

# Service of Baptismal Remembrance



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Week in Advent 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020

*—Please turn and face the baptismal font—*

### **Invocation**

**L** Blessed...salvation.

**C** **Amen.**

### **Salutation and Prayer for Baptism**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray...Grant, Lord God, to all who have been baptized into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, that, as we have put away the old life of sin, so we may be renewed in the spirit of our minds, and live in righteousness and true holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**Entrance Hymn**

**LSB 336**

—sit—

**Reading**

**Malachi 2:10-3:1**

**Homily**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Waters of Baptism**

We bless you, almighty God, for the gift of water--  
for the oceans that surround the earth,  
for the rivers that nurture the land,  
for the Mississippi, Missouri, and Meramec Rivers that you provide for our community--  
we bless you, O God, for the waters of earth:

**We bless you, O God, for the waters of earth.**

We honor you, merciful God, for showering us with water--  
for the rain that nourishes the plants and trees,  
for the floods that restore the fields,  
for the dew that freshens dry places--  
we honor you, O God, for the waters you send:

**We honor you, O God, for the waters you send.**

We glorify you, gracious God, for the waters of baptism--  
for the water of the Jordan that washed our Lord Jesus,  
for the water that baptized the believers on Pentecost,  
for the water that illumines us with your Word,  
for the water that pours out the gifts of the Spirit,  
for the water that bathes the church universal  
we glorify you, O God, for the waters of baptism:

**We glorify you, O God, for the waters of baptism.**

We worship you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
almighty, merciful, and gracious.

Well of forgiveness, you revive us,

Cup of cold water, you refresh us,

Pool of rebirth, you renew us.

To you comes the worship of all your people, now and forever:

**To you comes the worship of all your people, now and forever.**

Amen.

**Amen.**

## Affirmation of Baptism

P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

**C Yes, I do.**

P Do you renounce the devil, all his works, and all his ways?

**C Yes, I renounce them.**

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

**C Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

**C Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

P We rejoice with one another with thankful hearts that we have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. We have confessed the faith and been absolved of our sins. As we continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in us will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

**C Amen.**

## Hymn

LSB 344

*During the singing of the hymn all are invited to come to the bowl at the front of the nave and remember their baptism. Pulpit side and south transept will proceed first, then the lectern side and north transept and balcony. Please proceed down the center aisle. One possible way of remembrance would be to dip your hand in the water and make the sign of the cross and pray a prayer in thanksgiving for your baptism. Prayers are provided on the back page of the service folder.*

—stand if able—

## Prayers

Concluding Prayer

*assembly prays together*

**O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. (Collect for Grace)**

## Blessing

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### Prayers in Thanksgiving for Baptism

O God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in whose name we have been baptized, grant that we may evermore appreciate that inestimable gift. You have called us by name; keep us always as Your own. You have delivered us from the power of the evil one; help us by Your spirit to renounce him day by day. O God, we thank You for our baptism; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

O heavenly Father, who has taught us by Your holy apostle that we are buried with Christ by baptism into death, that just as He was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life: Grant that we may walk in the new life of our baptism, so that the old Adam in us may be drowned and destroyed by daily sorrow and repentance, together with all sins and evil lusts; and that again a new person may daily come forth and arise; who will live in the presence of God in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### The Servants of the Word

**Preacher:** Rev. Rod Benkendorf

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### **JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME YESTERDAY AND TODAY AND FOREVER**

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