

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

11:00 am

January 10, 2021



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AS WE GATHER – United in Death and Life

Many times, one of the elements of a funeral service is the placement of a funeral pall over the casket or urn. The white cloth pall serves as a reminder that in Holy Baptism, we are **clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness**, which covers all our sin. At the start of a funeral, a portion of Romans is typically read. The pastor says, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?" (*Romans 6:3*), to which the congregation responds, "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" (*Romans 6:4–5*). Even in the midst of death, our Baptism and connection to Christ gives us the **certainty of forgiveness** and **salvation in 2021 and beyond!**

WELCOME – Pastor Chris Fairbairn

RINGING OF THE BELL

Soul on Fire

God I'm running for Your heart
I'm running for Your heart
'Til I am a soul on fire

Lord I'm longing for Your ways
I'm waiting for the day
When I am a soul on fire
('Til I am a soul on fire)

Verse

Lord restore the joy I had
I have wandered bring me back
In this darkness lead me through
Until all I see is You

God I'm running for Your heart
I'm running for Your heart
'Til I am a soul on fire

Lord I'm longing for Your ways
I'm waiting for the day
When I am a soul on fire
'Til I am a soul on fire

Bridge

Lord let me burn for You again
Let me return to You again
And Lord let me burn for You again
And let me return to You again

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I'm running for Your heart
'Til I am a soul on fire

Lord I'm longing for Your ways
I'm waiting for the day
When I am a soul on fire
Til I am a soul on fire
'Til I am a soul on fire
'Til I am a soul on fire

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

People: 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.

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Pastor: As we consider our unworthiness and confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition, we ask ourselves, "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?" (*Romans 6:1–3*). As the Lord's baptized children who have died to sin, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life—for Christ is the Way. Amen.

Pastor: "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." (*Romans 6:4*).
Upon this, your confession, the grace of God is poured freely over all of you, and all your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Father in heaven, in Holy Baptism, You united us to Jesus' death and resurrection. Grant that we remember our Baptism daily so that we consider ourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING Genesis 1:1–5 (God creates the heavens and the earth.)

Reader: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

People: ⁴ God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING Romans 6:1–11 (*Our Baptism unites us both to Christ's death and also to His resurrection.*)

Reader: What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?

People: 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?

Reader: We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death,

People: 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.

Reader: For if we have been united with Him in a death like His,

People: we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.

Reader: We know that our old self was crucified with Him

People: 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.

Reader: Now if we have died with Christ,

People: we believe that we will also live with Him.

Reader: We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again;

People: death no longer has dominion over Him.

Reader: For the death He died He died to sin, once for all,

People: but the life He lives He lives to God.

Reader: So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 1:4-11* (The Baptism of our Lord)

⁴ John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ 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. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ 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. ⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.



THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And 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. 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. Amen

The River

I know a place where we can go
 To lay the troubles down eating your
 soul
 I know a place where mercy flows
 Take the stains make you whiter than
 snow

Pre-Chorus

Like a tide it is rising up deep inside
 A current that moves and makes ya
 come alive
 Living water that brings the dead to life

Chorus

*We're goin' down to the river
 Down to the river
 Down to the river to pray
 Let's get washed by the water
 Washed by the water
 And rise up in amazing grace*

*Let's go down down down to the river
 You will leave changed
 Let's go down down down to the river
 Never the same*

Verse 2

I've seen it move in my own life
 Took me from dusty roads into
 Paradise
 All of my dirt all of my shame
 Drowned in the streams that have
 made me born again

Pre-Chorus

Like a tide it is rising up deep inside
 A current that moves and makes ya
 come alive
 Living water that brings the dead to life

Chorus

*We're goin' down to the river
 Down to the river
 Down to the river to pray
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 Never the same (2x)*

MESSAGE – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

*Your baptism into Christ body and family are
 incredibly important...what are you doing to remember
 your identity in Christ? Do others see your changed life?*



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we praise You for Your whole creation, for the beauty of the earth and for the orderly passage of days. As sin has brought only chaos and disorder to the lives of all, You therefore sent Your Son who, by Your Word and Spirit, has restored Your world through His cross and resurrection. Bring that same restoration to the lives of all those baptized into Christ that we may live our days in peace and joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Send Your light and truth to guide all in the authority of government that darkness and injustice not prevail but rather justice and peace through the faithful use of the law. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give courage and comfort to all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or trials. Set them free in the forgiveness of their sins to faithfully look to You, the God of peace, healing, and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We give You thanks for all those baptized into Christ who have gone before us and are now set free from sin, now in the Your presence. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

If you brought your offering today, you are welcome to leave it in the offering plates you will find at the front of the church or in the main hallway. **Thank you.**

St. Paul appreciates the continued support of those worshipping with us online and in person as we each help in sharing the amazing love of Jesus!

