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1st Sunday after Epiphany

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: Dear Lord Jesus, our Righteousness, graciously forgive our many sins and replace them with the white robes of righteousness earned for us by Your suffering and death on the cross. Supply our hearts with a faith that trusts in our Father's mercy and kindness, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in You, our Savior Jesus. Amen.

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Hymn 405 (LSB): *To Jordan's River Came Our Lord* (*See back bulletin page*)

The Invocation *We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

- ¶ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen!

The Confession and Absolution of Sins

We come before our Holy God admitting that we are sinful and need His forgiveness.

- ¶ Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant forgiveness:
C Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.
¶ God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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 Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

C: Lord, have mer - ey on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer - ey on us.

God, We Praise You!

Gloria in Excelsis (Hymn #798; tune "Austria")

1 God, we praise You! God, we bless You! God, we name You
2 True a - pos - tles, faith - ful proph - ets, Saints who set their
sov - 'reign Lord! Might - y King whom an - gels wor - ship, Fa - ther,
world a - blaze, Mar - tyrs, once un-known, un - heed - ed, Join one
by Your Church a - dored: All cre - a - tion shows Your glo - ry;
grow - ing song of praise, While Your Church on earth con - fess - es
Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne, Sing - ing, "Ho - ly,
One ma - jes - tic Trin - i - ty: Fa - ther, Son, and
ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord of hosts and God a - lone!"
Ho - ly Spir - it, God, our hope e - ter - nal - ly.

The Prayer for the Day

The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.

P Let us pray. . . through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Old Testament Reading: *Genesis 1:1-5*

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.² The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.⁴ And God saw that the light was good. And God 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.

The Responsive Psalm Reading: *Psalm 29 Selected Verses*

- P** Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
- C** Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- P** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
- C** Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.
- P** The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
- C** The God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.
- P** The voice of the LORD is powerful;
- C** The voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
- P** The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
- C** The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness.
- P** The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth
- C** And strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
- P** The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
- C** The LORD sits enthroned as king forever.
- P** May the LORD give strength to his people!
- C** May the LORD bless his people with peace!

The Epistle Reading: *Romans 6:1-11*

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

⁵ 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.⁶ We 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.⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin.⁸ Now if we have died with

Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be-lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The Apostles' Creed *We boldly confess what we believe.*

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
I believe 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 is seated at the right
hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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.

Hymn 751 (WS2000): God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

1. God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!

He, because I could not pay it, Gave my full redemption price.

*Do I need earth's treasure many? I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free Lasting to eternity!*

2. Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!

I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.

*Should a guilty conscience seize me Since my baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?*

3. Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!

Drop your ugly accusation, I am not so soon enticed.

*Now that to the font I've traveled, All your might has come unraveled,
And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!*

4. Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ!

When I die, I leave all sadness To inherit paradise!

*Though I lie in dust and ashes Faith's assurance brightly flashes:
Baptism has the strength divine To make life immortal mine.*

The Sermon: Mark 1:4-11

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."

THEME: Jesus is Mightier

- I. Mightier even than John's unifying work
- II. Mightier even than your nagging doubts

The Offertory

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me
not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Hymn 297 (TLH): *The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace*

1. *The Gospel shows the Father's grace, Who sent His Son to save our race,
Proclaims how Jesus lived and died That man might thus be justified.*
2. *It sets the Lamb before our eyes, Who made the atoning sacrifice,
And call the souls with guilt opprest To come and find eternal rest.*
3. *It brings the Savior's righteousness Our souls to robe in royal dress;
From all our guilt it brings release And gives the troubled conscience peace.*
4. *It is the power of God to save From sin and Satan and the grave;
It works the faith, which firmly clings To all the treasures which it brings.*
5. *It bears to all the tidings glad And bids their hearts no more be sad;
The heavy-laden souls it cheers And banishes their guilty fears.*
6. *May we in faith its tidings learn Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;
May we in faith its truth confess And praise the Lord our Righteousness!*

Prayer of the Church – The Lord's Prayer

C 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.

The Benediction

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen!

