

Baptism Of Our Lord Sunday

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Ascension Lutheran is a family of Christians
intent on sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and His victory over death

“God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.” (Acts 10:38)

PRESERVICE MEDITATION: Psalm 2 (page 123 in The Lutheran Hymnal)

HYMN 744 (Worship Supplement) “How Great Thou Art”

A Service Of Word & Sacrament, setting 2 (page 12, Worship Supplement)

FIRST LESSON: Titus 3:3-7

³ We ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. ⁴ But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, ⁵ not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

PSALM OF THE DAY (*responsively*) – from Psalm 45

L: You are fairer than the sons of men; grace is poured upon Your lips; therefore God has blessed You forever.

C: GIRD YOUR SWORD UPON YOUR THIGH, O MIGHTY ONE, WITH YOUR GLORY AND YOUR MAJESTY.

L: And in Your majesty ride prosperously because of truth, humility, and righteousness; and Your right hand shall teach You awesome things.

C: YOUR ARROWS ARE SHARP IN THE HEART OF THE KING'S ENEMIES; THE PEOPLES FALL UNDER YOU.

L: Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.

C: YOU LOVE RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HATE WICKEDNESS; THEREFORE GOD, YOUR GOD, HAS ANOINTED YOU WITH THE OIL OF GLADNESS MORE THAN YOUR COMPANIONS.

L: I will make Your name to be remembered in all generations;

C: THEREFORE THE PEOPLE SHALL PRAISE YOU FOREVER AND EVER.

SECOND LESSON – the Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 *rise*

¹⁵ Now as the people were in expectation, and all reasoned in their hearts about John, whether he was the Christ or not, ¹⁶ John answered, saying to all, “I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fan *is* in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire.” ... ²¹ When all the people were

baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. ²² And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."

The Apostles' Creed (page 15, Worship Supplement)

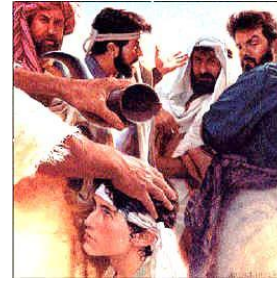
HYMN 339:1-4 (The Lutheran Hymnal) "*All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name*"

SERMON: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

DAVID AND JESUS

1. didn't look like kings
2. were chosen by God
3. David was, and Jesus is, a shepherd
4. David was, and Jesus is, a king

¹ Now the LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I am sending you to Jesse the Bethlehemite. For I have provided Myself a king among his sons." ² And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears *it*, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' ³ Then invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; you shall anoint for Me the one I name to you." ⁴ So Samuel did what the LORD said, and went to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵ And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶ So it was, when they came, that he looked at Eliab and said, "Surely the LORD'S anointed *is* before Him." ⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have refused him. For *the LORD does not see* as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." ⁸ So Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰ Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these." ¹¹ And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all the young men here?" Then he said, "There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the



sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him. For we will not sit down till he comes here." ¹² So he sent and brought him in. Now he *was* ruddy, with bright eyes, and good-looking. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him; for this *is* the one!" ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

OFFERTORY (page 16, Worship Supplement)

Psalms 51:10-12

The Offering from grateful hearts

HYMN 341 (The Lutheran Hymnal) "*Crown Him With Many Crowns*"

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, and THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION (page 21, Worship Supplement)

Numbers 6:24-26

HYMN 367 (The Lutheran Hymnal) "*Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus*"

WELCOME, VISITORS! Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book in the narthex. TODAY our usher is Rick Louderman. In our Bible Study we're on Revelation 10:6ff.

COUNCIL MEETING after our Bible Study. NORTH AURORA CARE CENTER SERVICE: 3:00 PM; BATAVIA REHAB CENTER SERVICE: 4:00 PM.

FRIDAY: NORTH AURORA CARE CENTER BIBLE STUDY: 10:10 AM.

SUNDAY: WORSHIP SERVICE: 10 AM; SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE STUDY: 11:15 AM.

NEXT SUNDAY our usher is Greg Suwanski.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27: TWO WEEKS FROM TODAY is our ANNUAL VOTERS

MEETING immediately following our morning service. There will be Sunday School, but not Bible Study.

ASCENSION FRUITS OF FAITH: Last Sunday our offering was \$797.00 (needed each week: \$1,157.00), and our attendance was 14. Our current

General Fund balance is \$1,496.00.

OUR CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS need to be taken down.

WOMAN'S RETREAT: "Just Passing Through" (Christian Women Living In A Non-

Christian World) is the theme for the woman's retreat on March 22-24 at the Riverport Inn, 900 Bruski Dr., Winona, MN, (hotel phone number: 507-454-0606).

Deadline to register and to reserve a room in the block is February 22 (\$25.00 late registration fee). Online registration and all additional information can be found at:

ladiesretreat.clclutheran.net.