TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY

FIRST FRUITS SUNDAYS *Let all that you do be done in love". (1 Corinthians 16:14)*

January Grocery List:

Peanut butter, jelly; beef and chicken helpers; rice, pasta, potato sides; personal care items (no feminine products or adult diapers); Ziploc bags (especially quart size); canned chicken and tuna; sloppy joe mix; and condiments (all types). We cannot accept food that has reached its expiration date. WHILE THE CHURCH IS CLOSED TO SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES PLEASE TAKE ALL ITEMS DIRECTLY TO W.A.R.M. along with any fresh produce, baked goods and dairy products directly to WARM. Make Checks Payable to: Grace Lutheran Church, memo notation for WARM. Blessings to all who are making this a part of your regular tithes and offerings.

MONTHLY FOOD/HYGIENE= 254 lbs.; YEAR TO DATE FOOD/HYGIENE= 2,365.05 lbs.

DECEMBER MONTHLY MONETARY= \$748.00; 2020 YEAR TO DATE MONETARY= \$11,010.85

2020 THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS FOOD DRIVE: MONETARY= \$1025.00, FOOD= 561 LBS.

JANUARY MONTHLY MONETARY= \$295.00; 2021 YEAR TO DATE MONETARY= \$295.00

On Tuesday, January 5, Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church hosted a blood drive. The drive collected over 50 units. Mark your calendar for the next blood drive at Grace on Tuesday, March 9, noon-6pm.

TEACHING THE FAITH... ENCOURAGING DISCIPLESHIP

RUTH CIRCLE: Ruth Circle will meet in Rose Garden Room 2 & 3 on Monday, Jan. 11th at 1:00pm. We will study lesson #4 about James in the series on "The Twelve Disciples" by Douglas Connelly.

The Women's Bible Study: Women's Bible study has started a new study from the Lifeguide series. Advent Of The Savior is a six week study helping us get the most out of Advent and

prepare for Christmas. For more information contact Molly King, m.king@grace43081.org.

AN ADULT BIBLE STUDY EXPERIENCE: The adult class led by John Westenhaver meets in Rose Garden 2 & 3 at 9:30 a.m. Questions? Contact John at jwestenhaver@gmail.com.

Adult Learning: John 1, 2, & 3 – Comfortable Christianity often means a weak Christianity. In this study on John’s three letters, Dr. Tony Evans challenges Christians who have grown comfortable and complacent in their faith. Fellowship with God is the essence of our faith, along with Dr. Evans, we will walk through 1, 2 & 3 John to paint a picture of love, obedience, and truth. In a world that hates Jesus, we are called to love Him and His people with a fierce love. This study will begin on January 17. Please join us in the fellowship hall at 9:45 a.m. This study is facilitated by Bill Kulju.

MUSIC NOTES

“When Christ’s Appearing Was Made Known” – arr. Mark Sedio

This hymn is a continuation (stanzas 8, 9, 11, and 13) of the hymn “From East to West (*A solis ortus cardine*)” which is hymn #64 in the Lutheran Book of Worship. The hymn was in general use for Epiphany in the Roman and Sarum rites, and was found also in the Mozarabic rite, but not in the Ambrosian. The tune WO GOTT ZUM HAUS was included in Joseph Klug’s *Geistliche Lieder* (1533) as the setting for the hymn “Wo Gott zum Haus nicht gibt sein’ Gunst”, a hymn based on Psalm 127 and ascribed to Johann Kohlross. Klug was one of four Wittenburg publishers who printed Lutheran books, tracts, etc., at the time of the Reformation. Klug seems to have been held in high esteem by Luther, whose coat of arms appears within the title-page border of *Geistliche Lieder*. It is highly probable that he assisted Luther in the selection of the hymns included.

“To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord” – arr. Dietrich Buxtehude

Martin Luther (1483-1546) wrote this hymn in 1541, though the earliest existing copy is from a 1543 hymnal. Finishing the cycle of catechetical hymns, this Baptism hymn reflects the teaching in Luther’s Small and Large Catechisms. The tune CHRIST, UNSER HERR, perhaps written by Luther, was associated with his paraphrase of Psalm 67 and had been so used in a 1524 hymnal. Beginning with the Gospel account of Christ’s Baptism, Luther quickly goes on to explore the riches of God’s Word-drenched water of Baptism in which Christian are reborn and receive forgiveness of sins and faith.

