

The Baptism of Our Lord

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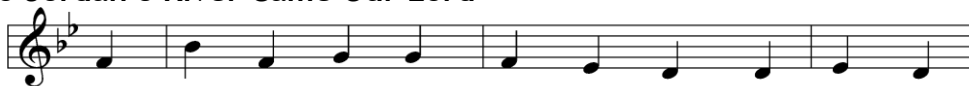
WELCOME. Dear Visitor! We are happy to have you join us for worship today. May the Lord speak to your heart and supply help for your life as we listen to God's Word. Please sign the Guest Book in the narthex or fill out a Welcome Card to place in the offering boxes and come back soon!

PRAYER AS WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP: Dear Father in heaven, thank You for this time set aside to worship You. Please help me today, through the liturgy, Bible readings, hymns, and spoken message, to be strengthened by You for daily living throughout the new Church Year. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements + please silence cell phones +

Prelude "Christ When For Us You Were Baptized" (Scottish/Pelz)

405 To Jordan's River Came Our Lord



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The Christ, whom
2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The Son of
3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And John bap -
4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came God's own



heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The God from God, the
God in flesh dis - guised— To stand be - neath the
tized the Lamb of God, The Ho - ly Spir - it,
voice with words pro - found: "This is My Son," was



Light from Light, The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.
Fa - ther's will And all His righ - teous - ness ful - fill.
heav'n - ly dove, De - scend - ed on Him from a - bove.
His de - cree, "The one I love, who pleas - es Me."

- 5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight Anointed Christ in glorious sight
As God's own choice, from Adam's fall To save the world and free us all.
- 6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute; This man is Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan's stream, Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

Stand

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Introit (sung by Cantor)

Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,*
my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

I will tell of | the decree:*

The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you.

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,*
and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.

You shall break them with a | rod of iron*
and dash them in pieces like a potter's | vessel."

Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;*
be warned, O rulers | of the earth.

Serve the | LORD with fear,*
and rejoice with | trembling,
for his wrath is quickly | kindled.*

Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,*
my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

Kyrie (sung by Congregation)

C Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis (sung)

P Glory be to God on high:

C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray. Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Choir Anthem (8:30) "The Baptism of Jesus" (Lovelace)

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

¹But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. ⁵Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. ⁶I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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Gradual (sung by Cantor)

Praise the LORD, all | nations!*

Extol him, all | peoples!

For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;*,
bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

Epistle

Romans 6:1–11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 3:15–22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reprovved by him for Herodias, his brother’s wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Children’s Message

594 God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It

Sermon

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Stand

Create in Me

C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Church & Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



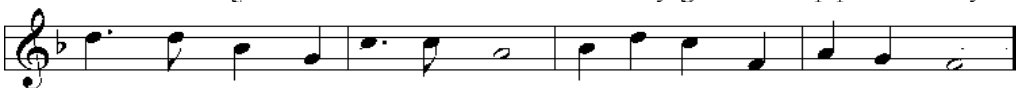
1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise. Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-ct, Priest, and King su-preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak-ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
4 Sun and moon shall dark-ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;
5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest-ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,
And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest;
Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
Christ will then like light - ning shine, All will see His glo - rious sign;
Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
All will then the trum - pet hear, All will see the Judge ap - pear;
That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
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An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
Thou by all wilt be con - fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.
And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

Silent Prayer

Postlude

“The Only Son From Heaven”

(German/J.S. Bach)

Offering - please place in offering boxes near sanctuary exits

This month we will be taking a special offering for our missionaries, Jim & Susan Kaiser, who are working on translating the Bible into Ethiopian with Lutheran Bible Translators. Special envelopes for this purpose are located in the pews and out in the narthex.

FAMILY PRAYERS: We pray for all those impacted by the wildfires in California. We pray for God's peace and comfort to be with the family and friends of our sister in Christ, Carol Doran, who passed away peacefully on the morning of January 1st. (*Her memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 1st at 11 am with a reception to follow.*) We continue to pray for all those undergoing medical care or recovering including: Dennis Neitzel (*in the hospital with Covid*) & his wife, Elaine (*also struggling with Covid*), Bob Donaldson, Jennifer Benson, Rosemarie Schlegel, Erik Simpson, Diane Clark, Lawrence Kettel, Linda Bruce, Deacon Tim Bruce, Tom & Bonita Hoskins, Dorothy Ludke, Bob Schoessler, Fred Swenson, Bob Barclay, Carolyn Stephens, Jean Collinson, Pat Skinner, Don Haas, Debbie Hayes, Larry Latson, Jean Gookins, Bruce Ludke, and for all our shut-ins. Missionaries of the month: Jim & Susan Kaiser with Lutheran Bible Translators. (*See new bulletin board display for more info on the Kaisers.*)

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given to God in gratitude for all His many blessings by Neil & Jackie Eklund.

THOSE SERVING TODAY: **Ushers:** (8:30) Bill Eichler, Roger Harmann; (11:00) Jerry & Diloy Ludke
Elder: (8:30) Norm Drewett & Jerry Walker; (11:00) Don Brueckner & Neil Eklund

Altar Care: Kathy Millar, Lila Duncan; **Greeters:** (8:30) Jim & Ann Jensen; (11:00) Terry & Sylvia Baxter

Counters: Jack & Deborah Long; **Lectors:** (8:30) Frank Jones; (11:00) Greta Kocol

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK: [Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 & 11 am]

TODAY: 9:45 – 10:45 am Coffee, Fellowship & Bible Study; Sunday School

MONDAY: 10– 12 Laundry Mission; 1 pm Line Dancing; **7 pm WEBS Group**

TUESDAY: 11 am LWML Board Meeting; 12 pm Guild Meeting; 3 pm Elders' Meeting

WEDNESDAY: 8:45 am Preschool Chapel; 6 pm Bells; 7:15 pm Choir; 12:30 Coffee with Me & Thee

THURSDAY: 7:30 am Men's Prayer; 10 am & 6:30 pm LWBS; 5-7 pm Women's AA Group

8:45 am & 12:30 pm Preschool Chapel



Our LWML collect "mites" or coins in the narthex the 1st Sunday of the month in support of national & District Mission Projects.

2025 OFFERING BOXES and CHURCH DIRECTORIES: are available in the narthex.

JANUARY BIBLE CLASS: Rev. Schmidt will be presenting from his new book, "The Last Kingdom Standing: Hope for a World in Crisis" between the services in the Fellowship Hall.

FEB./MAR NEWSLETTER: Items to be included in our next issue of Faith Hi-lights are due by next Sunday, Jan. 19th. faithnewsletter@hotmail.com or contact the church office.

WOMAN of FAITH: Please come to our monthly Guild meeting this Tues. at noon. Lunch will be provided. The next day, Coffee with Me & Thee will be at 12:30 at the Chestnut Cottage.

THANK YOU: The entire Stities family would like to thank the congregation for all the many cards, gifts and well wishes received this past Christmas and New Years's seasons.

As you pack away Christmas 2024, excess gifts & décor are welcome here as Donations for the 2025 Bazaar!

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