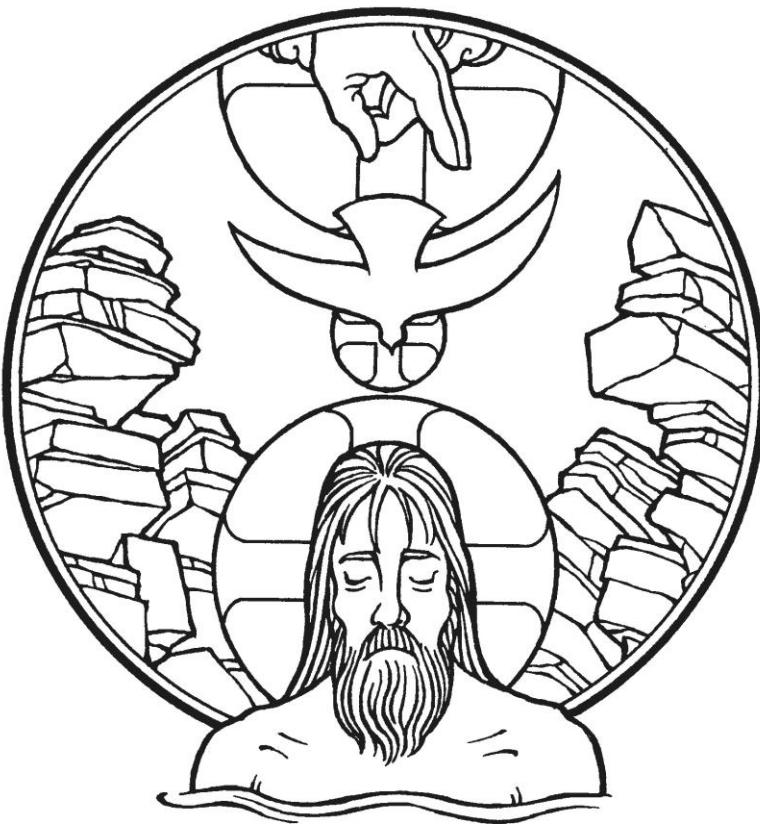


# THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



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**AS WE GATHER- THE TRIUNE GOD IS MANIFESTED AND REVEALS HIMSELF TO US IN HOLY BAPTISM-** The Baptism of our Lord is an “epiphany” of the one true God in the flesh and blood of Jesus. He is the chosen servant of the Lord, anointed with the Spirit for the rescue of God’s people to “bring forth justice to the nations” (Is. 42:1). Thus, He makes all things new, and He is given “as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations” (Is. 42:6). In the waters of the Jordan, He takes His place with sinners and takes all the sins of the world upon Himself. He undergoes the Baptism of repentance in order to “fulfill all righteousness” for us (Matt. 3:15). He submits Himself to the curse of sin and death in order to redeem us. We are baptized with a Baptism like His, thereby dying and rising with Him, so that “we will also live with him” (Rom. 6:8). Indeed, all of us who are baptized into Christ Jesus are anointed with His Spirit and named by His Father as beloved and well-pleasing sons and daughters.

**DIVINE SERVICE SETTING I**

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**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

**OPENING HYMN “ALL CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED” 596**

**† CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTION †**

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**† THE SERVICE OF THE WORD †**

**INTROIT**

**PSALM 2:7-11, 12C; ANTIphon: ISAIAH 42:1A**

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  
begotten you.**

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
    and the ends of the earth your possession.

**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 refuge in him.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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

**KYRIE**

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**HYMN OF PRAISE      "THIS IS THE FEAST"**

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**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**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.

**OLD TESTAMENT**

**ISAIAH 42:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup>He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. <sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup>"I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, <sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup>I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I

give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. <sup>9</sup>Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

PSALM 117:1-2A, 96:8

**Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

EPISTLE

ROMANS 6:1-11

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We 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. <sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We 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. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 3:13-17

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<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. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup>and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ

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**HYMN OF THE DAY**    "To JORDAN'S RIVER CAME OUR LORD"    405

**SERMON**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P** Lord, in your Mercy,

**C** Hear our Prayer.

**In Our Prayers:**

+ Scott Christenson	+ Tracy Albers
+ Andy Birkholz	+ Melanie Schoenfeld
+ Dan Gueningsman	+ Karen Strei
+ Maya Radtke	+ Earl Wendorf
+ Jeremy Radtke	+ Angela Litzau
+ Darian Litzau	+ Hillard Klaustermeier
+ Robin Lueck	+ Call Process for Associate Pastor

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**    "O MORNING STAR, HOW FAIR AND BRIGHT" vs. 2    395

**† SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †**    **P. 160-164**

The Sacrament is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His true body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation, to repentant, reconciled believers in Christ. Our Lord Jesus invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us (Matt. 26:26-28; 1Cor. 11:23-29; Matt.6:15).

We practice closed communion. Why? (1 Cor. 10:16-17). Because our Lord says those who eat and drink His body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm. If not yet instructed, in doubt, or holding a

confession differing from that of the LCMS, you are lovingly asked not to commune at this time. Pastor is happy to make an appointment to discuss adult catechesis or questions you have regarding the Sacrament of the Altar.

**Examination Questions:** Please prepare by asking yourself — Am I sorry for my sins? Do I believe in Jesus Christ as my Savior from sin? Do I believe that I am receiving the body and blood of Christ along with the bread and wine? Will I try, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to live a more God-pleasing life?

