

# **A Righteousness Not Our Own (Thank God)**

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The Baptism of Our Lord (1st Sun after the Epiphany)  
13 January, A.D. 2019  
Isa 43.1-7; Rom 6.1-11; Lk 3.15-22

## **Pre-Service Message**

### **Introduction**

#### **I. The Substitute**

##### **A. Jesus' Baptism**

Luke 3:21-22

Matthew 3:13-15(ESV)

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented.

##### **B. To Fulfill all Righteousness**

What does Jesus mean when he says, "Thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness"?

## 1. The Crowds Repenting to John

John the Baptist prepares the way for people to receive the Savior:

Luke 3:7–14 (ESV)

<sup>7</sup> He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?" <sup>8</sup> Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' [i.e., you're not right with God and forgiven just because you were born into this tribe."] For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>9</sup> 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." <sup>10</sup> And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" <sup>11</sup> And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise."

That is, faith—true faith—is active in \_\_\_\_\_. True faith \_\_\_\_\_ of sin and tries to do better.

<sup>12</sup> Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" <sup>13</sup> And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do."

What was one of the great sins of Roman tax collectors?



**Voters' Meeting  
January 27, 2019  
after Contemporary Worship in the Church**

**AGENDA**

***Mission: Reaching, Serving & Growing Disciples***

- A. Call to Order
- B. Opening Devotion
- C. Approval of Agenda/ Minutes from previous Voters' Meetings
- D. Committee Reports
  - 1. Board of Elders' Report  
a. Pastor's Parish Report
  - 2. New Member committee report
  - 3. Evangelism committee report
  - 4. Marketing/Publicity committee report
  - 5. Mission Outreach committee
  - 6. Stewardship committee report
  - 7. Education committee report  
a. School Principal Report
  - 8. Operations committee report
  - 9. Financial Oversight committee
  - 10. Endowment Fund committee report
- E. Treasurer's report
- F. Old Business
- G. New Business
  - 1. Nominations for Director of Parish Music
- H. Adjournment
- I. Closing Prayer



*2019 South Wisconsin District*  
**Passionate Believers Conference**  
**January 26, 2019**  
Divine Redeemer Lutheran Church & School - Hartland  
**“Joy:fully Lutheran - Rejoice, Pray, Give Thanks”**  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

**8:00 a.m. Registration**

**2:00 p.m. Closing**

For more conference information and to register visit [swd.lcms.org](http://swd.lcms.org)  
or contact Barb Slak at the South Wisconsin District Office.  
414-292-0745 • [slak@swd.lcms.org](mailto:slak@swd.lcms.org).

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**Keynote Presenter: Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison**

