

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Washed clean

"You are my beloved Son, with You I am well pleased." — **Mark 1:11b**

This is the antiphon verse for the Baptism of our Lord. The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River marked the beginning of His public ministry on earth. Did you realize that all four Gospels report the Baptism of Jesus? This should inform you that something significant has happened here.

This helps point you to the importance of this event. Martin Luther says this about Jesus' Baptism:

"[Christ] accepted it from John for the reason that he was entering into our stead, indeed, our person, that is, becoming a sinner for us, taking upon himself the sins which he had not committed, and wiping them out and drowning them in his holy baptism."

Then right after Jesus' Baptism, something happens that is remarkable and unexpected. You have the entire Trinity being revealed when the Father's voice declares Jesus to be His beloved Son and the Spirit descends upon Him.

Thanks be to God that Jesus is your substitute. You need not fear the wrath of God and His just punishment for your sins. For the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world has prepared the waters of Holy Baptism for you. You are washed clean by the blood of the Lamb. Jesus, the God-man, perfect, holy and sinless, was baptized just like every other sinner so that He would be identified with you, in order to provide you with His perfect righteousness.

Rejoice in your salvation, for you are baptized. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Lakeland Region Pastoral Counselor

LWML Minnesota North District 2018 Convention

June 18-20 • Bemidji

The keynote speaker will be Cynthia Khan (and a guest) from POBLO International Ministries. The Bible study leader is the Rev. Bruce Timm, pastor, Redeemer, St. Cloud.

The convention will be held at the Sanford Center and hosted by Park I region.

Convention activities include worship, breakout sessions, Mites in Action speakers, election of officers, establish-



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ingathering and much more! For more information, visit lwmlmnn.org.

Kettle River holds workshop

The Kettle River Zone Fall Workshop was held at Zion, Mora, on Oct. 26. Pictured are, from left, Victoria "Tori" Nerud, member of Lord of the Lakes Lutheran, Forest Lake; Carol Ann Sander, zone president and member of Trinity, Isle; and Joan Erickson, Zion LWML president. Tori was one of two district Young Woman Representatives who attended the LWML national convention in June. She and Carol Ann, Kettle River Zone delegate, gave presentations on the convention to the 55 attending the workshop.



Beautiful voices

The Lakeland I Region met at Zion, Alexandria, for the Regional Fall Rally on Oct. 13. The attendees were treated to several songs provided by the students of Zion Lutheran School.



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