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Baptism of Our Lord/Epiphany I

Worship: Thursday 7P.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)

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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 Nora Lee Johnson, 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:

Epistle Lesson: Titus 3:4-7 (p. 1182)

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 2 (p. 65 in the front of the hymnal)

Gospel Lesson: Luke 3:15-17,21-22 (p.1016)

Hymn of the Day: CW 89 "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"

Sermon Text: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 (p. 278 in the black pew Bibles)

Theme: The LORD Hand-Picks and Hardily Empowers His People for Service

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

Prayers and Lord's Prayer and the Lord's Supper

Hymn: CW 311 "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

Closing Hymn of Praise: CW 390 "Salvation unto Us Has Come"

PRAYER

Lord of glory, as the light of your star once led the wise men to Jesus, so the light of your Word has led us to see Jesus. Let your Word so shine in our hearts by your Spirit that each day we see Christ at the center of all we do. With him let us find comfort from sorrows, forgiveness from sins, and rest from turmoil. In his name, cause us to do good to others, to reveal him to the lost, and to praise your holy name. Amen.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

The Lord's Supper Liturgy: page 21 in the front of the hymnal.

In God's House 1/6: 77+74 =151

Given for God's Glory: Budget Offerings: \$8,650.25 (\$4,600 needed to meet budget)

Non-Budget Offerings: \$675.00

OUR WEEK IN THE LORD AT MT. OLIVE

TODAY 8&10:30 A.M. Baptism of Our Lord/Epiphany 1 Communion Worship

9:15A.M. "Growth in the Word" for all ages

MONDAY-7:00P.M. Monday Night Worship at St. Mark

TUESDAY 9-10 AM Women's Prayer Group

WEDNESDAY- 3:00 P.M. Windcrest Bible Study

4:30 P.M. Catechism

THURSDAY-11:30-12:30 Forever Young Christian Fellowship (Pot luck lunch and Bible study)

7:00P.M. Thursday Night Worship (a preview of next Sunday's service)

SUNDAY 8&10:30 AM Worship

9:15A.M. Family Bible Study Hour

11:45 A.M. Voters' Meeting

VOTERS' MEETING FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT: ALL MEN IN THE CONGREGATION ARE ASKED TO SET ASIDE JANUARY 20TH AND TO ATTEND OUR ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING WHICH BEGINS RIGHT AFTER SECOND SERVICE AT 11:45A.M. AMONG OTHER THINGS, WE WILL BE VOTING ON LEADERS AND ON THE BUDGET FOR 2019. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

OFFERING ENVELOPES/ELECTRONIC GIVING: Communicant members are encouraged to pick up their offering envelopes for the year of our Lord 2019-located in the narthex next to member boxes. If you didn't get offering envelopes or have a question about our budget or offering designations-please speak with Rod Wasserman-our treasurer or Jeremy Landis our financial secretary. If you would prefer to make use of "Simply Giving" our e-giving program which enables you to use direct deposit from an account of your choice on a schedule of your choosing-that can be arranged by speaking with the two above mentioned men who can assist you with filling out the form and setting thing up.

LOOKING FOR...A FEW GOOD MEN/VOTERS. While there are lots of ways to get involved in a Christian congregation and to serve our Savior...our present structure calls for us to seek out and "call" a "few good men" to serve in special capacities as leaders here at Mt. Olive. Our nominating committee made up of President Greg Boggs and some of the other outgoing officers are seeking out names to use for the ballot on January 20th - our scheduled date for the first Voters' Meeting of the New Year. If approached by one of your former leaders (for whom we give thanks to God for their faithful service) please use prayerful consideration as you deliberate this call-for it comes indirectly (via a media) from Christ himself. It is he who gave some to be "apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists and some to be pastors and teachers (as well as giving other gifts to be used for his glory!) to prepare God's people for works of service..." Ephesians 4:11ff.

NEWS-N-NOTES

To our visitors and guests: Thanks for joining us today! We invite you to join us for fellowship after worship 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: Beth Ferrell, Christine Smith

Ushering: J & W Costin, T Smith

Cleaning God's House this week: Downstairs- Foster Upstairs- Duren Narthex- Ellsworth

*If you can't clean please call Kevin Ferrell @ 430-7823 and he will find you a sub...

Late Service

Emma Gettemy, Shawna Fox

L & R Wasserman, C&J Hansen

Baptism of Our Lord/Epiphany 1 Worship

1 Samuel 16:1-13 The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king." ² But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me." The LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate." ⁴ Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?" ⁵ Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶ When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed stands here before the LORD." ⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either." ⁹ Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰ Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The LORD has not chosen these." ¹¹ So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives." ¹² So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one."¹³ So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

Titus 3:4-7 ⁴ But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Luke 3:15-17,21-22 ¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."²¹ When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."