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Baptism of our Lord

Welcome to worship! Please complete a Connection Card and place the card in the offering plate. Thank you!

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Down to the River to Pray

Senior Choir

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

As with Gladness Men of Old

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SUNDAY

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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MONDAY

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

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Refrain

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour - ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be
peo-ple of God. Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and
Refrain
hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his. This is the feast of
vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-
le-lu-ia. 2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and
join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or,
glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD**FIRST READING: Isaiah 42: 1-9**

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. ⁵Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and

stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Word of God. **Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

**⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

**¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

SECOND READING: Acts 10: 34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Word of God. **Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.

*The voice of the LORD is upon the waters.
(Ps. 29:3)*

Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.



GOSPEL: Matthew 3: 13-17

The holy gospel according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON (Sunday)

Pastor Bruce Thorsen

SERMON (Monday)

Pastor Bre Kinnunen

HYMN OF THE DAY

When Jesus Came to Jordan

#305

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Calling God, you speak with power to your church. Open our hearts and minds to the new things you are declaring. Strengthen bishops, pastors, deacons, lay leaders, and teachers of the faith. Equip the baptized for your reconciling and redeeming work.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Renewing God, you provide the waters of the earth and in Jesus' baptism you reveal the waters of life. Cleanse and protect oceans, rivers, and watersheds. Bring relief to parched lands and to communities without access to safe water. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Righteous God, you never weary of establishing justice. Increase cooperation and constructive dialogue between nations. Guide local, national, and international authorities to govern with equity, vision, and integrity. We pray for those in military service, for peacemakers, and for our enemies. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Abiding God, your mercy is steadfast. Give sanctuary to people who flee from oppression, war, poverty, and famine. Sustain health care workers, caregivers, first responders, counselors, and all who help and heal. Comfort those who are grieving or experiencing crisis. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Blessing God, in Christ you gather the beloved community. Kindle the gifts of your Spirit in your people. Accompany the newly baptized, those recently ordained, and any beginning a new ministry. Inspire synodical leaders and congregational councils to serve with imagination and wisdom. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.

Promising God, your faithfulness endures throughout all generations. We give thanks for those who have died in Christ, trusting that we will be united with them and all the saints in Christ's resurrection life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

Amen.

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

Cradling Children in His Arm

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OFFERING PRAYER

Liberating God, **you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Renew our lives that we may welcome and care for one another and that we may live and serve within the greater community of Negaunee and the world, witnessing to others your abundant love, grace, and welcome.



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

We believe that the true body and blood of Jesus Christ is in/ with/under the bread and wine.

All baptized Christians who believe this true presence are welcome and encouraged to receive Holy Communion today. Parents, please assist your child(ren) if you wish them communed.

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 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ dwells with us here: All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMNS

The First Noel #300

This Is the Spirit's Entry Now #448

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise #310

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table.

Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod † bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 8 - 15, 2023

***BAPTISM: CONGRATULATIONS & GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:** *Harper Marie Nerwuca* and *Lucas Marek Nerwuca*, children of Taryn Kay Gleason and Kamil Andrez Nerwuca, who are being baptized today. Sponsors for Harper are Ryan and Annette Gleason. Sponsors for Lucas are Heidi and Jeff Sauer.



***BIRTHDAYS:**

Happy 83rd Birthday to *Maxine Sylvester* on January 11th.

Happy 93rd Birthday to *Loraine Lehto* on January 12th.

Happy 84th Birthday to *Jean Manginen* on January 12th.



***MEN'S SATURDAY BREAKFAST** The men's Bible study breakfast will be next Saturday, January 7th, from 8:00-10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Come for a nourishing breakfast meal for body & mind, as a discussion of Sunday's readings and any topic that you may want to share follows the breakfast. For more information, please call Walter Scanlon @ 906-235-2294.



***FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** Are you willing to help with Fellowship hour? Donations are needed such as bakery, crackers, cheese, fruit, or whatever suits your fancy, & cleanup! Your Fellowship Hour coordinator for January is SOCIAL MINISTRY. If it fits your schedule to bring items before Sunday morning, there are shelves in the refrigerator tagged for Coffee hour. Or leave on the counter marked "Coffee Hour". Please contact Linda Sjolund (242-5020) with your date & item. Thanks.



***PROJECT KEEP KIDS WARM (PKKW).** This Project, *Keep Kids Warm*, runs through the winter months. This fall over 300 youth have been given warm winter clothing and the need continues to grow. Desperately needed are warm winter coats sizes 6-12 and water repellent gloves/mittens. Your donations can be placed in the boxes located at the West entrance. If you have questions, please contact Linda Sjolund (242-5020) or Westley United Methodist Church.



***TIME & TALENT FORMS / ESTIMATE OF GIVING FORMS** These forms can be filled out and brought to the church at anytime. **PLEASE if you want to volunteer to help in any way at the church, fill out your desires on the Time & Talent form and turn it into the office. Consider your call to serve our Lord and this congregation by completing the Estimate of Giving form for 2023 AND the Time & Talent form for 2023. (If you don't fill out a new Time & Talent form, your choices from the past will remain.)** Place the form(s) in the Offering Plate or send it to the church office as soon as possible. We are *"Together Into God's Future."*



***CONFIRMATION UPDATE** During this 'Call Process', Confirmation will look a little different this year. The confirmation classes **will meet on the 3rd Monday of the month** for fellowship and service opportunities **from 6pm - 8pm**, with dinner provided. Classes will be combined with confirmands from Immanuel, Prince of Peace in Harvey, & Messiah in Marquette. These sessions will allow the youth to learn & connect during this important part of their faith walk. This new program is still being cultivated with the help of new team leaders. If anyone has questions, please email Hayley Smith, Hayley-smith@hotmail.com, or call/text 906-367-4295. **NOTE: There is 1 more Confirmation Retreat. The 3rd Confirmation Retreat will be at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Harvey on Saturday, February 25th, 2023, 10 am - 3 pm.**



