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The Baptism of Our Lord

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WELCOME - OUR INVITATION- To all who need comfort; to all who want friendship; to those who desire acceptance; to all who want sheltering love; to those who sin and need a Savior, whoever will come, this church opens wide its doors, and in the name of our Lord, says WELCOME!

VISITORS - We welcome you to Mt. Calvary! We hope that hearing God's Word this morning will strengthen and enrich your faith. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Carrier and sign the guest register, located in the narthex at the rear of the church.

Our Mission: To be living letters written by the Holy Spirit, read by all (2 Cor. 3:3).

The Order of Worship

Matins – Pages 219 to 228

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Opening Hymn

“Father Welcomes”

Hymn 605

Liturgy (*Pages 219-221*)

The Old Testament Reading Isaiah 43:1-7

¹But 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. ²When 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. ³For 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. ⁴Because 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. ⁵Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. ⁶I 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, ⁷everyone 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.

Verse (*Sung by Cantor*)

Alleluia. Alleluia. You are my beloved Son;
with you I am well pleased. Alleluia.

The Epistle Reading Romans 6:1-11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We 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.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We 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. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So 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.**

Choir Anthem

“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

Hildebrand

The Holy Gospel Luke 3:15-22

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been

reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰ added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Common Responsory *(Page 221)*

Children's Message

Lucie Witte

Hymn of the Day

"To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord"

Hymn 407
Stanzas 1-4

Sermon

"We're Good – Right God?" *(Romans 6:1-11)*

Hymn

"To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord"

Hymn 407
Stanzas 5-7

Offering

Installation of Officers

Prayer *(Pages 227-228)*

Kyrie

Lord's Prayer *(Sung – Music is found on the second to last page of the Service Book)*

Collects

Collect of the Day

P: 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.

C. Amen.

Collect for Grace

Benedicamus and Benediction *(Page 228)*

Closing Hymn

“To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”

Hymn 405

+ To God Alone be Glory +

COUNCIL OF LUTHERAN WOMEN LUNCHEON - Lucie is collecting reservations for the Council of Lutheran Women Luncheon on Tuesday, March 19 at Burton Manor in Livonia where we will be honoring Elizabeth Parrish as our "Woman of the Year". The ticket cost is \$29 and is payable by cash or check (payable to: MT. CALVARY). This year's featured speaker will be Gayle Sommerfeld, one of the founders of MOST Ministries (Mission Opportunities Short Term). Gayle has written a book about her experience with founding MOST, entitled "Beyond Sight". As this is not a CPH publication, advance orders will be necessary if you'd like to have a copy of her book. The cost will be \$12.10 and pick up of your purchase will be at the Luncheon. Let Lucie know if you're interested in ordering a copy of Gayle's book.

SCRIP NEWS - I've received my first post-Christmas orders, had inquiries about cards for reload (marked R on the SCRIP order form), and would love to have some more orders for your own personal use. If you're not in the SCRIP habit, consider starting with gas cards or restaurants you often frequent, plus Meijer, Sam's Club/Walmart and GFS. It's also not that difficult to establish your own account with Great Lakes SCRIP Center, connect it to route the rebates to Mt. Calvary's account, paying for your order through your own bank account, which also enables you to order any of the SCRIP Now ecards (marked SN on the SCRIP order form) and print them from your own computer. Our AZ and CA daughters have been doing this for a couple of years now. Speak with Lucie if you'd like to know more.

WE INCLUDE IN OUR PRAYERS the following people dealing with health concerns:

From our fellowship:

Bill and Judy Buchanan, Dina Gilmore, De'Borah and Jessie Jackson, Jeff Kurtz, Karen Roemer, Karolyn Swad, Carol Vietzke, and Philonese Walker

Among our friends and families:

Ronda Burns Aitchison, Kimiko Astalos, Gabrielle Awada, Julie Buckbee (daughter of Kimiko Astalos), David Coates, Barbara Drisko (friend of Sylvia Wallace), Elizabeth Higginbotham, Jill Hupp, Luella Lanier (mother of Philonese Walker), Harrison McNally and family, Patricia McNally, Rev. Pat O'Brien, Sue Richardson, Izzy Sherman (niece of John Duff of Redeemer, Birmingham)

We also pray for:

The United States military, first responders, police officers (especially Police Officer Anita King), firefighters of the 9th precinct, and the City of Detroit.

**Serving Christ and
His People Today**

Worship Leader: Rev. John Carrier
Organist/Cantor: Daryl Witte
Elders: Matthew Lundgren, Jerry Roy
Worship Reader: Sylvia Wallace
Altar Guild: Susan Riske, Carol Vietzke

**Serving Among Us
Sunday, January 20**

Elders: John Hupp, Matthew Lundgren, Jerry Roy
Worship Reader: Bill Buchanan
Altar Guild: Susan Riske, Carol Vietzke

**Calendar for the Week of
January 13 through 20**

Today:	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service with Installation of Officers
	10:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Tuesday:		February Newsletter Articles due
Wednesday:	10:00 - 1:30	Mt. Calvary Head Start Reading program
	7:00 p.m.	Camp Restore Detroit Meeting
Thursday:	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study

Lutheran Hour Ministries - Listen to “The Lutheran Hour” every Sunday with host Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler on the following radio dials: Detroit WDFN (1130) @ 6:30 a.m.; WRDT (560) @ 6:30 p.m. and Sirius XM Satellite Family Radio 170 @ 1:00 P.M. Next Sunday, January 20, the Lutheran Hour theme will be:

“My Delight is in Her” – Guest speaker, the Rev. Dr. Anthony Cook preaches that as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, God rejoices over you. He explores our new name and identity as the bride of Christ. (Isaiah 62:1-5)

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS – Today our worship service will include the installation of Congregational Officers. The following people were chosen at the Voters Meeting to represent our congregation and help further God’s kingdom here in Northeast Detroit. We thank them for their willingness to serve and ask God to give them the wisdom and purpose to do His work here at Mt. Calvary.

Chair of the Congregation
Board of Elders
Board of Elders
Board of Trustees
Board of Stewardship
Board of Education

William Buchanan
Adam Kurtz
John Hupp
Lorraine Roy
Marion Kunert
Carol Vietzke