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**BAPTISM OF CHRIST**  
**January 8, 2017 10:00 AM**

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*\*All that are able please stand.*

**PREPARATION**

Prelude  
Announcements

\*Solemn Declaration

\*Call to Worship

**M:** Today we remember the day on which Jesus was baptized by John. By His baptism Jesus left his old life behind and boldly stepped forward on a new journey in fulfillment of God's will.

**C:** **His journey led Him to Calvary, where He offered Himself for the sins of the world, and to the triumph of His resurrection.**

**M:** Thanks be to God that Jesus was willing to walk this road for us.

**C:** **May God give us power to leave the past behind and to walk down new roads for Christ.**

**CONFESSION**

\*Prayer of Confession

**All: Holy God, in Christ we are a new creation. We confess that we often do not act like we are new. We stay stuck in old ruts, trapped in old habits, and bound by old sins. We turn back from the open road before us and prefer to walk in old familiar paths. Forgive us, and by the power of the Holy Spirit help us lead new lives in Christ. Amen**

\*Words of Forgiveness (Responsive)

**M:** The Lord says, "I am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins."

**C: We praise the Lord for His redeeming grace!**

\*Hymn *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* 276

**PROCLAMATION**

\*Apostles' Creed (Laminated copy in hymnal)

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Children's Time

Scripture Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 Pew Bible 575

Chancel Choir Celtic Communion Arr. Mark Hayes

Gospel Matthew 25:31-40 Pew Bible 861

Sermon *Fix It* Rev. Dr. Art Gotjen

**DEDICATION**

Offertory

Response *All Creatures of Our God and King* 64 (v. 5)

Let all things their Creator bless, And worship Him in humbleness,

O praise Him, Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One, O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen.

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn *Adoration* 165

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Invitation to the Lord's Table

**Prayer before Communion:**

**All: Dear Lord, may we receive You in this Communion with open arms, and a loving, contrite heart, so that we may be filled with Your grace, for our good and Your glory! Amen.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Pastor: On the night when he was betrayed, Jesus and his disciples gathered to eat the Passover meal. During supper Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks, broke the bread, gave it to the disciples, and said: "Take, eat: This is my body that is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup, and after giving thanks, gave it to them and said: "Drink this, all of you. This is the new covenant in my blood. Do this in remembrance of me."

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

Pastor: The bread we break is the communion of the body of Christ.  
*Break the bread.*

The cup we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ. *Lift the cup.*

**All: Jesus, lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.**

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit, and consecrate this bread and this cup. Grant that all who share this communion with our risen Savior may be one in Christ, and sanctify us that we may remain faithful in love and hope until the final victory of your kingdom.

**All: Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy**

**Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, Almighty God, for ever and ever.**

**SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

*The servers come forward.*

*The bread is distributed.*

✠The body of Jesus, given for you. Eat this and remember Him.

*The people eat the bread.*

*The cup is distributed.*

✠The blood of Jesus, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. Drink this and remember Him.

*The people drink the cup.*

May this Holy Communion of the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ keep and preserve you unto everlasting life.

*The servers return to their seats.*

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray.

**All: We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have shared the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and bearing witness to the Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

\*Hymn *A Child of the King* 352

\*Pastoral Benediction

\*Choral Benediction *Go Now In Peace* Price/Besig

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there -- watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

\*Silent Reflection

\*Postlude

**Whoever you are, wherever you are on your life's journey,  
you are welcome here.**

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**See a sound person** for DVD copies of any service.

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**\*Please turn your cell phones off during worship.**

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**Sharing a message next week:** Steve Dinning

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**There is an attended nursery for children ages 5 and under. Also available at each sanctuary entrance:** ►Hearing amplifiers  
►Large print bulletins ►Recycling boxes for bulletins (inserts are reused) ►“These Days” daily devotionals ►Note Cards

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**Chancel flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Richard & Helen Croner by the Richard Croner Family.

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**Acolyte:** Alivia Coughenour **Nursery:** Colleen Glotfelty

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**Lector:** LaVerne Coslic **Sound:** Lori Gindlesperger, David Saylor

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**Greeters** **F:** Julie Petro **B:** Alan & Laura Brick

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**Ushers:** Carrie Croner, Russ Hillegas

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**Youth Usher:** Chloe Broadwater

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**Attendance:** Last Sunday – 78 Sunday school – 24

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**PRAYER LIST:** God's guidance and protection for the Armed Forces, Katie Ansell, Roy Bucher, Basil Constantino, Jessica Coughenour, Wayne Deeter, Dorothy Doyle, John Durst, Doug Gainer, Ruth Gindlesperger, Larry Hay, Megan Harris, Mary Kretchman, Romaine Laughery, Eloise Long, Debbie Luteri, Janice Miller, Mary Jane Emerick Ohler, Leon Paul, Ruth Romesberg, Mary Sarver, Lois Saylor, Darla Shaulis, John Shonko, Adam Smith, Clara Smith, Caleb Snyder, Kathy Spangler, Jeanne Sprowls, Joyce Twombly, Adeline Vieregge, Margie Zorn

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**A new Young Adult Sunday school class** is planned to begin on January 8th. The class will be led by Sue Coughenour in the conference room. Watch bulletins for more details.

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**Newsletter deadline** is Monday **January 9th.**

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**Consistory** will meet **January 9th** at 7 PM.

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**We will take the Christmas decorations** down at 6:30 PM on Friday, **January 13th.**

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**HUGS & KISSES** will be going swimming next Sunday, **January 15th**. Watch the bulletin for more details as they are made available.

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**Trinity Ladies** will meet **January 17th** at 7 PM.

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**HUGS & KISSES** will hold a Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner following worship on **January 29th**.

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**We have two TV sets** with wooden stands in the social room that are in need of a good home. If interested, please contact Jim Darr.

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**Annual reports from 2016** for all church boards, committees and fellowships are due in the office by Friday, January 20th.

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**The Annual Souper Bowl** competition, benefitting the Berlin Food Pantry, will be held the five Sundays in January. Although food donations are accepted (worth one point each), the Food Pantry can purchase food in bulk at a much lower cost than you can at the store. So if you wish to get more value for your dollars, monetary donations would your best option (each dollar donated is worth 2 points). Make checks payable to Trinity UCC noting “Souper Bowl” in the memo. Let’s bring home the trophy and, more importantly, fill up the Food Pantry! Thanks in advance for your generosity.

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Garrett United Methodist Church will hold a Christmas Cantata TODAY, **January 8th** at 7 PM at the church on Walker St., Garrett.

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<p><b>TODAY: 9 AM</b> SUN. SCHOOL <b>10 AM</b> WORSHIP <b>11 AM</b> PRAYER</p> <p><b>MONDAY: NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b></p> <p><b>7 PM</b> CONSISTORY</p> <p><b>WED.: 6:30 PM</b> TUCC RINGERS <b>7:30 PM</b> CHANCEL CHOIR</p> <p><b>FRIDAY: 6:30 PM</b> TAKE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS DOWN</p> <p><b>NEXT SUN.:</b> SUNDAY SCHOOL <b>10 AM</b> WORSHIP/COMMUNION</p> <p><b>11 AM</b> PRAYER</p>
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Ministers: All the Members

Organist: Cynthia Brant

Choir Director: Linda Gallick