

POSTLUDE

† Thank you for worshiping with us! †

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Up & Coming Announcements

Our Lessons this evening were from: Psalm 29; Isaiah 42:1-9; Romans 6:1-11; Matthew 3:13-17; Addlref: Isaiah 60: 1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12

- ◆ Our 8am service will officially be our LBW Traditional service
- ◆ 'Original Self; Living with Paradox and Originality.' by Thomas Moore. This is a multi-dimensional, devotional of sorts with Christian Existentialist motifs. It's a very easy read as well as readily available on Amazon from \$4 and up. Please feel free to ask for more details. At the moment this study will only be offered at the end of the month. This study will be held one hour before the 5pm Blended service
- ◆ All hymns will either be from the LBW or the With One Voice (If you have copies of the WOV, please consider donating them to our ministry.)

Make a Friend, Be a Friend & Bring a friend to Christ

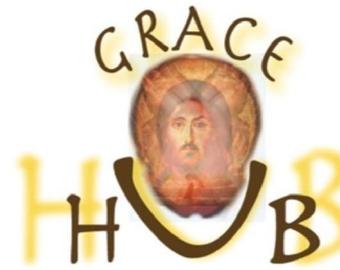
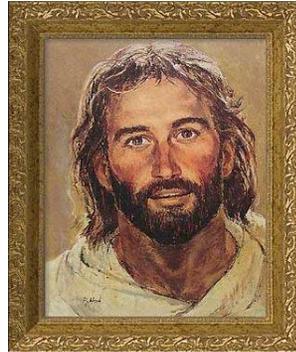
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† Sunday Evening Worship †
January 8th, 2017

**BAPTISM OF JESUS
PRELUDE MUSIC**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN "I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT" #649WOV

WE REFLECT & REJOICE

(inspired from Ephesians 3:1-12 from Epistles Now!, & Isaiah 60: Reverend Collins; & Setting 2 from the LCMS hymnal)

(Please stand if able)

Leader: ¹Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

Silence is kept for reflection.

ALL: *We are the Brothers and Sisters of Jesus Christ, coheirs with Christ of all the blessings and riches that our great God has stored up for His children.*

Leader: Today at the experience of Jesus Baptism, we recall our own and are drawn to live into the reality of being His children of Grace and Promise in the world. It is in these insights concerning God's saving Grace that we are to share with the human family about us.

ALL: *How privileged we are, and how responsible that makes us, to live and love and serve according to the precepts of God and by means of the Grace that He has granted us through Jesus Christ! God has redeemed and declared us worthy to be the ministers of Grace. This is our sole purpose and it gives meaning to our lives and enables us to discover joy even in the midst of the trials and conflicts that come our way.*

Please observe a moment of silence for reflection

Leader: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a servant of the Word, announce the Grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son

† and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: AMEN *(Please make the sign of the Cross) †*

Scripture Lessons for the Evening *(please be seated)*

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

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.

Leader: *The Word of the Lord* **ALL: Thanks Be to God**

A Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans

¹What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Leader: *The Word of the Lord* **ALL: Thanks Be to God**

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Please Stand

Leader: *A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew*

ALL: *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."

Leader: *The Word of the Lord* **ALL: *Praise to You, O Christ***

Sermon by: Reverend Nicole Collins

HYMN OF THE DAY "ARISE YOUR LIGHT HAS COME" #652WOV

✠ PEACE & PRAYER CIRCLE ✠

HOLY COMMUNION

Please take this opportunity to reflect in your heart how this Means of Grace—Christ actual presence feeds and restores your soul. As St. Paul would say: Listen with your heart wide open. Then, TASTE, SEE & DELIGHT that the Lord is Good!

LORD'S PRAYER: Please recite what version is comfortable for you.

(Please be seated)

A New Creed II *Inspired by the Nicene Creed; by Reverend Nicole Collins*

ALL: We believe in the Triune God; Creator & Sovereign of all the Earth
And all things visible & invisible—what we may not understand
Father, Son & Holy Spirit
Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the only Son of the Father, incarnate from a virgin Mary, the Mother of Our Lord—through her He was made man
Fully Human and Fully Divine
Our Lord Jesus bore the cross, as ordered by Pontius Pilate
He truly suffered, died and was buried
Upon the 3rd day's rise according to the Living Word, defeating sin, death & the power of the devil—
Our Lord Jesus resurrected, ascended to heaven & is seated at the right hand of the Father.
The Lord Jesus will return in glory and judgment over both the living & the deceased
We must know deeply in our hearts that His sovereign Kingdom will never end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, its gift of life and transformation
Which proceeds from the Father & the Son
All three, we worship and glorify
The Prophets have foretold and taught us of the Triune sovereignty
We believe in the Sanctified, universal & disciple-centered Church
We acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins & the motivation for our lives to live in Grace
We must look for the resurrection of the dead
And build, model, shape our lives for the world to come. Amen

Prayer for Spiritual Formation *(Reverend Nicole Collins)*

Leader: Heavenly Father once we realize our task of growing with Your Holy Word and Will
We will reap with joy that New Nature seed planted within our hearts to establish our adoption as Your sons and daughters, truly the children of Grace and promise.
It is true, we are refugees in our journeys to loving You and neighbor.
Help us to escape from our spiritual exile and return to our true home trusting in Your love and mercy to always guide us.

— *(Please observe a moment of Silence)*

ALL: AMEN

BENEDICTION

Scattering Proclamation *(Reverend Nicole Collins)*

Leader: Gracious God guide our hearts, guard our steps as we go forth with the Good News!

In the name of the Father, ✠ Son & Holy Spirit

ALL AMEN *(Please make the sign of the Cross)*