Closing Hymn 377:7 (TLH): *Salvation unto Us has Come*

*1. Let me not doubt, but trust in Thee, Thy Word cannot be broken;
Thy call rings out, "Come unto Me!" No falsehood hast Thou spoken.
Baptized into Thy precious name, My faith cannot be put to shame,
And I shall never perish.*

Opening Hymn 405 (LSB): *To Jordan's River Came Our Lord*

1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The Christ, whom
2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized The Son of
3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And John bap -
4 Then from God's throne with thun - drous sound Came God's own

heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The God from God, the
God in flesh dis - guised To stand be - neath the
tized the Lamb of God, The Ho - ly Spir - it,
voice with words pro - found: "This is My Son," was

Light from Light, The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.
Fa - ther's will And all His righ - teous - ness ful - fill.
heav'n - ly dove, De - scend - ed on Him from a - bove.
His de - cree, "The one I love, who pleas - es Me."

5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight
Anointed Christ in glorious sight
As God's own choice, from Adam's fall
To save the world and free us all.

6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;
This man is Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan's stream,
Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

WELCOME EVERYONE! We pray that God's Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus. We ask our visitors to please sign our guest book. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. Ask our Pastor about a free Bible study he offers to explain what we believe, teach, and practice. Where and when? Your convenience.

CLEVELAND WORSHIP SERVICE is today at 4pm at the Hughes' home in North Olmsted, OH. Every month our congregation hosts a worship service for our at-distance Ohio members. Praise the Lord for faithful believers near and far! If you have any questions about our Cleveland worship, please speak with Pastor.

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

WEDNESDAY ONLINE BIBLE CLASS resumes this Wednesday, January 20 at 7pm on Google Meet: meet.google.com/kpe-ctuk-qwd. We continue our study of the Book of Acts picking up in chapter 16. If you can find the time, it would be good to review chapters 1-15 in preparation.

THE 1st QUARTER VOTERS MEETING is scheduled for next Sunday, January 24 remotely at 1pm. 2020 Board Chairmen are asked to please submit their 2020 annual reports to President Randy Wittorp by January 10 so that he can compile the congregation's annual report for the meeting.

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT: The normal collection of the offering has been omitted from this service. If you have an offering that you wish to contribute, please deposit it in the gold plate on the shelf in the back of church. If you wish to give your church offering electronically, you can do so by downloading the CashApp on your mobile device. The church's \$cashtag is "\$clcmtzion". Please direct questions to Financial Secretary Nathan Fobear.

CLC CALL NEWS: Pastor Mark Tiefel, Redemption, Lynnwood, WA has **received** the call to Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY. <> Pastor Michael Eichstadt, Messiah, Hales Corners, WI has **returned** the call to Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN. <> Teacher Neil Bernthal, Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL, has **received** the call to serve as principal and upper grade teacher at Faith, Markesan, WI. <> Teacher Joshua Ohlmann, Grace, Sleepy Eye, MN has **accepted** the call to Holy Trinity, West Columbia, SC to be upper grade teacher and principal.

SERVING US THIS WEEK

January Usher: Randy Wittorp <> Church Cleaning: Muellers

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL *Budgeted offering numbers TBD at Q1 Voters Meeting

In-Person Attendance Sunday 1/10 =

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$--.--	Total Offerings Needed YTD:	\$--.--
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$2,517.00	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$2,517.00
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 4% of GB & individual offerings):			\$--.--

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

Today	10am	Worship Service (1 st Sunday after Epiphany)
	4pm	Cleveland Area Worship Service
1/19	7pm	Elders Meeting
	7:30pm	Church Council Meeting
	8pm	Outreach Committee Meeting
Wed. 1/20	7pm	Online Bible Class Resumes
		Use this link to join: meet.google.com/kpe-ctuk-qwd
1/24	10am	Worship Service (2 nd Sunday after Epiphany)
	1pm	1 st Quarter Voters Meeting
2/17	7pm	Ash Wednesday Service (Lent begins)

IN OUR PRAYERS <> ENCOURAGEMENT LIST

Ephesians 6:18 "Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."

Jackie McGruder remains homebound as she continues to suffer from lupus, a chronic autoimmune disease that attacks tissues and organs. **Jay Sandeen** (at-distance member in Columbus, OH) is currently serving with his Army National Guard unit overseas in Kuwait. The **Wittorps** are expecting a newborn baby boy in May.