

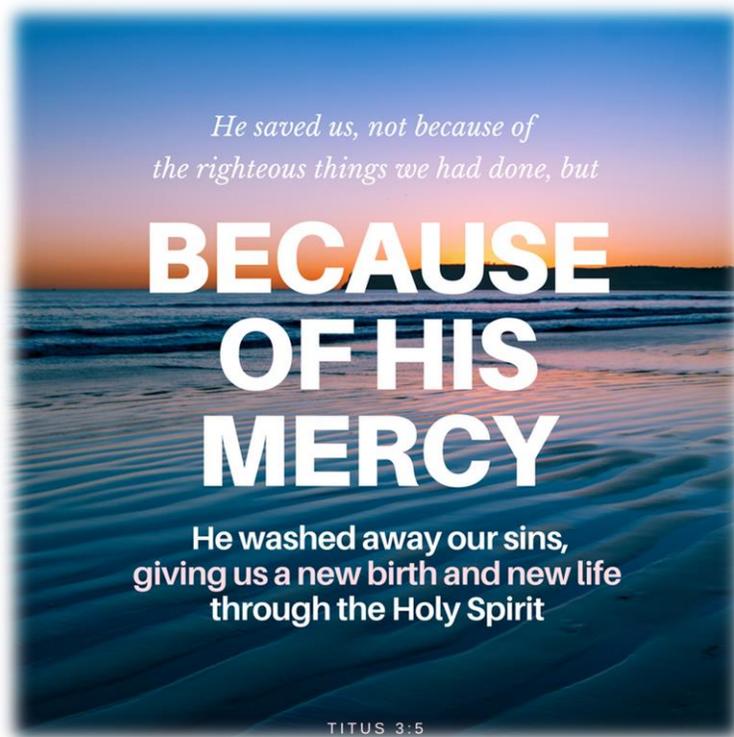
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Proclaiming Christ in Pinellas County

The Celebration of Jesus' Baptism

January 15 & 16, 2022

In the name of Jesus, our Savior & Lord, welcome!
Whether it's your first time with us or Bay Pines is
your church home, we're glad you're here. If you :



- . . . have questions, please ask – we'll do our best to answer;
- . . . need the restrooms, they're in the hallway just off the north-east corner of our sanctuary (so, face altar up front, look back and left);
- . . . can stick around after worship, we'd love to get to know you;
- . . . would like a call from our staff, they'd love to connect with you!

If you brought young children today, thank you! Please know :

- . . . we love to hear them sing, pray, and speak along, and this is a great setting to help them respond to church, to God, and to one another;
- . . . their wiggles don't bother us (wiggles don't bother Jesus, either);
- . . . you can sit up front where little eyes and ears can see and hear;
- . . . both the men's and women's restrooms have diaper-changing stations, and there's a cry-room adjacent the restrooms as well;
- . . . we love that each of you is here, and we'd be blessed to serve you!

To adore the God of Order in a fitting and orderly way (*1 Corinthians 14:33, 40*), our path of worship is printed in this booklet. Today, we delight in baptism, where God's grace and glory blend to assure us, ***"You are my Son, whom I love, with you I am well pleased"*** (*Mark 1:11b*), as we consider the worship theme:

Glory Identifies

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Opening Song : Baptized into your Name Most Holy *(TEXT BELOW; BLUE HYMNAL, PG. 8)*

As we ponder Jesus' baptism, we celebrate our own baptisms which unite us to him!

The Invocation

Jesus promises that when we gather in his name, he's here to bless and be with us.

Minister : In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

All : **Amen!**



***Baptized into your name most holy,
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,
Among your saints, your chosen host,
Buried with Christ and dead to sin.
Your Spirit now shall live within.***

I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit *(John 3:5, 6).*

Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us *(Psalm 51:5).*

But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God *(I Corinthians 6:11).*



***My loving Father, there you took me
To be hence-forth your child and heir.
My faithful Savior, there you let me
The fruit of all your sorrows share.
O Holy Spirit, comfort me
When threat'ning clouds around I see.***

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS

As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

The Acknowledgment of our Wrongs

Sin offends God. Always. Aware of our own sin, we ask him for his forgiveness.