SOLO

Nature Boy

Paul Ventimiglia

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like You,

People: in heaven above or on earth beneath. *1 Kings 8:23*

Pastor: The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, abide with you, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE INVITATIONS

Every Praise

Every praise is to our God.
 Every word of worship with one accord
 Every praise every praise is to our God.

Sing hallelujah to our God
 Glory hallelujah is due our God
 Every praise every praise is to our God.

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 Every word of worship with one accord
 Every praise every praise is to our God.

Sing hallelujah to our God
 Glory hallelujah is due our God
 Every praise every praise is to our God.

God our Savior, God our Healer
 God our Rescuer, yes he is, yes he is

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May We Help You? Anyone who desires special private prayer with the Pastor may do so by remaining in the sanctuary until all worshippers have departed. At that time, come forward and speak with the Pastor or Deacon.

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WHERE WE SERVE

Preacher/Officiant
Music Director
Family Life Director
Elder
Ushers
Greeters
Counters

Pastor Christopher Fairbairn
Paul Ventimiglia
Jeanette Koch
Mark Baumgarten
Chuck Hempel *Patrick Baker*
Grimmer Family
Dave Tischler *Shibu George*

Altar Society

Lisa Fairbairn

Ruth Natiw

Jan Paver

Welcome Center

Pat McGuigan

Tech Team

Curtis Kalina

News & Notes

Attendance Last week :

Sunday 1.3.2021 8:30am - 63
 11:00am – 53 = 116

Bible Study and Small Group Opportunities –

SUNDAYS: Join us for bible study and fellowship @ 9:45am in the church
Parish Hall.

SATURDAYS: Men's Bible Study – Every second and fourth Saturday @ 9:30am – Parish Hall.



Remember Our Shut-Ins

Doris White

25870 Abbey Drive

Novi, MI 48374



Altar Flowers this week are :

In memory of our parents, John and Barbara Burgess and Dennis and Jean Duckworth from Chris and Anne Burgess.

Altar Flowers 1.3.2020 – In memory of Vi Tabor, Dorothy Busch and Emma Copeland from Ruth Natiw.

Please arrange to pick up your flowers after the 11am service.

Karen and I would like to extend a warm-felt thank you for all the generous and thoughtful Christmas cards and gifts. Your ongoing love and care are much appreciated. Blessings to all as we begin a new year together in serving our Lord Jesus and one another. Pastor Jim

10	JAN, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship w/Communion
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Confirmation Class Room #3 School
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship
		● 12 – 1pm	Board of Evangelism church parish hall
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	AA Mtg church parish hall
11	JAN, MON	● 6 – 9pm	Always Basketball - Coach V
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Board of Day School Room #4
12	JAN, TUE	● 6 – 9pm	NBA (Northville Basketball Assoc.) school gym
13	JAN, WED	● 9:30 – 11am	Women's Bible Study church parish hall
		● 6 – 9pm	Always Basketball - Coach V
		● 7 – 9pm	Northville Swim Club Meeting Room #4 - conference room
14	JAN, THU	● 6 – 9pm	Always Basketball - Coach V
15	JAN, FRI	● 6 – 9pm	NBA (Northville Basketball Assoc.)
		● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
16	JAN, SAT	● All day	Bible Quiz Tournament- school and church school and church
		● 9:30 – 11am	Men's Bible Study room #5 school

Donations needed each week for Church and School – \$9,808

Received week of 1.3.2021 - for Church (Envelopes plus loose plate)\$8,485*

**total includes online giving School - \$500*

Be a missionary with your MITE Box by giving and praying for LWML's approved mission grants for the next two years. For the month of January, Women in Christ is highlighting a \$15,000 grant entitled, "Filling Haitian Tummies Opens Ears to the Gospel." Trinity HOPE in Franklin, Tennessee, hosts a feeding ministry, based on the premise that children must first be nourished physically so to be enabled to be nourished with God's word and concentrate on learning. Please thank God for this ministry and add coins to your MITE box. January is one of four times this year that Women in Christ will be collecting MITE boxes.