

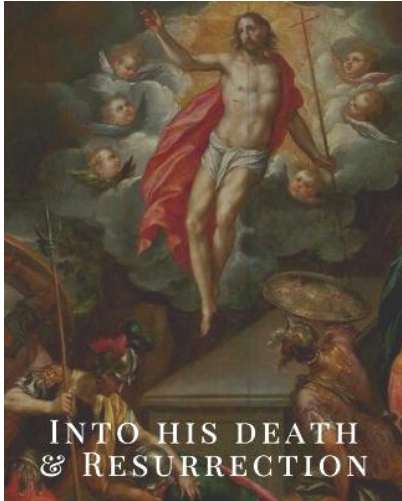
SHEPHERD OF THE SPRINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE OFFICE OF VESPERS

VESPERS AFTER INVOCABIT
"What is Baptism?"

7:00 p.m.

March 12, 2025



[We rise]

Opening Hymn

"To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord" #406

Opening Sentences

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PSALMODY

Psalm 138

[Be seated]

READINGS

First Reading

St. Matthew 3:1-17

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God!

[We rise]

Holy Gospel

St. Matthew 28:1-20

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God!

Responsory for Lent

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[Be seated]

Office Hymn

"Baptized into Your Name Most Holy" #590

Sermon

[We rise]

"On My Heart Imprint Your Image" #422

[replacing the Canticle]

[Be seated]

The offering is received

[We rise]

PRAYER

Kyrie, Lord's Prayer

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O Lord, hear my prayer.

And let my cry come to you.

Collect of the Day: We beseech You, O Lord, to enlighten our minds with the bright beams of Your light: that we may both see and know the things we ought to do; and, by You, be enabled to perform them, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Collect for Lent: Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Collect for Peace

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Benedicamus, Benediction

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Closing Hymn

"A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth" #438

What is Baptism?

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

Which is that word of God?

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" (St. Matthew 28:19).

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