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*Mission Statement of
Apostles Evangelical Lutheran Church & Preschool
of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod*

*As God's disciples, we the men, women and children of
Apostles, are united in the preaching, teaching and sharing of
God's Word in its truth and purity. By God's grace, we will
nurture believers and joyfully spread the Word of God in our
community and throughout the world, all to His glory.*



JESUS REVEALS HIS GLORY: THROUGH HIS BAPTISM

The Baptism of Our Lord

January 22, 2012

Prayer before Worship

Lord Jesus Christ, Today you would have us consider your baptism and our. Send your Holy Spirit through you Word to help us find joy in both of these. In your name we pray. Amen.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN

All Christians Who Have Been Baptized

(Hymn 736 vs.1, 2)

- 1. All Christians who have been baptized,
Who know the God of heaven,
And in whose daily life is prized
The name of Christ once given:
Consider now what God has done,
The gifts he gives to ev'ryone
Baptized into Christ Jesus!**
- 2. You were before your day of birth,
Indeed, from your conception,
Condemned and lost with all the earth,
None good, without exception.
For like your parents' flesh and blood,
Turned inward from the highest good,
You constantly denied him.**

P: The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. At our baptisms he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what Baptism means for our daily lives as we speak these words:

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C: Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

P: 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.

P: 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.



BAPTISM OF ADELINE COOPER

HYMN

All Christians Who Have Been Baptized
(Hymn 736 vs. 3)

- 3. But all of that was washed away—
Immersed and drowned forever.
The water of your baptism day
Restored again whatever
Old Adam and his sin destroyed
And all our sinful selves employed
According to our nature.**

BAPTISM OF NOAH SHOEMAKER

HYMN

All Christians Who Have Been Baptized

(Hymn 736 vs. 4)

4. **In Baptism we now put on Christ—
Our shame is fully covered
With all that he once sacrificed
And freely for us suffered.
For here the flood of his own blood
Now makes us holy, right, and good
Before our heav'nly Father.**

BAPTISM OF KAITLIN HICKMAN

HYMN

All Christians Who Have Been Baptized

(Hymn 736 vs. 5,6)

5. **O Christian, firmly hold this gift
And give God thanks forever!
It gives the power to uplift
In all that you endeavor.
When nothing else revives your soul,
Your baptism stands and makes you whole
And then in death completes you.**
6. **So use it well! You are made new—
In Christ a new creation!
As faithful Christians live and do
Within your own vocation,
Until that day when you possess
His glorious robe of righteousness
Bestowed on you forever!**

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!

please stand

GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11


4 And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. 6 John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7 And this was his message: "After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. 8 I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

9 At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. 11 And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

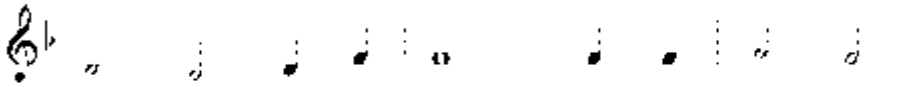
C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

please be seated


HYMN OF THE DAY Christ, Your Footprints Through the Desert
 (Hymn 709 vs. 1-3)



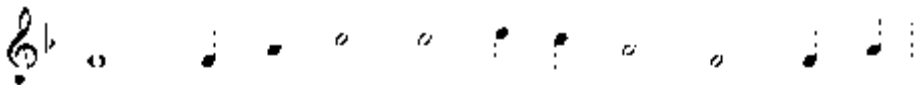
1 Christ, your foot prints through the des-ert Led to
 2 Christ, you heard the stir ring sun-ny As by
 3 Son of God, the road from Jer-dan Led al
 4 God, in Bap-tism you have made us One with




Jer-dan's flow-ing stream There you heard the
 Jer-dan's bank you stood, Bathed, though sin- less.
 Led to Cal-ary's hill. There up on the
 Christ, our re-sen-ted Lord; I re-claim us.




her ad- cry-mur Is-rael's old pro-phet to
 with youth peo-ple In the riv-er's cleans-ing
 cross for sa-ken. You had filled the wa-ter's
 cleansed, for pi-ty en- Through the wa-ter and the



dreamt "He is com-ing" He is com-ing! He will
 flood. High a-bove, the heav-ens o-pened; Come the
 will. Lamb of God, we see you dy-ing, Sin- less,
 Word Help us hear your ter-ri-ble sin-ners, Call-ing



cleansed the earth with flame! Sin-ners, plunge be-neath the
 Spirit as a dove, Spoke a voice be-yond all
 yet for sin-ners slain. But where death rose up to
 us to serve you now. Send us truth, your sons and



wa-ter! Wash a way your guilt and shame!"
 hear up. "See my Son, the one I love!"
 tri-umph, You be-fore your glo-ri-ous re-ign!
 daugh-ters, With the cross up in our brow.

THE RIGHT ANSWERS TO THE WRONG QUESTIONS

25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody's chains came loose. 27 The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

29 The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

31 They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved — you and your household." 32 Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. 33 At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized. 34 The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God — he and his whole family.

HYMN

Christ, Your Footprints Through the Desert

(Hymn 709 vs. 4)

please stand

APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

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**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.**

please be seated

OFFERING

Our offerings are the way we give thanks to God for his grace to us, as well as the way we support the spread of the Gospel. Guests need not feel obligated to contribute.

please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.**

BLESSING

P: Brothers and sisters go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

All Who Believe and Are Baptized
(Hymn 299)