President of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



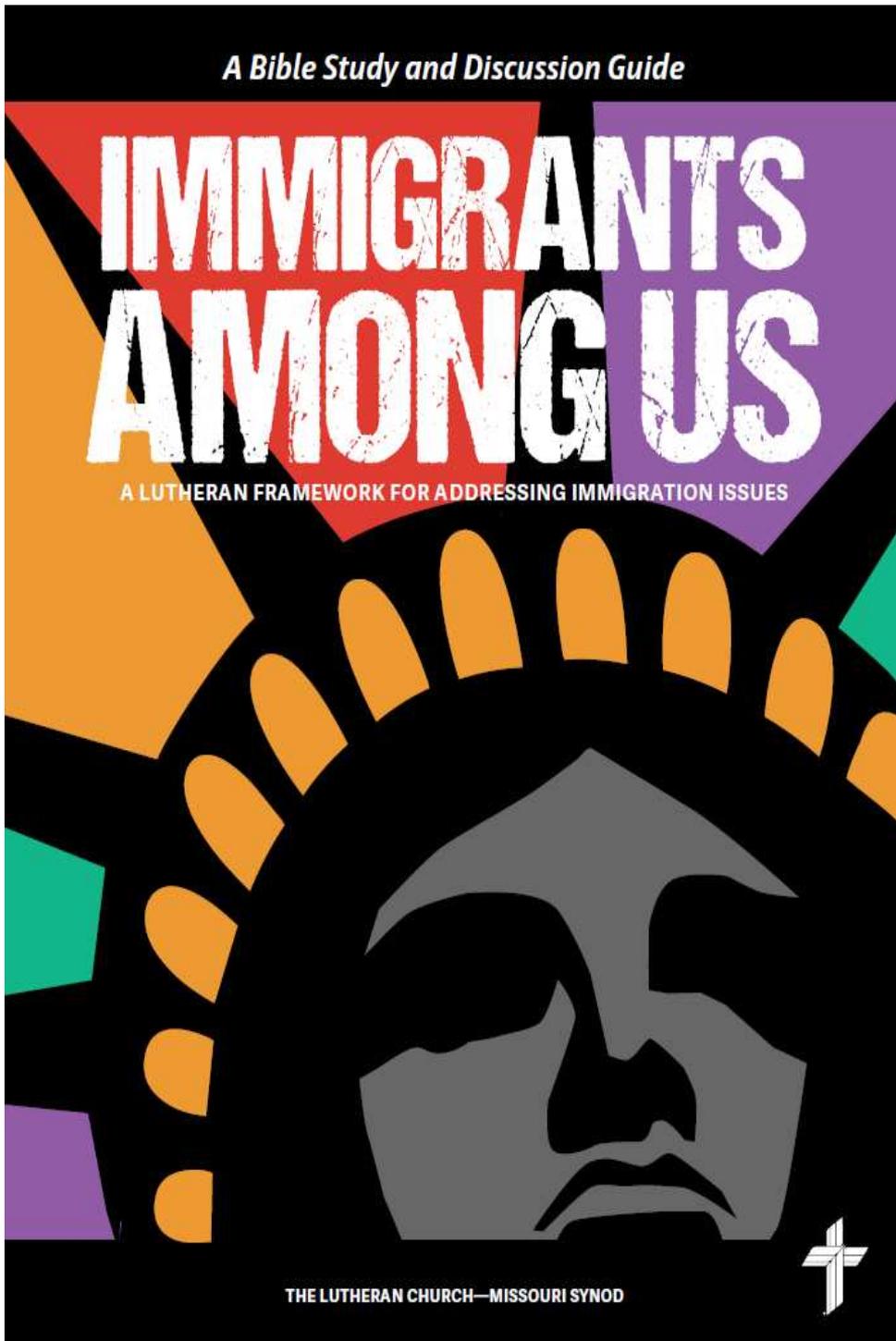
**Why Am I Joy:fully Lutheran?**

The Bible is brimming with joy! Despite the myriad challenges of life, the Word of God gives an extensive and fulsome cause for joy, and by grace actually renders the Christian joyous. As a faithful confession of God’s Word, Luther’s Small Catechism is also full of consolation and a tremendous cause for joy. The simple and sure clarity of the Bible, and especially the catechism’s clear confession of the Bible’s basic teachings, is the remedy for hurting and joyless souls.

*A Bible Study and Discussion Guide*

# IMMIGRANTS AMONG US

A LUTHERAN FRAMEWORK FOR ADDRESSING IMMIGRATION ISSUES



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD



# **New Adult Bible Study through February**

## **Sundays, 9:15 a.m.**

### **1: Immigrant Neighbors Past and Present.**

*Biblical teaching on loving our neighbor*

### **2: God's Law, Civil Law and the Neighbor**

*Obeying the Fourth and Fifth Commandments*

### **3: Living in God's Two Realms**

*Citizens of heaven and earth*

### **4: Who is My Neighbor?**

*Our vocation, or calling, to serve our neighbor*

The LORD is a God of justice *and* mercy. Not either/or (as our politics often is) but both/and. Join us at the beginning of the study or any time. It's a great opportunity to learn and



# Reformation Tap Society

Craft Beer \* Friendly Conversation \* Serious Theology

**Held at BrewFinity Brewery**

N58 W39800 Industrial Rd., Suite D  
Oconomowoc

What can be better than having a drink with friends, eating delicious food, and talking about things that are truly important?

**January 20, 2019**

**5:00 - 7:00 pm**

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**Your New Year's Resolution Matters (Really, it does)**

**Presenter: Rev. Doug Stowe, Hartford, WI**

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Kitchen will be open to  
order food off the menu



**Reformation**  
Tap Society

## Reformation Tap Society

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**Third Sundays**  
**5:00-7:00 pm**

# Babysitting is now available!

**WHERE:** St. Paul's Lutheran School  
210 E. Pleasant St.  
Oconomowoc, WI 53066

**TIME:** 4:30 – 7:30 pm

**COST:** Free will offering  
*Funds will go towards 2019 South Dakota Trip*

*Parents will need to supply snacks*

Please contact Mary Wangler at  
[marywangler@hotmail.com](mailto:marywangler@hotmail.com)  
and let her know if you plan to come.

<sup>14</sup> Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages."

What was one of great sins of the Roman soldier?

There is *always* the temptation to \_\_\_\_\_ the positions in our life for our own personal gain.

To whomever John said, "\_\_\_\_\_, for the Kingdom of God is near!"

## **2. Us**

Growing up and the 4th commandment...

A call to repentance for parents and children...

## **II. Baptism to Golgotha to the Right Hand**

Baptism of Jesus leads directly to the \_\_\_\_\_.  
"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

The Baptism of Jesus leads from there to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Dead. "Peace be with you."

The Baptism of Jesus leads to \_\_\_\_\_ Baptism.

CCT: In His Baptism Jesus graciously takes our place and leads us through death to \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Conclusion**

### **Philippians 3:7–11 (ESV)**

<sup>7</sup> But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— <sup>10</sup> that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.