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.



***My faithful God you fail me never;
Your promise surely will endure.
Oh, cast me not away forever
If words and deeds become impure.
Have mercy when I come defiled;
Forgive, lift up, restore your child.***

*A moment of silence to recognize our own, individual sins
and our own, deep need for forgiveness.*

The Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Jesus lived, died, and rose to forgive the world's sins. By his grace, you're set free!

~ please stand if you are able ~

Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless (*Ephesians 5:25-27*). 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.

Amen!



***All that I am and love most dearly –
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely,
And help me your own child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own
Serve any will but yours alone.***

The Prayer of the Day

This petition appreciates Jesus' full forgiveness and asks for his guidance and blessing.

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Baptized into his name, we, too,

are heirs with him of eternal life. By your grace, keep us faithful in our calling as your children. Hear us for the sake of your Son, our Lord, Jesus; he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen!

A Childlike Illustration : God Sent Jesus with Purpose

This illustration & devotion are geared for the children & child-like with us today.

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

A Reading from the Old Testament : I Samuel 16:1-13

The scene is stunning. Samuel is told to anoint Israel's next king! But the anointing doesn't happen in crowds or to the one they'd image. Quietly, God sees the heart!

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. **I have chosen one of his sons to be king.**"

² But Samuel said, "How can I go? Saul will hear about it and kill me."

TAKE HOME TRUTH

So much to be learned here!
Look closely: God sees things differently than we. How is that truth evident in:
• these verses?
• our lives?

The LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice

to the LORD.’ ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do.
You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.”

⁴ Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, “Do you come in peace?”

⁵ Samuel replied, “Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me.” Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, **“Surely the LORD’s anointed stands here before the LORD.”**

⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. **The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”**

⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.” ⁹ Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, “Nor has the LORD chosen this one.” ¹⁰ Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The LORD has not chosen these.” ¹¹ So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?”

“There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered, “but he is tending the sheep.”

Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.”

¹² So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was ruddy, with a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the LORD said, **“Rise and anoint him; this is the one.”**

¹³ So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came upon David in power. Samuel then went to Ramah.

This is God’s Word.

A Reading from the Gospels : Luke 3:15-17, 21, 22

The scene is delightfully powerful & elegantly personal. The full power of God acclaims his Son, our Substitute; the full grace of God assures that, in him, God is well-pleased.

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Christ.

¹⁶ John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.** ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

²¹ When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²² and the Holy Spirit descended

TAKE HOME TRUTH :

Baptism leaves an identity unquestioned. Look closely here; how is that baptismal truth seen in connection to Jesus? To us?

on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: **“You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”**

This is the gospel of our Lord!

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Statement of Faith : The Nicene Creed

This polemic creed defends against false doctrines that attack Jesus’ total Deity and total humanity. As we state our faith, note the “God for us in all things” emphasis.

Christians, in whom do we believe?

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sung Response : To Jordan's River Came Our Lord (*RED HYMNAL, 89, vv. 1-4*)

This happy tune and Christ-centered text move hearts to see the Substitute on display in the Jordan. With happy thrill, we see the Savior and hear heaven acclaim him divine.



***To Jordan's river came our Lord,
The Christ, whom heav'nly hosts adored,
The God from God, the Light from Light,
The Lord of glory, pow'r and might.***

***The Savior came to be baptized –
The Son of God in flesh disguised –
To stand beneath the Father's will
And all his promises fulfill.***

***As Jesus in the Jordan stood
And John baptized the Lamb of God,
The Holy Spirit heav'nly dove,
Descended on him from above.***



***Then from God's throne with thund'rous sound
Came God's own voice with words profound:
"This is my Son," was his decree,
"The one I love, who pleases me."***

A Sermon Founded on : Titus 3:4-8a

This is a trustworthy saying. If God says so, it must be fascinating! So, look closely and let your heart delight in the trustworthy and true: in baptismal grace, God saved you!