***NOTICES:**

- Sunday Snow Shoveling Sign-up List - are you available?
- TODAY, January 8th during fellowship time, the Committee is going to update you on the search for a new pastor. Pastor Bruce Thorsen will be leading the conversation. Ben Raymond is preparing a pork B-B-Q and Social Ministry will contribute add'l food.
- Pastoral Needs Survey (Walter) is now due.
- Nominating Committee



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Pray For: Betty Carilli, Kevin Carlson, Renae Carlson, Cheryl, Sue Cohan, Dan Hendrickson, Peggy Jackson, Tom Johnson, Betty Kinnunen, Michael Kjellman, Marian Kulju, Anna Laurila, Don & Mary Leece, Diane Nault, Gerald Neldon, Don Palomaki, Stephanie Penhale, Joyce Peterson, Shirley Pizziola (Sue Cohan's mother), Delores Reichel, Jim Ritzenhein, Jessica Roberts, Louise Spickerman, Molly Taseris, Debbie Thornberg, and all COVID patients.

Our Shut-ins: Bettie Ahola, Jonelle Collins, Rudy Gagnon, Charlene Kivisto, Timothy Kjellman, Betty Lukkarinen, Leo Nirva, Butch Pynnonen, Lillian Rivers, Paul Alan Smith, Lynne Tossava.

Members in the Armed Service: Luke DeWitt, Adrianna Gustafson, Michael Gustafson, Spencer Harvala, Hunter (Jessica) Hetrick, Dennis Koski, Jacque Kurian, Tanner Romback, Trevor Romback, Michael Sedlock, Ethan Wallner, and all Armed Services Families.



VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING IN SERVICE

**SERVING IN WORSHIP: SUNDAY: Pastor Bruce Thorsen
MONDAY: Pastor Bre Kinnunen**

ORGANIST/PIANIST/MUSICIAN: Connie Scanlon

Worship Services: Sun. @ 9:30 am / Mon. @ 6 pm

Office Hours: 8 am-2 pm, Monday-Thursday (or by appt.)

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:

9:30 am USHERS/GREETERS	—	Alice Mutkala Bill Flis
6 pm USHERS/GREETERS	—	Diana Bergh-Hetrick Kevin Crupi
9:30 am LECTOR	—	Judy Hallgren
6 pm LECTOR	—	Sheila Meier
9:30 am COMM. ASST.'S	—	Deb Moyer, Heidi Hill, Alice Mutkala
6 pm COMM. ASST.'S	—	Sheila Meier
9:30 am Tech Team	—	Luanne Skrenes
6 pm Tech Team	-	Tyler Moore

JANUARY'S MONTHLY MISSION

IN JANUARY, our Tanzanian companion ministry relationships will be the Mission Emphasis (ME). Many miles separate us, but we discover God's blessing of strengthened faith and vitality in the relationships we develop visiting and being visited by our Tanzanian brothers and sisters in Christ.

January's above-and-beyond ME offerings will go to our Immanuel Companion Congregation fund, encouraging travel and connections between Yombo Lutheran Church of the Eastern and Coastal Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania and Immanuel.



Stay tuned as future trips are planned!!!

If you wish to give above-and-beyond to this mission, please use January's mission emphasis envelope from your offering envelope box or in some other way designate your gift. **(NOTE: For now, please use a blank white envelope with 'Monthly Mission' written on it. Then, either have your envelope # on it or your name.)**

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you for giving \$ 987.25 in December to the **Room at the Inn**. The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity!
Thank you!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS ~~ January 8, 2023 - January 15, 2023

YOU CAN FIND ALL ONLINE INFORMATION REFERENCED BELOW AT...

www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org



- Sunday** **Baptism of our Lord**
- 9:30 am - Worship Service
- 9:30 am - Sunday School
- 10:30 am - Coffee and Fellowship - Call Process Q & A
- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)
- Monday** **GET YOUR ANNUAL REPORTS READY THIS WEEK**
- 1:00 pm - WELCA Executive Meeting
- 6:00 pm - Worship Service
- Wednesday** - 10:00 am - Bible Study
- 6:00 pm - Choir
- Thursday** - 10:00 am - Quilting
Take down Christmas Decorations and Christmas Tree (Can U help?)
- 7:30 pm - 'Bar Church' (if questions, please call
Kaitrin Raymond @ (540) 435-4915.)
- Friday** **OFFICE CLOSED**
- 10:00 am - Women's AA Group Meets
- Sunday** - 9:30 am - Worship Service
- 9:30 am - Sunday School
- 10:30 am - Coffee & Fellowship
- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)



NOTICE: Although I've ordered our Contribution Envelopes in June, 2022, they are NOT here yet. I've called the Company several times, and they have said that they are having trouble with their manufacturer. They are working 24/7 trying to get all of their requests out, and we have been moved up on the listing, but I still have not received the envelopes. SO..... I will have available BLANK white envelopes at the entrances to the sanctuary and you can use them if you'd like. Just,.....

PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME or ENVELOPE # ON THE BLANK ENVELOPE AND WHERE YOU WANT IT TO GO.

(for exp. General Fund, Building Fund, Monthly Mission, etc.)

You can also use your own blank envelope at home (if you have envelopes at home), just make sure your name and/or your envelope # is on the envelope. IF the Contribution Envelopes come, I will certainly get them out to you.

Thank you very much for your patience.

(As of today (12/28/2022), I just talked again to the Company and they said the envelopes will be here in January. Please be patient, as I am trying to be. Thank you!)