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We welcome you not as strangers but as a part of God's family! We are a community of faith that gathers to praise our Lord and Savior, serve others, search for answers, and enjoy the fellowship of one another. We hope today you will be challenged and discover encouragement. The peace of Christ be with you!

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Baptism of the Lord

January 12th, 2025

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

*Worship begins with the Prelude. Please use this time for **silent** preparation.*

PRELUDE

Melody Bober

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

WELCOME NEW MEMBER – Karen Helms

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: God is calling us; listen, for God is naming you.
People: *The voice of God thunders through our midst.*
Leader: We humbly bow in awe of the One who created us.
People: *The voice of God is like fire and tornado.*
Leader: God reaches out to strengthen, not condemn us.
People: *God brings us through terror to a place of peace.*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

*HYMN OF ADORATION # 630

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

O God, the waters of faithfulness run deep, and we have been afraid they will overwhelm us. The fires of Your spirit burn brightly, and we fear we may be consumed if we display too much enthusiasm. We retreat to safe places to avoid challenges, conflicts, and uncertainty. When we shrink in fear, we miss out on the richness of life You intend and fail to see Your amazing grace and love for us. Forgive us and free us for Your amazing service. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.*

A MOMENT WITH OUR CHILDREN

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

*HYMN OF PREPARATION # 187

“Savior, like a Shephard Lead Us”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 **debts**, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and
the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 43:1-7, page 672

SPECIAL MUSIC

Melody Bober

“In the Garden”

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22, page 60

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

“Holy Freedom”

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENEMNT

OPENING WORDS

RENUNCIATION

Leader: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

People: *I do.*

Leader: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in His grace and love?

People: *I do.*

Leader: Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying His Word and showing his love?

People: *I do.*

PROFESSION OF FAITH – Apostles’ Creed

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Melody Bober

“Peace like a River”

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn # 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING GOD’S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT # 488

“I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL AMEN

Traditional

“Danish Amen”

*POSTLUDE

Melody Bober

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

**Please stand if able.*

Opportunities for the Week of January 12th – January 19th

- Today: 10:00 am. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 12:00 p.m. PW Soup Luncheon
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class, *youth room*
- Sunday: 10:00 am. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service / Communion
- 12:15 p.m. Session Meeting, *conference room*

Announcements

Join us after worship service for the PW soup luncheon and a wonderful time of fellowship.

Please consider serving on a church committee this coming year. Together we are able to do amazing things with God's help.

We are grateful to have Mikayla Riley leading us in music as she plays the piano. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Riley. Mikayala is a sophomore.