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December 9, 2018      Advent Two  
Worship: Wednesday 6:30 P.M. Sunday 8&10:30 AM      Sunday School: 9:15A.M. “Growth in The Word” Sunday 9:30AM

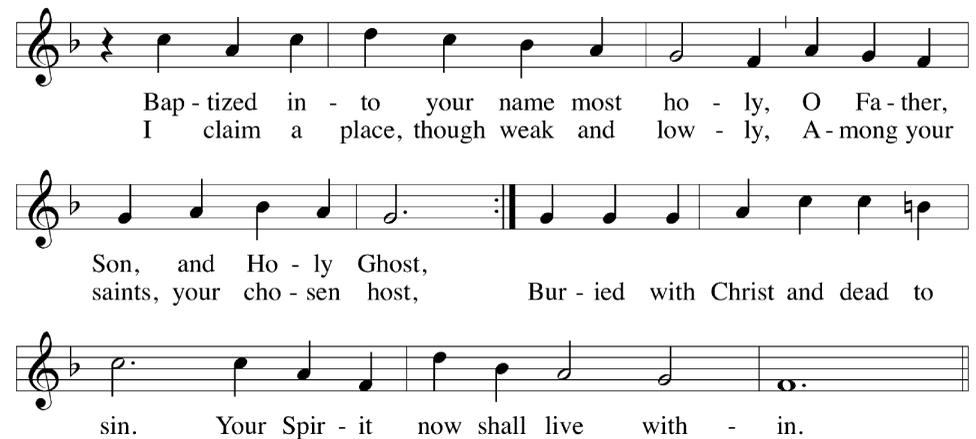
Welcome!!! To all our guests and visitors, we extend a warm and sincere welcome. We are happy to have you join us as we consider what’s happening to those who have gone ahead of us into heaven and what it will be like when Jesus returns. May God bless our worship of Him.

**GATHERING RITE ON HOLY BAPTISM**

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C:** *(spoken)* Amen.

**Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy**

**Stanza 1**



Bap - tized in - to your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther,  
I claim a place, though weak and low - ly, A - mong your  
Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,  
saints, your cho - sen host, Bur - ied with Christ and dead to  
sin. Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.

**M:** I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.  
**C:** **Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.** (John 3:5,6)  
**M:** Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us. (Psalm 51:5)  
**C:** **But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.** (1 Corinthians 6:11)

## Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy

### Stanza 2

My lov - ing Fa - ther, there you took me To be hence -  
 My faith - ful Sav - ior, there you let me The fruit of  
 forth your child and heir.  
 all your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it, com - fort  
 me When threat - 'ning clouds a - round I see.

**M:** As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.  
**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

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### Stanza 3

My faith - ful God, you fail me nev - er; Your pro - mise  
 Oh, cast me not a - way for - ev - er If words and  
 sure - ly will en - dure.  
 deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I come de -  
 filed; For - give, lift up, re - store your child.

**M:** Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless (Ephesians 5:25-27). Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C:** **(spoken) Amen.**

*We witness the Holy Baptism of Nash Anthony Tworek, after which the following stanza is sung.*

## Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy

### Stanza 4

All that I am and love most dear - ly— Re - ceive it  
 Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly, And help me  
 all, O Lord, from me.  
 your own child to be! Let noth - ing that I am or  
 own Serve an - y will but yours a - lone.

Scripture Lessons:  
 Old Testament Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4 (p. 950 in the black pew Bibles)  
 Psalm of the Day: Psalm 24 (p. 73 in the front of the hymnal)  
 Epistle Lesson: Philippians 1:3-11 (p. 1159)  
 Gospel Lesson: Luke 3:1-6 (p. 1016)

Hymn of the Day: CW 28 "Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord"

Sermon Text: Matthew 14:1-12 (p. 965)

Theme: You Can't Kill the Truth

We offer our gifts for the sharing of the good news of a Father Who loves and forgives His own!

Communion Liturgy: P. 21 In the front part of the hymnal

Prayers and Lord's Prayer (cf. p. 4)

Hymn: CW 9 "Jesus, Your Church With Longing Eyes" & CW 32 "When Sinners See Their Lost Condition"

Closing Hymn of Praise: CW 20 verse 4 "When All the World Was Cursed"

## PRAYER FOR OUR YOUTH

Heavenly Father, you have gathered people of all ages into the communion of saints. Today we thank you especially for the gift of young people to your Church. We come before you today and ask that you keep them in your care.

