

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 8, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

The Baptism John proclaimed was for repentance, that people might be ready to receive the Messiah. When our Lord asked to be baptized, though, He had nothing of which to repent. In gracious obedience, He was baptized to begin this wonderful exchange with sinners, fulfilling the Law in our place and taking upon Himself God's judgment against sin. His ministry would fulfill the words Isaiah penned centuries earlier. Indeed, the Father was pleased with His servant Son that day but forsook Him on the cross as He took our sins with Him. As Paul writes in the Epistle, that great sacrifice ensures that we are able, now and forever, to be "alive to God in Christ Jesus" (Romans 6:11).

PRESERVICE "The Glory" -Wendy & Mary

HYMN "Baptized into Your Name Most Holy" *LSB* 590

1 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.

2 My loving Father, here You take me
To be henceforth Your child and heir.
My faithful Savior, here You make me
The fruit of all Your sorrows share.
O Holy Spirit, comfort me
When threat'ning clouds around I see.

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

4 All that I am and love most dearly—
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely;
Help me Your faithful child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own
Serve any will but Yours alone.
Text: Public domain

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Romans 6:4; Matthew 3:17*

Pastor: We were buried therefore with [Christ] by baptism into death,

People: in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

Pastor: This is My beloved Son,

People: with whom I am well pleased.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Romans 6:3, 10*

Pastor: In our Old Testament reading, Isaiah wrote about God's gracious Servant. It is a prophecy about Jesus, who, although He was righteous, exchanged places with us in Baptism and on to death. Let us look to His gracious Servant, and confess our sins:

People: We confess, good Lord, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have sought to live by our own strength and will. In our sinful condition, we cannot help or saves ourselves. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

Pastor: Paul writes in our epistle, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ... For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God for our Baptism into Christ!

INTROIT *Psalm 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a*

Pastor: Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

People: I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

Pastor: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

People: You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

Pastor: Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

People: Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling,

Pastor: for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Pastor: Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

KYRIE *LSB p. 168*

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” *LSB* 394

1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
Manifested by the star
To the sages from afar,
Branch of royal David’s stem
In Thy birth at Bethlehem:
Anthems be to Thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.

2 Manifest at Jordan’s stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
And at Cana wedding guest
In Thy Godhead manifest;
Manifest in pow’r divine,
Changing water into wine;
Anthems be to Thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.

3 Manifest in making whole
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight,
Quelling all the devil’s might;
Manifest in gracious will,
Ever bringing good from ill;
Anthems be to Thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.

4 Sun and moon shall darkened be,
Stars shall fall, the heav’ns shall flee;
Christ will then like lightning shine,
All will see His glorious sign;
All will then the trumpet hear,
All will see the Judge appear;
Thou by all wilt be confessed,
God in man made manifest.

5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord,
Present in Thy holy Word—
Grace to imitate Thee now
And be pure, as pure art Thou;
That we might become like Thee
At Thy great epiphany
And may praise Thee, ever blest,
God in man made manifest.

Text: Public domain

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, although He had nothing of which to repent, Jesus was baptized “to fulfill all righteousness.” Grant us Your Holy Spirit and faith to trust that Your Son was taking our place and that Your pleasure in His obedience means eternal life for us and all who are baptized in His name; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 42:1–9* (God delights in His Servant.) Behold 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. He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. Thus 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 on it and spirit to those who walk in it: “I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalms 29*

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters.

People: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

Leader: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

People: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

Leader: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

People: The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, “Glory!”

Leader: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

People: May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

EPISTLE *Romans 6:1–11* (Buried and raised with Christ in Baptism, we walk in newness of life.) What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: Our Hymn of the Day, “To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord,” is noteworthy for its skillful weaving together the event of Jesus’ Baptism with its meaning for our own Baptism. Let us sing it as we hear the Gospel and remember our Baptism.

HYMN OF THE DAY “To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord” sts. 1–2: *LSB* 405

1 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.

2 The Savior came to be baptized—
The Son of God in flesh disguised—
To stand beneath the Father’s will
And all His righteousness fulfill.

Text: © 1993 James P. Tiefel. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 3:13–17* (The Father proclaims Jesus His beloved Son.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

Pastor: Do you renounce the devil?

People: Yes, I renounce him.

Pastor: Do you renounce all his works?

People: Yes, I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you renounce all his ways?

People: Yes, I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

People: Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

People: Yes, 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; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: Yes, 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY “To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord” sts. 3-4: *LSB* 405

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

4 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.”

Text: © 1993 James P. Tiefel. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License

CATECHISM *Baptism, First and Fourth*

Pastor: What is Baptism?

People: Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God’s command and combined with God’s word.

Pastor: Which is that word of God?

People: Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

Pastor: What does such baptizing with water indicate?

People: It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Pastor: Where is this written?

People: St. Paul writes in Romans, chapter six: “We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”

HYMN OF THE DAY “To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord” sts. 5-6: *LSB* 405

5 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.

6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;
This man is Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan’s stream,
Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

Text: © 1993 James P. Tiefel. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License

SERMON “Handoffs: Place, People, and Present”

I. Handoffs

II. The Place of Handoffs (Mt 3:13; Assorted Texts)

- Why is this place significant?
- Where does God do the same things?

III. The People of Handoffs (3:13-15)

- What is the first transition that happens at this place?
- What is the second?
- What is the final one?

IV. The Present Handoff (3:16-17)

- What does righteousness mean?
- What is taken? What is given?

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING “Cast Down Your Cares” -Talbot

We offer our gifts to the Lord as we use this time in our service for contemplation and preparation for the sacrament of communion. Offerings can be placed in the plates at the back entrance doors as you leave the sanctuary.

