

* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 30:1a,11,12*

I will exalt you, LORD,

for you lifted me out of the depths,

You turned my wailing into dancing;

***you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
that my heart may sing your praises and not be silent.***

LORD my God, I will praise you forever.

* **God's Greeting**

* **Rejoice, O Pure in Heart**

#561:1,2,5 (PH)

Rejoice, O pure in heart,

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;

Your festal banner wave on high,

The cross of Christ your King.

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing!

Bright youth and snow-crowned age,

Both men and women, raise

On high your free, exulting song,

Declare God's wondrous praise.

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing!

Praise God, who reigns on high,

The Lord whom we adore:

The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,

One God forevermore.

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing!

* **Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty** #323:1,2,4 (HFG)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,

Who wert and art and ever-more shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name

In earth and sky and sea;

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

* **God Himself Is with Us**

#244:1,3 (PH)

God himself is with us; let us now adore him,

And with awe appear before him.

God is in his temple; all within keep silence,

Prostrate lie with deepest reverence.

Him alone do we own as our God and Savior;

Praise his name forever.

Fount of every blessing, purify my spirit,

Trusting only in your merit

Like the holy angels who behold your glory,

May I ceaselessly adore you,

And in all, great and small, seek to do most nearly

What you love so dearly.

Call to Confession: *Psalm 130:3*

If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?

Prayer of Confession and Preparation

Assurance: *Psalm 130:7*

Put your hope in the LORD,

for with the LORD is unfailing love

and with him is full redemption.

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Ministry of Music: *Born to Die*

Offering: Al & Julie

(Children 3 years old – 2nd grade are invited to Children's Church
in the Ed. Building while the offering is received.)

Morning Prayer

* **The LORD, My Shepherd, Rules My Life** #23:1,2,3,5 (PH)

The LORD, my Shepherd, rules my life

And gives me all I need;

He leads me by refreshing streams,

In pastures green I feed.

The LORD revives my failing strength,

He makes my joy complete;

And in right paths, for His name's sake,

He guides my faltering feet.

Though in a valley dark as death,

No evil makes me fear;

Your shepherd's staff protects my way,

For You are with me there.

Your goodness and Your gracious love

Pursue me all my days;

Your house, O LORD, shall be my home

Your name, my endless praise.

* **Scripture:** *Matthew 3:1-10 (ESV)*

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¹*In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea,* ²*“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”* ³*For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,*

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord;

make his paths straight.’”

⁴*Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey.* ⁵*Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him,* ⁶*and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.*

⁷*But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?*

⁸*Bear fruit in keeping with repentance.* ⁹*And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham.* ¹⁰*Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *The Fruit of Repentance*

* **And Can It Be That I Should Gain?**

#260:1,3,4 (HFG)

And can it be that I should gain

An interest in the Savior's blood?

Died He for me, who caused His pain?

For me, who Him to death pursued?

Amazing love! How can it be

That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

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Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night.
Thine eye diffuse a quickening ray;
I woke – the dungeon flamed with light!
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

No condemnation now I dread:
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

* **God's Blessing**

* **We Receive Your Blessing**

We receive Your blessing, we receive Your grace,
As we walk in the light shining from Your face.
May the peace that You give change the way that we live.
We receive Your blessing as we leave this place.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him, above You heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and praise the Holy Ghost.
We receive Your blessing as we leave this place.

Worship services are broadcast live in the church basement for anyone who is unable to worship in the sanctuary. The sanctuary is equipped with an assistive listening system. Please switch hearing aids to "T" to use this system.

Pastor: Robert W

Prayer: Rob H, Roger P

Music: Ken & Lisa Q

Offering: Al & Julie serve in Belgium with Operation Mobilization, a mission organization working in over 100 countries to bring God's word to people who haven't heard it before. For more information go to www.om.org.

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The Fruit of Repentance

Matthew 3:1-10

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

The nature of repentance.

Fruitless repentance and fruitful repentance.

The joy of repentance.



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