Protect them from the perils and temptations common to youth. Help them resist the pressure to engage in godless and immoral activity. When they become confused, show them the way. When they hurt, bind up their wounds. When they fail, restore them according to your mercy and keep the cross of Christ before their eyes.

Bless them with good friends, competent teachers, faithful ministers, caring parents, supportive homes, and life-enriching experiences. According to your wisdom, spare them from the perils of unexpected tragedy, severe illness, violent crime, a broken home, or an untimely death.

Be with our children as they continue to mature. Teach them the value of honest labor and faithful stewardship. Guide and direct them as they prepare for their life's vocations. Remind them that their highest joy is found in using talents and abilities in service to you.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

Most of all, dear Lord, we ask you to keep this and every generation faithful to your truth. Strengthen believers through regular use of Word and sacrament. Open our mouths to fearlessly share the gospel with friends and acquaintances. We pray this in Jesus' name; in whose name we join in praying...

## OUR WEEK IN THE LORD AT MT. OLIVE

TODAY- 8&10:30 A.M. Advent 2 Communion Worship

9:20 Family Bible Study Hour/Children's Christmas Program Practice

11:45A.M. Chime Tones Choir Practice

MONDAY- 7P.M. Monday Night Worship at St. Mark

TUESDAY-9-10A.M. Women's Prayer Group at Mt. Olive

6:30 P.M. Church Council meeting

WEDNESDAY- 3 PM Windcrest Bible Study

4:30P.M. Catechism

6P.M. Soup Supper

6:30P.M. Midweek Advent Worship II

THURSDAY-No evening worship until January 10

SATURDAY-9A.M. Dress Rehearsal for Children's Christmas Worship

**SUNDAY- 9 A.M. Children's Christmas Worship followed by Christmas Brunch @ 10:15 A.M.**

## NEWS-N-NOTES

To our visitors and guests: Thanks for joining us today! We invite you to join us for after the service in the Narthex. Please sign our guest register so we have a record of your visit with us today and please join us again! Thank You, Linda Tesch, for taking time and using your musical gifts "on loan from God" to serve as our organist this morning.

### SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY/THIS WEEK:

#### Early Service

Altar Care: Ellen Donahoe, Dee Kemnitz Delores Wasserman, Tiffany Beiermann  
Ushering: J&I Meyer, S Raasch, T Monroe M Lauber, R Krenke, J Mattox, C Beiermann  
Cleaning God's House This Next week: Satterthwaite (D) Smith (U) Stribley (N)

#### Late Service

In God's House on 12/2: Given for God's Glory: Budget Offerings: \$5,653.30 (\$7,420 needed weekly to catch up and meet budget) Non-Budget Offerings: 595.00 Budget Pace: -\$11,678

## ADVENT 2 WORSHIP

**Malachi 3:1-4** "I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty. <sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. <sup>3</sup> He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, <sup>4</sup> and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the LORD, as in days gone by, as in former years.

**Philippians 1:3-11** <sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup> In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup> being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. <sup>7</sup> It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. <sup>8</sup> God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup> And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, <sup>10</sup> so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup> filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

**Luke 3:1-6** In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Tracoonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene— <sup>2</sup> during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup> As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: "A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. <sup>5</sup> Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. <sup>6</sup> And all people will see God's salvation.'"

**Matthew 14:1-12** <sup>1</sup> At that time Herod the tetrarch heard the reports about Jesus, <sup>2</sup> and he said to his attendants, "This is John the Baptist; he has risen from the dead! That is why miraculous powers are at work in him." <sup>3</sup> Now Herod had arrested John and bound him and put him in prison because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, <sup>4</sup> for John had been saying to him: "It is not lawful for you to have her." <sup>5</sup> Herod wanted to kill John, but he was afraid of the people, because they considered John a prophet. <sup>6</sup> On Herod's birthday the daughter of Herodias danced for the guests and pleased Herod so much <sup>7</sup> that he promised with an oath to give her whatever she asked. <sup>8</sup> Prompted by her mother, she said, "Give me here on a platter the head of John the Baptist." <sup>9</sup> The king was distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he ordered that her request be granted <sup>10</sup> and had John beheaded in the prison. <sup>11</sup> His head was brought in on a platter and given to the girl, who carried it to her mother. <sup>12</sup> John's disciples came and took his body and buried it. Then they went and told Jesus.