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.

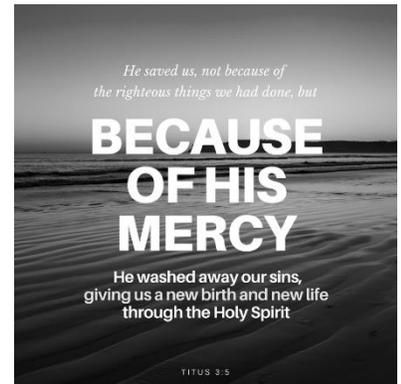
He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior,

⁷ so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

⁸ This is a trustworthy saying.

ANOINTED & ASSURED!

- I. See it for the king
- II. See it for the Christ
- III. See it for the Christian



Sermon Response : Create in Me a Clean Heart (RED HYMNAL, PAGE 20)

King David knew his sins...but, thankfully, he knew God's forgiveness. This song makes David's words in Psalm 51 our very own as we ask God for strength to live in his grace.



***Create in me a clean heart, O God,
 And renew a right spirit within me.
 Cast me not away from your presence,
 And take not your Holy Spirit from me.
 Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,
 And uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen!***

The Offering (THANKS FOR USING THE AISLE-BASKET FOR PHYSICAL OFFERINGS, AND THE QR CODE FOR DIGITAL)

Concerning the offering, the Lord says, “each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (II Cor. 9:7); whether the Gospel moves your heart to support our ministry with a gift, a prayer, a help, or an encouragement – thank you; please know we appreciate you for it!



A note to worshippers about the Bible’s direction for “Member Communion” :



As we prepare to celebrate our Lord’s Supper, we respectfully ask that guests to Bay Pines would please speak with Pastor Stern before coming to Communion. This practice is not an attempt to judge anyone’s heart, but it does stem from the Bible’s stress on the importance of a clear understanding of what this Supper is (I Cor. 11) as well as the importance of the clear, outward confession of unity it displays (I Cor. 10, et al.). Please understand this is done in loving respect for our Lord and for all people; and, please do feel free to speak with Pastor if you have any questions about it.

In the meanwhile, thank you for understanding and respecting the importance of our Lord’s commands; be assured that, though we might not yet gather together at the Lord’s Table, ***all of your sins are forgiven in the Gospel message!***

GOD INVITES US

The Lord's Prayer and our Prayer

God lovingly invites us talk with him & lay our hearts before him in prayer. So, we do!

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.

*A moment to offer today's prayer requests &
a moment of silence to offer our own, private prayers.*

GOD INVITES US

The Sacrament

Happily, we celebrate God's grace, ponder his peace, receive his Supper with thanks.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is good and right so to do.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Sung Response : The Sanctus *(FROM PAGE 22 IN THE FRONT PART OF THE RED HYMNAL)*

With ancient accolades (Is. 6 & Matt. 21) we glorify the Holy (“Sanctus”) One: Jesus.



Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts:

Heav’n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he

Who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

The Consecration, Distribution, and Reception of the Lord’s Supper

*The Words of Institution are not a magical formula. But they do serve as a “**prayer** that the Lord may do what he’s promised . . . as a **confession** that the body and blood of Christ are present in the Sacrament, and as an **invitation** to the communicants to make Jesus’ promise their own through faith” (God So Loved the World, 505).*

In Holy Communion God gives us a unique opportunity to publicly confess our unity of faith. He also gives us a tangible reassurance that it was his body and

blood – not ours – which paid the ransom price for the world’s sins and sealed our salvation. With joy in our hearts and with hearts prepared to receive him, we hear and remember the words our Savior spoke:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, **“Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”**

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, **“Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen!

Sung Response : The Agnus Dei (FROM PAGE 23 IN THE FRONT PART OF THE RED HYMNAL)

Jesus is the Lamb of God (“Agnus Dei”); so we plead to and praise him for his mercy.



