

Festival of St. John the Baptizer's Nativity
June 21, 2020
Order of Worship: Holy Communion, Setting Four

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PRELUDE & BELLS *We observe a moment of silence for prayer and meditation.*

WELCOME *congregation responds* **and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

We stand OPENING HYMN

#640

"Our Father, by Whose Name"

✠BRIEF RITE FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS OF SINS✠

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9

Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession.

Most merciful God... **we confess that we are born captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I declare to you- who believe and repent- the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

✠HOLY COMMUNION✠

APOSTOLIC 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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

“Worthy is Christ”

Revelation 5, 15, 19



Ⓐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Ⓑ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...Almighty God, by your gracious providence your servant John the Baptist was born to Elizabeth and Zechariah. Grant to your people the wisdom to see your purpose and the openness to hear your will, that the light of Christ may increase in us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

WORD

Next Steps Weekly Memory Verse: MATTHEW 5:10

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for there is the kingdom of heaven.

We sit FIRST READING: ACTS 13:13, 16, 23-26

¹³Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. ¹⁶So Paul stood up and with a gesture began to speak: He made David their king. In his testimony about him he said, ‘I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes.’ ²³Of this man’s posterity God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised; ²⁴before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. ²⁵And as John was finishing his work, he said, ‘What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet.’ ²⁶“My brothers, you descendants of Abraham’s family, and others who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

We stand. GOSPEL VERSE: John 6:68

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 1:57-80

Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵⁷Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. ⁵⁸Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. ⁹On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. ⁶⁰But his mother said, “No; he is to be called John.” ⁶¹They said to her, “None of your relatives has this name.” ⁶²Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. ⁶³He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, “His name is John.” And all of them were amazed. ⁶⁴Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. ⁶⁵Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. ⁶⁶All who heard them pondered them and said, “What then will this child become?” For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him. ⁶⁷Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy: ⁶⁸“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. ⁶⁹He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, ⁷⁰as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, ⁷¹that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. ⁷²Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, ⁷³the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us ⁷⁴that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, ⁷⁵in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. ⁷⁶And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, ⁷⁷to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. ⁷⁸By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, ⁷⁹to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.” ⁸⁰The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to You, O Christ!**

HYMN OF THE DAY

#805

“Lead On, O King Eternal!”

We sit. SERMON

Rev. Jared Stillions, STS

Things the Bible Doesn't Say:
You Have to Make a Name for Yourself

We stand.

PROCLAMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the + resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*means whole, entire Christian

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the Church, the world, and for one another.

A brief silence is kept.

Thank you, dear Father, for Jesus, whom we may trust, body and soul, even when he brings not peace but a sword. Thank you for the severe mercy of death and resurrection, Law and Gospel, repentance and forgiveness. Thank you for entrusting your Kingdom and your living Word to us, even though we often feel unequal to that trust!

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Fashion this congregation into a missionary outpost; a school for discipleship; a hotbed of generous service; and a temple resounding with your praise. We pray for our mission to develop fully devoted followers of Jesus, and to support Solid Rock our mission in action. Teach us simple ways of sharing your love with everyone we meet; and give us the strength and will to do them.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Because Jesus called you Abba, Father, we, too, may call you Father. Be the model for every father, and all who act with a father's care. Give them strength with gentleness, firmness with patience, authority with self-sacrificing love. Help us to honor and thank them, even though they are not perfect. Be the sure protector of all who do not have a loving father in their lives.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Fill the leaders of nations, and everyone in positions of authority, with righteousness, wisdom, and integrity. Heal them when they fall in the accomplishment of their duties, and restore them in honor to their families and communities. Help us to live, insofar as it's up to us, at peace with our neighbors, even when we're annoyed, or fed up with them. Help us to care for the poor, hungry, homeless and abused, even when we're stressed out and stretched thin. And help us to forgive each other, even when that seems hard.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring health and gladness to all whose lives are shadowed by pain, suffering or sorrow – especially: {List}. Be their light and life, their guide and joy. Raise them up from the dark valleys in which they wander. Give compassion, gentleness, and patience to all who care for them. Shelter them always with your love.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, we entrust our beloved dead into your care. Hold them in the palm of your hand. Keep us firm in faith and constant in affection. Deliver us from temptation, sin, and suffering. We pray for the families of {List}. Command your holy angels to shield us from the Evil One's flaming darts. By the Cross of your beloved Son, lead us safely into your presence. There, with all whom you have redeemed and raised up, grant that we may delight in praising your goodness and mercy forever.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All this we ask, dear Father, in the power of your Spirit. Receive our prayers and grant all that is in accordance with your will, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also, with you.**

OFFERING, OFFERTORY SONG & PRAYER- *Giving back to God*



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We stand,

“Praise God”

tune #883

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;

praise him a - bove, ye heav' n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

Blessed are you, O Lord, our God, king of the universe. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, Father, ...

taking bread and giving thanks to you

Almighty Father, ...now and forever. **Amen**

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.

Even though you are physically absent from our celebration of the mystery of our Lord's Body and Blood, you are encouraged to concentrate, reflect, and meditate on the blessing he bestows upon us, to cultivate in your heart, mind, and spirit an earnest desire for the sacrament in which we are promised that with the bread and wine his body and blood are given and shed FOR YOU for the forgiveness of your sins. We pray that the day of our reunion will be soon.