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

Holy holy holy Lord
God of power and might
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is he who comes
In the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for in Your great mercy You sent Your only-begotten Son so that He might exchange His righteousness for our sinful condition, obediently doing all things according to Your will, from His Baptism to His death on the cross in our place. Grant us now to receive Him in, with, and under this bread and wine, as He comes in this foretaste of the eternal feast that awaits us in heaven. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My \times body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My κ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD’S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

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.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God you take away
All the sin of the world
Oh Lamb of God have mercy on us
And grant to us your peace

You are invited to receive the Lord’s Supper if you believe and confess that Jesus Christ is your Savior from sin, you are a baptized child of the Triune God, and you believe that He gives you His body and blood in the bread and wine you receive. White grape juice can be found in the center of each tray for those who cannot receive alcohol. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS “All Christians Who Have Been Baptized” *LSB 596*

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.

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.

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.

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!

Text: © 2004 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License

“Beautiful Savior” *LSB 537*

1 Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee,
Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2 Fair are the meadows,
Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,
Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!
Text: Public domain

BLESSING

Pastor: May our Lord's body and blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith to life everlasting. Depart in peace and with joy.

People: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" *LSB 922*

1 Go, My children, with My blessing,
Never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you;

You are My own.

In My love's baptismal river

I have made you Mine forever.

Go, My children, with My blessing—

You are My own.

2 Go, My children, sins forgiven,
At peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you,

What I can cure.

Here you heard My dear Son's story;

Here you touched Him, saw His glory.

Go, My children, sins forgiven,

At peace and pure.

3 Go, My children, fed and nourished,
 Closer to Me;
Grow in love and love by serving,
 Joyful and free.
 Here My Spirit's power filled you;
 Here His tender comfort stilled you.
Go, My children, fed and nourished,
 Joyful and free.

4 I the Lord will bless and keep you
 And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you
 And give you peace:
 I the Lord will be your Father,
 Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, My children; I will keep you
 And give you peace.

Text: © 1983 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE "Tell the World" -Michael Card

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series A, Quarter 1. Copyright © 2022 Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS: *Matthew 3:15* – “*But Jesus answered him, ‘Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.’*” The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. Here, Jesus plunges Himself into our sins and soaks them up in His Baptism, so that in our Baptism we might be cleansed and renewed. The whole of Jesus’ life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us.

MOM & BABY ITEMS NEEDED: Every month Jeena V collects personal items for teenage moms (hand cream, body cream, pads, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, chapstick, etc.) and babies 6 months - 2 years old (diapers, diaper cream, wipes, toys, clothes, etc.) living at LifeHaven. At LifeHaven Transitional Living Services for Teen Moms, young mothers and their children are welcomed, accepted and supported. Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota’s LifeHaven is a family-style home on the east side of Saint Paul that provides housing and support to 16-17 year old mothers and their children, who are experiencing homelessness. If you would like to donate, items may be dropped off at Jeena’s store: Namaste Brows and Boutique, 1718B Lexington Ave. N, Roseville, MN 55113. Call Jeena with any questions.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The annual voters’ meeting of Emmaus will be held on Sunday, January 29 after the service. We will be voting on the 2023 budget and copies of the annual report will be available.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES are now available. Hard to believe that 2023 is right around the corner but here it comes. Please stop in the narthex and pick up your offering envelopes. If you did not receive envelopes and would like them, please let Nancy W, Alan M, Pam U, Pastor or Maria know. We can certainly get you a

box. If you have envelopes and currently give electronically and no longer want envelopes, please let us know and we will note that for 2024. Thank you!

2023 ALTAR FLOWER sign-up chart is now posted on the bulletin board by the office. Sign up to bring altar flowers as a remembrance or celebration. Write the occasion on the chart for it to be listed in the bulletin.

MEN'S GAME AFTERNOON: We will be having a men's (confirmation age and up) game afternoon on February 4th noon-4pm in the Social Hall. Food and drink will be provided. Bring any games you would like to play. Todd P will also bring a selection from their collection. Please RSVP to Todd P to ensure adequate food is available. If you miss RSVPing please still come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

HEAR "THE LUTHERAN HOUR" on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week's broadcast: "Gifts to Share" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. A body of water becomes stagnant when there is no outflow. The same could be said of us. (Colossians 1:29)

LWML WINTER GATHERING: Saturday, February 4, 9:30-11:00 a.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church (655 Forest St N, St. Paul, MN 55106). Registration and refreshments at 9:00, \$5 donation. "For Such a Time as This: Lessons from Esther on Living as Christians in a Post-Christian Age" Presenter: Rev. Dr. Joshua Hollmann, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, Concordia University. Bring your Bible. If you are planning to attend, please notify Beth at 651-631-8956 or bdschust@msn.com by January 30.

The Great Emmaus Cook Off

Do you have an award-winning chili? Now is your time to shine! Emmaus will be holding a chili cookoff after the Congregational meeting on Sunday, January 29th. Not a chili chef but rather a dessert baker? We have you covered! We will have a bake off too! We will use a Thrivent Action Grant to purchase toppings (cheese, onions, noodles), bowls, utensils, and hotdogs. If you think your chili needs something different to complement its delicious flavors, please bring that with. As far as the bake off goes, please bring anything you need to show off your amazing flavors. We will have plates and utensils.

This will be a free-will offering and all offerings will go towards buying Emmaus' first AED. The AED will cost approximately \$2,000.

If you are interested in making chili or a dessert, please sign up. We are also looking for help with set up and clean up. If you are interested in one of those please sign up.