“Dearest Jesus, We Are Here” – arr. Andrea Bush

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier (*Dearest Jesus, we are here*) is based on a 1664 melody by Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673) called *Zahn No. 3498a*. It was written as a prayer for illumination. The text by Benjamin Schmolck, translated by Catherine Winkworth, references Holy Baptism, saying, “You must all be born again, heart and life renewing truly, born of water and the Spirit, and my kingdom thus inherit.”

“Word of God Speak” – Bart Millard/ Pete Kipley

“Word of God Speak” is a song by [Christian rock](#) band [MercyMe](#) written by Bart Millard and Pete Kipley. The lyrics reflect on the idea that it is impossible to speak of an infinite God with a limited vocabulary. MercyMe’s lead singer Bart Millard wrote “Word of God Speak” while touring in support of their single [“I Can Only Imagine”](#). The travel was exhausting, and Millard commented

in an interview that, on one of the nights on tour, he "went to bed just really frustrated... It started feeling like everything I was saying was the same. I just thought, I have nothing else to say. So I went to bed with that on my mind". After falling asleep, Millard woke up early in the morning and wrote several lines to the song in his journal before going back to sleep. Several weeks later, he was searching through his journal and found the notes again; when he went to the band's studio, he showed the notes to his producer, Pete Kipley. The two finished the lyrics to the song in less than thirty minutes, and recorded the piano track the same night.

“O Living Breath of God” – arr. Anne Krentz Organ

This Pentecost hymn by Osvaldo Catena (1920-1986), a Roman Catholic priest in Argentina, was first published in *Cancionero Abierto*, vol. 4 (1979). Catena, was a gifted musician and wrote many songs that have renewed Latin American liturgy. He dedicated his life to living and working among the people of the slum areas of Santa Fe, Argentina. He was appointed a liturgical advisor for the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965). During the military dictatorship in Argentina (1976-1983), he was harassed and threatened. He finally had to take refuge in a monastery where he died before the end of the military regime.

“Fugue on King’s Lynn” – arr. Karl Osterland

This hymn by Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000) was written in response to a request by Dirk van Dissel, a dean of the Anglican diocese of The Murray, in South Australia. The request was for a hymn for the Baptism of our Lord. Green’s text reminds us that baptism is a shattering of captivity into freedom, and that Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John – not for pardon but as the “Sinless One”. He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins. The tune KING’S LYNN is an English folk tune collected and made known to us by the English composer Ralph Vaughn Williams (1871-1958).



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Financial Update: If you would like a copy of the full monthly Treasurer’s report as presented to Council, please reach out to the Treasurer, Melissa Hodek, at melissa.hodek@gmail.com and it will be emailed to you.

Nov. 2020	Estimated Giving	Collected	Excess/ (Deficit)
MTD	\$ 36,667	\$ 45,169	\$ 8,502
YTD	\$403,337	\$ 406,165	\$ 2,828

Weekly Worship Attendance

Second Sunday after Christmas, January 3: 8:15am: 44, 11:00am: 57, Total: 101

Baptism of the Beloved Son

Find the 36 **bold** words from Mark 1:4-11 (ESV)

K P P L E A S E D S P I R I T
H K J B P L S U S E J S U T B
O R E T A W E E M J G N Q P A
L E R E P E N T A N C E A S P
Y I U V G R E C I O V V A E T
H T S O E N V M B S N A D Y I
T H A D E Z I T P A B E G T Z
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B T O A O J F J R W C T L S T
B R V E O S L A D N A S E N M
P P A R T S Z B E L O V E D L
C W Y P S A E D U J R P A D T
X F M U N T I E N R O T V F C

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** being **torn open** 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**."

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- Jan. 10 **BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**
PASTOR NICHOLAS HOPMAN
8:15 am Worship Service
9:45 am Adult Learning (Rose Garden 2 & 3 and Fellowship Hall)
11:00 am Worship Service
12:30 pm Council Meeting (Online Meeting)
- MON 1:00 pm Ruth Circle (Rose Garden 2 & 3)
- TUES 8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- WED 10:30 am Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- THURS 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Online Meeting)
- FRI 8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- SAT 8:00 am Men of Grace (Café)
9:30 am AA Meeting (Online Meeting)
8:00 pm AA Meeting (Online Meeting)
- Jan. 17 **SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**
PASTOR NICHOLAS HOPMAN
8:15 am Worship Service
9:45 am Adult Learning (Rose Garden 2 & 3 and Fellowship Hall)
11:00 am Worship Service

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