

# Welcome to



## 8 January 2017 Baptism of Our Lord Sunday

*May God who gathers us around Himself in the Word and Sacrament to bless us with His forgiveness this morning be your source of comfort, strength and renewal as you worship today. In the Name of Christ, we are all called to come and hear that the Lord is Good!*

Our Gospel reading is Matthew 3.13-17 and our response is, **“Praise be to thee, O Christ”** spoken in unity aloud.

Call to Worship: Psalm 29

Hymns: Opening #222 Prayer #397 Closing #472

At the presentation of our offerings we sing the Doxology # 668

**Studies this week:** Men's Study – James – Tuesday – 7:00pm  
Thursday Study – Isaiah – 10:30am or 7:00pm

### **Upcoming Opportunities:**

- Next Sunday, 15 January we have the privilege of having Dave Dietrich, a well known Luther expert, to present a program on the spiritual development of Martin Luther. This will be at 8:30am in the Sanctuary. It will be very interesting. Please come and invite a friend!

- The Online Directory is up and ready to be accessed. **If you still need your picture taken we will have another opportunity next Sunday, before or after service.** Information sheets for using it are at the Welcome Center. This is a password protected directory and therefore only our members will have access to it. Please see Dave Gardner for more information.

*Thank you for all the wonderful cards, gifts and spoken words that you gave to me during Christmas. I am so blessed to be your Pastor. I love you, all! Pastor Tom*

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## Invocation & Confession

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19)

**C: Amen**

P: Make us to know your ways, O Lord, and teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for whom we wait. (Psalm 25:4-5)

**C: Amen**

P: If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:6-7)

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

**C: According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Amen** (Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12)

P: Let it be known to you, that through Jesus Christ, the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. (1 John 1:6-7) He commanded us to preach and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:42-43)

**C: Amen**

**Call to Worship: Responsive reading of Psalm 29**