

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

8:30 am

January 10, 2021



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.

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!**

Organ Prelude

WELCOME – Pastor Chris Fairbairn

RINGING OF THE BELL

596 All Christians Who Have Been Baptized



1 All Chris-tians who have been bap-tized, Who know the God of
 2 You were be-fore your day of birth, In-deed, from your con-
 3 But all of that was washed a-way— Im-merged and drowned for-
 4 In Bap-tism we now put on Christ— Our shame is ful-ly



heav-en, And in whose dai-ly life is prized The name of
 cep-tion, Con-demned and lost with all the earth, None good, with-
 ev-er. The wa-ter of your Bap-tism day Re-stored a-
 cov-ered With all that He once sac-ri-ficed And free-ly



Christ once giv-en: Con-sid-er now what God has done, The
 out-ex-cep-tion. For like your par-ents' flesh and blood, Turned
 gain what-ev-er Old Ad-am and his sin de-stroyed And
 for us suf-fered. For here the flood of His own blood Now



gifts He gives to ev-'ry-one Bap-tized in-to Christ Je-sus!
 in-ward from the high-est good, You con-stant-ly de-nied Him.
 all our sin-ful selves em-ployed Ac-cord-ing to our na-ture.
 makes us ho-ly, right, and good Be-fore our heav'n-ly Fa-ther.

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

594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It



1 God's own child, I gladly say it: I am bap-tized
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap-tized
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized
 5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing To this life-long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er:
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness
 com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's
 Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in
 E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



trea - sures man - y? I have one worth
 con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism
 font I've trav - eled, All your might has
 dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance
 waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -
 did re - lease me In a dear for -
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
 giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!
 strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.
 in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Please see our communion policy stated on the inside front cover.



THE DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION WINE: For those who may not be able to take regular wine, we offer non-alcoholic wine. The non-alcoholic wine is the light colored wine in the center of the communion tray.

877 God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven



1 God, who made the earth and heav - en, Dark - ness and light:
 2 And when morn a - gain shall call us To run life's way,
 3 Guard us wak - ing, guard us sleep - ing, And when we die,
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, throned in heav - en, All - ho - ly Son,



You the day for work have giv - en, For rest the night. May Your
 May we still, what - e'er be - fall us, Your will o - bey. From the
 May we in Your might - y keep - ing All peace - ful lie. When the
 Ho - ly Spir - it, free - ly giv - en, Blest Three in One: Grant us



an - gel guards de - fend us, Slum - ber sweet Your mer - cy send us,
 pow'r of e - vil hide us, In the nar - row path - way guide us,
 last dread call shall wake us, Then, O Lord, do not for - sake us,
 grace, we now im - plore You, Till we lay our crowns be - fore You



Ho - ly dreams and hopes at - tend us All through the night.
 Nev - er be Your smile de - nied us All through the day.
 But to reign in glo - ry take us With You on high.
 And in wor - thier strains a - dore You While a - ges run.

590 Baptized into Your Name Most Holy



1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and
 2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here You take me To be hence-forth Your
 3 My faith - ful God, You fail me nev - er; Your prom - ise sure - ly
 4 All that I am and love most dear - ly— Re - ceive it all, O



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,
 child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, here You make me
 will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er
 Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;



A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and
 The fruit of all Your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,
 If words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I
 Help me Your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I



dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.
 com - fort me When threat - ning clouds a - round I see.
 come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store Your child.
 am or own Serve an - y will but Yours a - lone.

BLESSING OF THE COMMUNICANTS

Pastor: With thankful hearts, we give You praise, gracious Father, for renewing and strengthening our baptismal faith by Your Holy Spirit with the very body and blood of Your Son. Help us to live lives ordered by the power of Your Word; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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**717 Eternal Father, Strong to Save**

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, Our peo - ple shield in



rest - less wave, Who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep Its
dan - ger's hour; From rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, Pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
tect them where - so - e'er they go; Thus ev - er - more shall



cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.
rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

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.

WHERE WE SERVE

<i>Preacher/Officiant</i>	<i>Pastor Christopher Fairbairn</i>	
<i>Music Director</i>	<i>Paul Ventimiglia</i>	
<i>Family Life Director</i>	<i>Jeanette Koch</i>	
<i>Elder</i>	<i>John Hasse</i>	
<i>Reader</i>	<i>Mike Williamson</i>	
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Jerry Krause</i> <i>Paul Breuhan</i> <i>David Howard</i>	<i>Ron Breuhan</i> <i>Jake Fairbairn</i>
<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Hoener Family</i>	
<i>Counters</i>	<i>Dave Tischler</i>	<i>Shibu George</i>
<i>Altar Society</i>	<i>Lisa Fairbairn</i> <i>Jan Paver</i>	<i>Ruth Natiw</i>
<i>Welcome Center</i>	<i>Beth Dempster</i>	
<i>Tech Team</i>	<i>Jake Fairbairn</i>	

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.*

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



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.

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.

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