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Thank you for your generosity as we grow in service to our Lord.

### **Thank You**

Thank you to all our members, and residents of the Manitowoc Health Care Center who are so faithful in their attendance to our services. We welcome all of our guests and pray that the Spirit will touch you with the light of Christ.

### **Those Serving Us Today**

Message:	Mari Roedig
Leader:	Mari Roedig
Reader:	Matt Swadner
Music:	Mari Roedig
Usher:	Matt Swadner/Barb Evenson/Terri Fish
Altar Prep:	Bev Griffin/Wendy Reed/Barb Evenson

**Prayer is a plant, the seed of which is sown in the heart of every Christian. If it is well cultivated and nourished it will produce fruit, but if it is neglected, it will wither and die."**

**Sunday, January 12, 2020**

**9:15 a.m.**



**Gathering Of Disciples  
Christian Church  
(G.O.D.'s Church)**

**A Christian congregation**

**located in the Angel Chapel at the  
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*Please Greet One Another and Welcome Visitors*

*Announcing the Day*

*On this Sunday each year, the Sunday after Epiphany, we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of Jesus. The water of baptism brings to us healing and reconciliation; it is a symbol of nourishment and cleansing. As we hear the words of his baptism, let us be reminded of our own adoption by God and celebrate our connection to God.*

**Order of Worship**

Prelude:

Announcements:

**Welcome**

L: Let us now take a moment to center our hearts and minds on God in preparation for worship.

**Call to Worship**

L: Welcome to worship this day!

**C: We have come seeking God's blessings and love.**

L: They shall be given to you.

**C: We have come seeking forgiveness and healing.**

L: These will be offered to you. Receive God's Good News.

**The Service of Prayer and Praise**

L: O Lord, **C: We lift our eyes to see your glory. We open our hearts to receive your love. We engage our minds to understand your truths. We offer our songs to praise your name. Amen.**

**The Entrance Hymn**

**#233 vs 1, 2, 3 & 4**

*"We Three Kings of Orient Are"*

**The Confession and Forgiveness**

*Please stand if you are able*

L: We are incredibly stubborn, O Lord.

**C: We have entered the season in which Your Light has been given to the world, your blessings have been poured out on the world, and yet all we can think about is our own problems, our own needs, our own desires. Pour your baptismal waters over us again, cleansing us from our self-pity and arrogance. Nourish and heal us so that we may joyfully serve you. Wash away our jealousy, greed, and all negative thoughts that stand in the way of our truly being the people you have called us to be.**

L: The love of God is always offered to us, freely, joyfully, for all eternity. Rejoice, dear friends, this is the Good News of our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**The Hymn of Praise** (*sung*)

**#66 vs 1**

*"To God Be the Glory"*

**To God be the glory, great things he hath done; so loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life gate that all may go in. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done.**

L: The grace that is Christ's gift to us, the love of God and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

### The Prayer of the Day

L: Eternal Father, **C: who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **The First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9** *(Please be seated)*

<sup>1</sup>“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup>He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. <sup>3</sup>A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; <sup>4</sup>he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope.” <sup>5</sup>This is what God the Lord says—the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: <sup>6</sup>“I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, <sup>7</sup>to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup>“I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols. <sup>9</sup>See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you.”

### **Psalm 29** *(read responsively)*

- <sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- <sup>2</sup> **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;  
worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.**
- <sup>3</sup> The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.
- <sup>4</sup> **The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
the voice of the Lord is majestic.**
- <sup>5</sup> The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;  
the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
- <sup>6</sup> **He makes Lebanon leap like a calf,  
Sirion like a young wild ox.**
- <sup>7</sup> The voice of the Lord strikes  
with flashes of lightning.
- <sup>8</sup> **The voice of the Lord shakes the desert;  
the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh.**
- <sup>9</sup> The voice of the Lord twists the oaks  
and strips the forests bare.  
And in his temple all cry, “Glory!”
- <sup>10</sup> **The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
the Lord is enthroned as King forever.**
- <sup>11</sup> The Lord gives strength to his people;  
the Lord blesses his people with peace.

### **The Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43**

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism <sup>35</sup> but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right.

<sup>36</sup> You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. <sup>39</sup> “We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. <sup>41</sup> He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

L: The Readings for today. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation (sung)** *Please stand if you are able  
(Surely the Presence #131)*

***C: Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his mighty power and his grace. I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.***

L: The holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **The Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17**

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. <sup>14</sup> But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

<sup>15</sup> Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

<sup>16</sup> As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.

<sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

L: The Word of God. **C: For the People of God.**

### **The Message** *(Please be seated)*

#### **The Hymn of the Day**

**#241**

*“When Jesus Came to Jordan”*

#### **The Apostle’s Creed** *(Please stand if you are able)*

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

**The Prayers of the Church**

L: “Lord, in your Mercy” C: “Hear Our Prayer”

**The Offering**

*Please be seated*

**The Offering (sung)**

*“For the Life That You Have Given” #684*

**C: For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known, with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own: here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing. Amen.**

**The Offertory Prayer**

L: God of glory and strength,

**C: we share this offering with you as a response to your powerful acts in our own lives. We share our financial resources with you because of the splendorous ways that you have blessed us. Your majestic spirit fills our lives like the mighty waters fill the oceans. All glory is given to you, Lord God. In your powerful name, we pray. Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer** *Please stand if you are able*

L: Let us join together in the prayer that Jesus taught us and give praise with the ending acclamation given to us by his apostle, Mark.

**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**

L: May the waters of God’s grace surround you and uphold you. May your baptisms strengthen you for the work ahead. And may the Spirit that descended upon Jesus at his baptism fall upon your shoulders as you seek to do God’s will.

**C: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever. Amen.**

**The Closing Hymn**

**#182**

*“O Come, All Ye Faithful”*

L: Go forth joyfully. God is with you. Bring peace and hope to all you meet. And may God’s eternal love shine through you always.

**C: Thanks be to God, amen.**

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**Next Service will be on Sunday, January 19 at 9:15 am.**