

We Dedicate Ourselves to Holy Living

*Affirmation of Faith: Our World Belongs to God #41 LUYH 263

*Song: "Go to the World" LUYH 925:1,2

We are Sent with God's Blessing

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "My Friends, May You Grow in Grace" LUYH 938

Worship Participants

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Baptism of Our Lord

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Collect

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

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God Gathers Us for Worship

Welcome

*Call to Worship: Psalm 29:2-4 (NRSV)
 Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name,
worship the Lord in holy splendor.
 The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over mighty waters.
 The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

*Gathering Song: "Give Glory to God, All You Heavenly Creatures"
 LUYH 114:1,2,4,5

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song of Praise: "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright" LUYH 374:1,2,4

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Old Testament Lectionary Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9 p.1124

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, you have given us Jesus, the light of the world,
 but we choose darkness
 and cling to things that hide the brightness of your love.
 Immersed in ourselves, we have not risen to new life.
 Baptize us with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed,
 we may preach your Word to the nations
 and tell of your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ,
 our Lord and our light forever. **Amen**

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear the good news!
 Though we are unworthy, we are granted God's favor in Jesus Christ
 and are baptized into the church of his beloved Son.
 Friends, believe the good news!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Blessing: "Come, Lord Jesus"

***Come, Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, come, Lord Jesus:
 come and be born in our hearts.***
***Come, Immanuel, come, Immanuel, come, Immanuel:
 come and be born in our hearts.***

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Children ages 3 years old through Kindergarten are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary to receive a prayer of blessing before going downstairs to the Multi-Purpose Room for a time of worship designed especially for young children. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service.

Scripture: Matthew 3:13-17 p.1499

Sermon: "The Prophet Meets the King" Pastor Kory Plockmeyer

*Song of Response: "Agnus Dei"

Alleluia, alleluia for the Lord God Almighty reigns! (repeat)
Alleluia. Holy, holy are you, Lord God Almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.
You are holy, holy are you Lord God Almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb, Amen.

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We Offer Our Gifts and Prayers

Offertory Prayer

We Offer our Gifts

Each week at Covenant we receive a monetary offering to support the mission and ministry of the church. This morning's offering will support the General/Building Fund. The General Fund keeps our church operating and pays for a wide range of denominational ministries while the Building Fund offerings are used to cover major project expenses for the church.

We Share Our Joys and Concerns and Pray for One Another