Come to the Banquet for all is now ready. **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ present and received in, with, and under the bread and wine. All who are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit and who believe the Lord's words "This is my body given for you" and "This is my blood poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins" may receive Communion. Young children, not yet receiving Communion, may receive a blessing. (Matt 26:26ff, Mark 14:22ff, Luke 22:19ff, 1 Cor. 11:24ff)

Communion administration occurs in a continuous fashion at the Communion rail. The ushers will guide you to the rail. To receive the elements, extend your hand, palm up, to the ministers. White grape juice is available in the center of the trays. For those unable to consume either bread or wine, the Church affirms the Lord's full presence in each element alone. Once you have received the elements, return to your seat by the side aisles. If you do not desire to receive Holy Communion, you may remain seated.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Lamb of God"

p154 John 1:29



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.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING, SONG, & PRAYER

May the body and blood...keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray... we give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing powers of this gift of life. In your mercy strengthen us through this gift: in faith toward you, and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

MEN'S MOMENT

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

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Our mission is Christ's mission – "I will build my church"
by developing fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

Happy Father's Day!

June Personal Care Item: nail clippers/file

Adult Education on Sundays: Pastor will email a Zoom link to you on Sunday morning if you would like to participate. Class will begin at 10:30 am. Our first in person Adult Education will be June 28th.

Women's Bible Study on Thursday, June 25th @ 12:00 pm

We still have packets of Chrismon ornaments to be sewn in the office. We probably need about 80. It takes several hours to put one together, but if we all work together, it won't take as long. Each packet has supplies for the new ornament and an existing ornament for an example.

If you have prayer requests, you may email or call the office and leave a message.

St Peter VBS Rocky Railway will be on Sunday, July 19th-21st. All children entering kinder-entersing 4th grade/ and or volunteers are invited to sign up @ vbspro.events/p/stpeterlch2020

SAVE THE DATE: St. Peter Blood Drive will be on Sunday, Aug. 2nd from 8:00 am-Noon.

SAVE THE DATE: Rally Day for All! Sunday, Aug 9th. You don't want to miss it! More details coming!

Our Prayer List– *Requests listed 4 weeks unless otherwise requested.*

(For an additional list of prayer concerns & joys, please see the monthly newsletter)

Concerns for: Barbara Drozd, Brinley Sitka, Dorothy Lorfing, Carl Tieken, Harper Huerkamp, Charlie Lee, Esther Castellow, Joylynn Gunn, President Trump, our country, all affected by Coronavirus & unemployment,

Extended concerns: Frank Koehler, Emma Henke, Joe Mozisek, Katie & Drew Mitchell, San Miguel & Santa Maria Lutheran Churches of Dallas Metroplex, Charlie Garmon, Carrie Besetsny, Safe House Church, DeWayne Dixon, Do Stoltenberg,

Other Concerns: Those in harm's way serving in our military, law enforcement, and in the medical field dealing with Covid-19

Grieving Families: Kenneth Cranek, Helen Titzman, Emma Eckert, Billie Boethel, Aline Wojtek, Tina Russ

This Week @ St. Peter

Sun June 21, 9:00 am Worship, Happy Father's Day!, 10:30 Adult Education on Zoom,
5:00 pm Worship
Mon June 22
Tues June 23, 6:00 pm Property, 7:00 pm Prayer Group
Wed June 24
Thur June 25
Fri June 26
Sat June 27
Sun June 28, 9:00 am Worship, 10:30 Adult Education on Zoom, 5:00 pm Worship

Serving this weekend:

Sunday AM- *Assisting:* Darlene Stacy

Communion Set Up: Barbara Koehn

Communion Clean Up: JoAnn Connelly

Organist: Denise Drozd

Ushers: Shannon DeForest, Wesley McAda, Luther Lorfing

Acolytes: Summer Leopold

Power Point Sunday: Kannen Smith

Piano: Open

Greeters: Open

Altar Flowers given by: Pastor Jared, Donna, Maggie, & John Stillions in honor of Men in Mission

Radio Ministry given by: Women in Mission in memory of Dr. William Edward McAda, DVM

Sunday PM *Assisting:* Daniel Drozd

Communion Clean-Up: Rida Chovanetz

Organist: Sunday: Denise Drozd

Usher: Aaron Henke

Piano: Open

Greeters: Open

Acolyte: Julie Henke

Openings for:

Radio: Aug 23, 30

Greeters: Open

Piano: Open

Flowers: Aug 9, 23

Readings for next Sunday, June 28

Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 89:1-4,15-18; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

ATTENDANCE

06/14/20 Sun AM 40 & Sun Pm 28

OFFERING YTD

\$98,797.97

EXPENSES YTD

\$92,203.12

DIFFERENCE +/-

+\$6,594.85

Opening Hymn *Our Father, by Whose Name*(# 640)

1 Our Father, by whose name
all parenthood is known,
in love divine you claim
each fam'ly as your own.
Bless mothers, fathers, guarding well,
with constant love as sentinel,
the homes in which your people dwell.

2 O Christ, yourself a child
within an earthly home,
with heart still undefiled
to full adulthood come:
our children bless in ev'ry place
that they may all behold your face
and, knowing you, may grow in grace.

3 O Holy Spirit, bind
our hearts in unity
and teach us how to find
the love from self set free;
in all our hearts such love increase
that ev'ry home, by this release,
may be the dwelling place of peace.

Hymn of the Day: *Lead On, O King Eternal!* (# 805)

1 Lead on, O King eternal!
The day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest
your tents will be our home.
Through days of preparation
your grace has made us strong;
and now, O King eternal,
we lift our battle song.

2 Lead on, O King eternal,
till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper
the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords loud clashing,
nor roll of stirring drums,
but deeds of love and mercy
the heav'nly kingdom comes.

3 Lead on, O King eternal:
we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning
where'er your face appears.
Your cross is lifted o'er us;
we journey in its light;
the crown awaits the conquest;
lead on, O God of might!