

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 13 & 14, 2019

Welcome to worship! Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. That seems strange to us – God being baptized. But Jesus needs to be baptized because our Savior must identify with us in every way – He must fully identify with those He came to save. He has come to follow the way that leads to a cross. We thank God for His goodness to us through Jesus’ baptism.

First time guests: Please stop by the Welcome Center for a travel mug and other gifts!

Cell Phones: *Please remember to silence cell phones and electronics during worship.*

We love children! If your child gets fussy, please take him/her to the Comfort Place in the Atrium. You can hear the service there, and will allow others to hear as well. **A Staffed Nursery** is also available at **9:00 A.M.** beneath the narthex.

Adult Bible Classes meet in the Fellowship Hall and **Adult Instruction** in 202. **Sunday School** for ages 3-6th grade meets downstairs in the Social Room. **Parent/Toddler Class** meets upstairs in Room 215. **Jr/Sr High School** meets upstairs in the Youth Room.

Holy Communion will be offered at **9:00 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.** If you are not a confirmed member of the Lutheran church, please contact an Elder or Pastor before Communing. The Common Cup is served to those who do not take an individual cup. Wine with alcohol removed is in the center of the tray. Gluten-free wafers are available.

Large Print bulletins and **Hearing devices** are available from an usher.

+ DIVINE SERVICE I, Page 151 +

THE PRELUDE: “Jesus Once with Sinners Numbered” -Walter Pelz

THE OPENING HYMN: “Baptized into Your Name Most Holy” **Hymn 590**

THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION: Page 151

THE KYRIE: Pages 152-153

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: “This is the Feast,” Page 155

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY: (We pray together)

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. Amen.

THE WORD OF THE MONTH: (We speak together)

But now thus says the LORD...“Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.” Isaiah 43:1

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 43:1-7 (page 603)

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, 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, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

THE EPISTLE READING: Romans 6:1-11(page 942)

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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE, Page 156

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17 (page 808) C: (Sing) Glory to You, O Lord.

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: (Sing) Praise to You, O Christ!**

+++ **9:00 & 7:00 NICENE CREED:** Page 158, **11:15 APOSTLES’ CREED**, page 159

THE HYMN: “To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord” **Hymn 405**

THE SERMON: “Why was Jesus Baptized?”

THE OFFERING: (Please register Attendance and Communion)

THE MUSICAL OFFERING: (9:00) “The Sinless One to Jordan Came” -Paul Bouman; (11:15 & 7:00 PM) “From God the Father Virgin-Born” -Philip Gehrig

THE PRAYERS

+++ **9:00 & 7:00 HOLY COMMUNION:** Pages 160-164; (9:00) “God’s Own Child I Gladly Say It”; **Hymns: 610, 394, 605, 634, 643**

THE BENEDICTION: Page 166

THE CLOSING HYMN: “All Who Believe and Are Baptized” **Hymn 601**

Please take time after the closing hymn to greet and introduce yourself to those around you.

THE POSTLUDE: “To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord” -Robert Powell

The Vicar will be available after the service in the chapel to take prayer requests or notes for care.

If you would like to take a poinsettia home with you today, you are welcome to do so.

Thanks to our Decorating Committee for preparing the church for Christmas, and now preparing us for the season of Epiphany! Your hard work is appreciated!

Preacher: Pastor Rodriguez **Liturgists:** Pastor Bloch and Pastor Blomenberg

Lectors: Vicar Werner **Organist:** Mr. Paul Scheiderer

Special Music: (9:00) Adult & Youth Choir, Brass Ensemble

Immanuel’s mission is to connect people to the life, calling, and community of Christ. Founded in 1870, Immanuel is a member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. We believe the Bible is God’s inspired Word and that we are saved by grace, through faith in Jesus Christ, who died for our sins. Please take a brochure from the Information Center, or visit us on-line at www.immanuelseymour.com.

January 13 & 14, 2019

Church: 812-522-3118

Dial-A-Meditation: 812-522-1345

info@immanuelseymour.com

www.immanuelseymour.com

www.facebook.com/ImmanuelLC

Pastors: Rev. Dr. Ralph Blomenberg

Rev. Philip E. Bloch

Rev. James A. Rodriguez, Jr.

Vicar: Sem. Tyler Werner

Ministry Leaders:

Music: Mr. Paul Scheiderer

Youth: Mr. Matt Nieman

Children: Mrs. Katy Rudzinski

Child Care: Mrs. Ashley Pence

School: 812-522-1301

www.immanuelschool.org

Principal: Dr. Todd Behmlander

Faculty:

Mrs. Julia Bell

Mrs. Martha Bloch

Mrs. Melissa Brown

Mrs. Heather Dyer

Mrs. Charlotte Elkins

Mrs. Trisha Engel

Mrs. Sandy Franke

Mrs. Becky Goecker

Mrs. Tamara Keilman

Mrs. Debra Lambert

Mrs. Jennifer Pyle

Mr. Mark Rudzinski

Mrs. Sue Sims

Mr. B.J. Sinclair

Mr. Charles Smith

Mrs. Jordan Spieker

Mrs. Tracy Stam

Mrs. Julie Tracey