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## Sunday Schedule

9:00 Christian Formation  
10:00 Worship

### *Nursery for Ages 0-5 and Mother's Room:*

We have a safe and fun nursery located at the end of the hall in the Veritas Cafe. Please follow the signs. We use a Kid Check program for security.

*Video:* There is a video feed of the worship live-streamed to the Conference Room at the end of the hallway for anyone who needs to step out of the service.

## Psalm 29

This is a hymn of praise to God for his awesome power.

When it was originally composed, "the voice of the Lord" was likely a metaphorical expression to describe a thunderstorm crackling above the land. But at the baptism of Jesus, the voice of the Lord is no longer metaphorical. God's audible voice speaks and its message is unmistakably clear: "Jesus is my beloved Son."

The peace of God descends upon Jesus as a dove. And through him the blessing of peace is extended to his people, in fulfillment of verse 11.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 13, 2019 | The Baptism of our Lord

## Baptism of Jesus

The baptism of Jesus is one of the most theologically profound events in the gospel narratives. When the Father spoke from heaven saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased" (Matt. 3:17), the divine sonship of Christ was announced in a vivid and dramatic way. The event gives us a glimpse of the Trinity, with the Father's gift of the Spirit to the Son. Because of the significance of this event for establishing Christ's identity, churches have often commemorated Jesus' baptism annually on the first Sunday after Epiphany.

## Call to Worship

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;  
worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the Lord, over many waters.  
The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.  
The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.  
He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.  
The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.  
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.  
The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth  
and strips the forests bare,  
and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

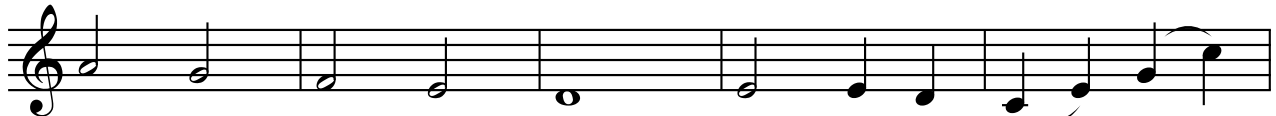
The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.  
May the Lord give strength to his people!  
May the Lord bless his people with peace!

# GIVE TO OUR GOD IMMORTAL PRAISE

ISAAC WATTS, 1719



1. Give to our God im - mor - tal\_\_ praise; Mer - cy and  
2. He fills the sun with morn - ing\_\_ light; He bids the  
3. He sent his Son with pow'r to\_\_ save from guilt and  
4. Through this vain world he\_\_ guides our\_\_ feet, and leads us



truth are all his ways; Won - ders of grace to\_\_  
moon di - rect the night; His mer - cies ev - er\_\_  
dark - ness and the grave; Won - ders of grace to\_\_  
to his heav'n - ly seat. His mer - cies ev - er\_\_



God be - long; Re - peat his mer - cies in your song.  
shall en - dure, when suns and moons shall shine no more.  
God be - long; Re - peat his mer - cies in your song.  
shall en - dure, when this our world shall be no more.

## Opening Prayer

### Apostles' Creed

#### The Creed

Although not written by the apostles, the Apostles' Creed is a concise summary of their teachings. It originated in the 2nd century and developed into its present form by the 4th century.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten 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.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

# WHEN JESUS CAME TO JORDAN

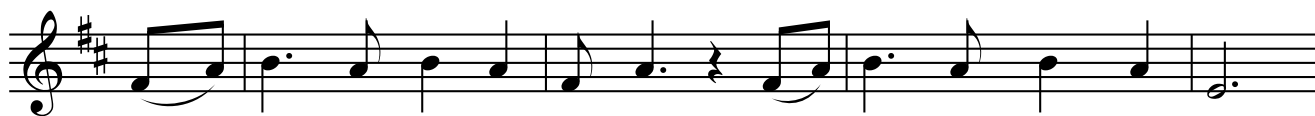
FRED PRATT GREEN, 1980



1. When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John,  
2. He\_\_\_ came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,  
3. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid\_\_\_ us to keep the vows we make;



he\_\_\_ did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.  
for us and our sal - va - tion to\_\_\_ die up - on the cross.  
this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - 'ry bond - age break.



He\_\_\_ came to share re - pent - ance with all who mourn their sins,  
So\_\_\_ us when the Dove de - scend - ed on\_\_\_ him, the Son of Man,  
Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift from you a - lone;



to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.  
the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.  
to share the res - ur - rec - tion a - round your glo - rious throne.

## Confession of Sin

### Confession

Confession of sin happens within the context of relationship, both with God and each other. We confess together, in community, before a gracious God who has given us himself. Confession both acknowledges our need for mercy and celebrates its abundance in Christ.

**Merciful God,  
in baptism you grafted us into the body of Christ,  
a sign and seal of the forgiveness of sin and newness of life in the Spirit.  
But too often we fail to live as forgiven and new people.  
We keep destructive habits and hold grudges.  
We allow our flesh to guide our thoughts,  
and our past to hold us hostage.  
In your loving-kindness  
have mercy on us and free us from sin.  
Remind us of the promises you have made to us in baptism  
so that we may live as your glad, completely-devoted disciples, Amen.**

(You are invited to confess your sins silently.)