***O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.***

***O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.***

***O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us your peace. Amen.***

Distribution Hymn (Sunday) : By Grace I'm Saved (RED HYMNAL, 384)

As we adore our Savior's identity, we also adore our own identity. Redeemed by him, we're saved from sin and for life and heaven with him. By our merit? No. By his grace!

GOD ASSURES US

Sung Response : The Song of Thanksgiving (FROM PG. 24 IN THE FRONT PART OF THE RED HYMNAL)

This song ponders the blessings of the Supper and sings with Simeon to give thanks!



***Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace
According to your Word.***

For my eyes have seen your salvation,

Which you have prepared before

The face of all people,

A light to lighten the Gentiles

And the glory of your people Israel.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

And his mercy endures forever!

Almighty God, you have refreshed us with this holy supper. Thank you! We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord; he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen!

Concluding Benediction

Where the LORD's name is, there his blessing also is. Refreshed by his goodness, gifts, and grace, our service concludes with his promise to bless and be with us (Numbers 6).

Sisters and brothers, 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.

Amen!

Final Song : To Jordan's River Came Our Lord (RED HYMNAL, 89, vv. 5, 6)

Such power. Such confidence. Such...grace! All on display in our Savior Jesus who was baptized in the Jordan and identified as the Servant given for the world's redemption!



***The Father's word, the Spirit's flight
Anointed Christ in glorious sight
As God's own choice, from Adam's fall
To save the world and free us all.***

***Now rise, faint hearts: be resolute!
This man in Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan's stream,
Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.***



Bay Pines' Ministry Announcements :

for our prayers (please remember the family of these dear friends, too):

- our ministry in church, school, and life as we go forth with the gospel!
- our nation & world, for healing in God's grace & confidence of God's glory
- the Sell family as Sarah & Jeff deliberate Calls to a ministry based in IL
- Linda & Kurt Heine, as God blesses them with strength for every day
- Sarah Hall, a Jewell family friend, as doctors plot a path against her cancer
- Chuck Woodard's relatives, Patrick Aloï & Josie Williams, for grace
- Chuck Woodard & Noreen Williams, as they recover from surgery
- D.A. Marx, as she gets along with grace-sufficient

in our gratitude :

- each of you for being here to encourage with the gospel, and for going out to share our Jesus with others. **May Jesus smile on your mission work!**
- Sharon Mueller & Michaela Brown for edifying our worship with music
- the Priebe, Cicco, & Dryden families, for cleaning & lawn-care
- our tech crew, for their efforts to provide online worship opportunities
- all who help with our food pantry (food available in the kitchen & hallway west of the sanctuary [contact Eva Kiss for direct info 808.457.9703])
- all who support our ministry via gift-card purchases (to purchase these cards, please visit the SCRIP table near the church mailboxes after service)
- all who purchased **Christmas poinsettias** for our Christmas altar (if you did order a poinsettia, please feel free to take it with you after today's service)

on our calendars (please email additional dates to mary.dryden@baypineslutheran.org) :

**to stay most current on ministry happenings and to receive our weekly updates, please email news@baypineslutheran.com*

- **worship opportunities :**

- Saturdays at 6:00p & Sundays at 9:30a
- choir : Wednesdays at 6:00p

- **spiritual growth opportunities :**

- *The Patriarchs* : a Ladies' Bible Study
 - Monday evenings at 6:30p
- *I, Christian* : a study on the book of James
 - Sunday mornings at 8:30a
 - Thursdays mornings at 10:00a
- *Seeing Jesus* : a study on the book of Revelation
 - Wednesday evenings at 7:00p
- *Simple Stories, Stunning Truths* : a catechism class
 - Sunday mornings at 10:45
- *Forward in Christ* magazines & *Meditations* devotion booklets are available on table to the left of our sanctuary's main doors

- **to-stay-mindful-of opportunities :**

- next council meeting : Feb. TBD
- next congregational meeting : today
- outdoor service & mini-picnic at Seminole City Park : Feb. 13 (10a)