Prayers for “Before communing” and “Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament” are printed on the front cover of the hymnal.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

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## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

<u>Attendance Last Week</u>
Sunday: 129
Bible Study: 11
Sunday School: N/A

<u>Organist:</u> Lynn Mueller
<u>Scripture Reader:</u> Darlene Schmidt

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**1. BABY SHOWER:** Join the Board of Education TODAY Sunday, January 11th 11:30am-1pm in fellowship hall to celebrate parents-to-be Ellie and Ben and soon-to-be sister Jane who are expecting twins (a boy and a girl). A light lunch will be served. Items needed: all sizes boy clothing, bottles, diapers or gift cards for diapers. A gift registry is available on Amazon (scan the QR code on the invitation posted in the education wing or email [tracy.peterson4@yahoo.com](mailto:tracy.peterson4@yahoo.com) for the link).

**2. SANDWICH MINISTRY-** Our monthly Sandwich Making event will take place on Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am in the church basement. Everyone is welcome to help with this service event.

**3. ANCHOR POINT-** We have a new **after-school program until 5:00 PM** on Mondays for 7-12 graders in the new year. We want to provide a safe space for our youth to be youth and for them to have ownership in something together. Please share! Thank you! This will be led by Pastor Barlau and Pastor Arndt.

**4. ANNUAL MEETING-**All communicant members of legal voting age are encouraged to attend the Annual Voters Meeting on Thursday, January 22 at 7:00 PM.

**5. OFFERING ENVELOPES-** Please dispose of any 2025 or older offering envelopes and do not use. Use of old envelopes may result in someone else receiving credit for your contribution.

**6. 2026 ENVELOPES-** Any offering envelope received without being clearly marked on the front as otherwise, will be assumed to be intended for the General Fund.

**7. 2026 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:** Details for the 2026 scholarship program are being reviewed. Please watch for more information in the February lamplighter and church bulletins.

**8. MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER-** ACT will be going on a mission trip this summer to Camp Luther Haven in Indiana and will be helping to provide a Christian camp experience to international children living in the Midwest. To help support the Mission, ACT will be selling Unhinged take-and-bake pizzas starting in January. Pizzas will be delivered on Super Bowl Sunday, February 8, at both services. Order forms can be found and returned on the table in the Upper Narthex, or from one of our students attending Camp Luther Haven!

**9. POTLUCK UPDATE-** We made a major fumble! Due to a national event involving football, snacks, and loud cheering, our church potluck has been rescheduled to Sunday, February 8 at 11:30 (after second service). Ovens will be on warm if you would like to drop food before attending service. Tableware and drinks will be provided, so just bring your favorite dish to share. We look forward to a time of good food, great conversation, and meaningful fellowship—we hope you'll join us.

**10. LWML PRAYER SERVICE-** The congregation is invited to the LWML Prayer Service, P.R.A.Y.E.R. (Praise, Remember, Ask, Yield, Excitement, Rejoice), on February 2 at 6:30 p.m. This service is dedicated to Shirley Dibb who served the Lord with unwavering faith and a devoted heart.

**11. MEAL TRAIN-** A meal train has been set up for the Schulteis Family. What is Meal Train? There are times in our lives when friends and family ask, "What can I do to help out?" The answer is usually to help them with a meal. When many friends provide support through a meal, Meal Train keeps everyone organized. Please use this link to visit the meal train sign up for the Schulteis family: <https://mealtrain.com/8nzej4>

**12. THRIVENT**-Thank you to everyone that directs their Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church. This month we received \$36.00. Please see Fred Holasek or Julie Dial if you have questions on where your contribution can be used.

**13. SCHEDULE-** *January 18:* Ushers: 1<sup>st</sup> Service- Adam Birkholz, Todd Ruschmeyer, Jacob Ross, Fred Holasek; 2<sup>nd</sup> Service: Mike Lee, Gary Kosek, Ben Schulteis, Mavrik Kosek; Acolytes: 1<sup>st</sup> Service- T. Herrmann, L. Dressler; 2<sup>nd</sup> Service: M. Schauer, L. Schauer; Greeters- 1<sup>st</sup> Service: Jim Klaustermeier; 2<sup>nd</sup> Service: Gary & Larisa Kosek; Scripture Reader: Evelyn Dial; Flowers: Audrey Litzau; Altar Guild: Jen Bebo and Beth Foust; Worship Bags: Elaine Peterson

### *Calendar of Events*

Sun. Jan 11	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. <b>10:30 a.m.</b> 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	<b>WORSHIP WITH CONT. LINE COMM.</b> Sun. School/Adult Bible Study/ACT <b>WORSHIP WITH CONT. LINE COMM.</b> Baby Shower for Ellie Endowment Committee Meeting
Mon. Jan 12	3:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Release Time Classes Anchor Point (Gr. 7-12) Elders Meeting Council Meeting
Tues. Jan 13	7:00 p.m.	Call Committee Meeting
Wed. Jan 14	Noon	Deadline for Bulletin Release Time/Confirmation Classes
Thurs. Jan 15	8:30 a.m.	Sandwich Ministry
<b>Sun. Jan 18</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> 9:15 a.m. <b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION</b> Sun. School/Adult Bible Study/ACT <b>WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION</b>