## Assurance of Pardon

### Isaiah 43:1-4

Here Isaiah plays on the idea of a ransom price that is sometimes conveyed by “redeemed.” God will move history for the sake of his people. “Egypt” alludes to the exodus. The more remote Ethiopia and Seba may imply that God will go to any length and alter the history of any nation for his people’s salvation.

Now we read Isaiah 43 on the other side of the cross and we see how great the price he was willing to pay: the cost was the sacrificial death of God’s Son. His life is exchanged for ours. How can this be?

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

# MY SAVIOR'S LOVE

CHARLES H. GABRIEL, 1905



1. I stand a - mazed in the pres - ence of  
2. He took my sins and my sor - rows, he  
3. When with the ran - somed in glo - ry his



Je - sus the Naz - a - rene, and won - der how he could  
made them his ver - y own. He bore the bur - den to  
face I at last shall see, 'twill be my joy through the



love me a sin - ner, con-demned, un - clean. *to verse 2*  
Cal - v'ry, and suf - fered and died a - lone. *to Chorus*  
a - ges to sing of his love for me. *to Chorus*



How mar-vel-ous! How won-der-ful! And my song shall ev - er be.



How mar-vel-ous! How won-der-ful! Is my Sav-ior's love for me!  
*last x*  
*repeat Chorus*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Offering**

The offering is part of our regular worship. Our hope is that all gifts offered will come from an understanding that we give because God first gave to us, and that every penny will be carefully and thoughtfully invested in cultivating faith in Jesus Christ.

### **Prayers for All Saints in the Coming Year**

### **Passing of the Peace**

As recipients of God's grace, we gladly receive peace from him. In response to his grace, we also extend that grace to one another with a handshake or a hug. Traditionally, Christians have greeted one another during this time in the service with the phrase, "The peace of Christ be with you."



## Sermon

21 When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened 22 and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

23 Now Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he began his ministry. He was the son, so it was thought, of Joseph, the son of Heli, 24 the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melki, the son of Jannai, the son of Joseph, 25 the son of Mattathias, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Esli, the son of Naggai, 26 the son of Maath, the son of Mattathias, the son of Semein, the son of Josech, the son of Joda, 27 the son of Joanan, the son of Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, the son of Neri, 28 the son of Melki, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmadam, the son of Er, 29 the son of Joshua, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, 30 the son of Simeon, the son of Judah, the son of Joseph, the son of Jonam, the son of Eliakim, 31 the son of Melea, the son of Menna, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David, 32 the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Salmon, the son of Nahshon, 33 the son of Amminadab, the son of Ram, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah, 34 the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor, 35 the son of Serug, the son of Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of Eber, the son of Shelah, 36 the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech, 37 the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalalel, the son of Kenan, 38 the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

“Down by the Jordan”  
Rev. Brad Chaney

### Luke 3:21-38

Sermon Series  
*Luke: the Gospel of  
Amazement*

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## Communion

Wine is available in the inner two circles; grape juice is available in the outer ring. Gluten-free wafers are available in a basket on the back table.

We hold the bread and wine until everyone has been served in order to eat and drink together.

*We ask that you dispense with your cups by the back door following the service.*

Just as the climax of all history will be the Wedding Supper of the Lamb, we conclude our worship in the presence of God by feasting. The Spirit takes the common elements of bread and wine and feeds us spiritually with the body and blood of Jesus, for our nourishment and growth in grace, and so strengthens us to be sent out into the world as God's agents of his generous hospitality.

# The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper, also called Communion or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all baptized followers of Jesus Christ who acknowledge their sins against God and their neighbors, and confess their need for the grace of Christ to partake of this meal. If you are a Christian and haven't been baptized, please talk with one of our pastors. We would be honored to baptize you.

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Lord God, gracious and merciful,  
you anointed your beloved Son with the Holy Spirit  
at his baptism in the Jordan,  
and you consecrated him as prophet, priest, and king.  
Pour out your Spirit on us again  
that we may be faithful to our baptismal calling,  
ardently desire the communion of Christ's body and blood,  
and serve the poor of your people and all who need your love,  
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
ever one God, world without end.

# THERE IS A REDEEMER

KEITH AND MELODY GREEN, 1982



1. There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son; \_\_\_\_\_
2. Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names; \_\_\_\_\_
3. When I stand in Glo - ry, I will see his face; \_\_\_\_\_



Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si-ah, Ho - - - ly One.  
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si-ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.  
There I'll serve my King for-ev-er in \_\_\_\_\_ that ho - ly place.

## *Refrain*



Thank You, O my Fa - ther, for giv-ing us your Son, \_\_\_\_\_ and



leav - ing your Spir - it 'til the work on \_\_\_\_\_ earth is done.

# WE ARE THE BODY

SCOTT WESLEY BROWN, DAVID HAMPTON, 1998



One heart, one Spir-it, one voice to praise you, we are the



Bod - y\_\_ of Christ. One goal, one vi-sion to see you ex - alt - ed,



we are the Bod - y\_\_ of Christ. And to this we give our



lives to see you glor - i - fied. One heart, one Spir-it, one



voice to praise you, we are the Bod - y\_\_ of Christ.

## Benediction

May God the Father, who sent his Spirit upon his Son,  
bless you with the presence of his Spirit.

May Jesus, who received the Spirit and manifested the Father,  
abide in you and make you a manifestation of his life.

And may God the Spirit, who came upon Christ in the fullness of power,  
empower you to live a life of faith.

To the glory of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**