

# *The Baptism of Our Lord*

January 11, 2026

*Divine Service, Setting Four*

Word of Welcome

Prelude

Hymn #605: Father Welcomes

Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

P: In the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: **Amen.**

Exhortation

P: Our help is in the name of the LORD,  
C: **who made heaven and earth.**  
P: If You, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**  
P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

*A moment of silent reflection*

Absolution

*[John 20:19-23]*

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Introit

Psalm 89:1, 26-28; antiphon: Liturgical Text; Psalm 89:20

L: Behold the Lord, the ruler, has come,  
C: **and the kingdom and the power and the glory are in His hand.**  
L: I have found David, My servant;  
C: **with My holy oil I have anointed Him.**  
L: I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;  
C: **with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all generations.**  
L: He shall cry to Me, "You are My Father,  
C: **My God, and the rock of my salvation."**  
L: And I will make Him the firstborn,  
C: **the highest of the kings of the earth.**  
L: My steadfast love I will keep for Him forever,  
C: **and My covenant will stand firm for 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.**

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Kyrie

Mark 10:47



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis (sung)

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

**To God on high be glory; And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven; Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—**

**For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: 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: Joshua 3:1-3, 7-8, 13-17 (ESV)

Then Joshua rose early in the morning and they set out from Shittim. And they came to the Jordan, he and all the people of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over. At the end of three days the officers went through the camp and commanded the people, "As soon as you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God being carried by the Levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place and follow it. . . .

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. And as for you, command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, 'When you come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.' . . .

"And when the soles of the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off from flowing, and the waters coming down from above shall stand in one heap."

So when the people set out from their tents to pass over the Jordan with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, and as soon as those bearing the ark had come as far as the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the brink of the water (now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest), the waters coming down from above stood and rose up in a heap very far away, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, and those flowing down toward the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. And the people passed over opposite Jericho. Now the priests bearing the ark of

the covenant of the LORD stood firmly on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all Israel was passing over on dry ground until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan.

L: This is the Word of the LORD.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 (ESV)**

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17 (ESV)**

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

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

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. 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; and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Nicene Creed**

**Hymn #594: God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It (tune: LSB #420)**

**Sermon**

**Offertory (sung)**

*Psalm 51:10-12*

*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.*

**Offering from God's People**

**Stewardship Prayer**

**Heavenly Father, You have given us so many gifts of worldly goods and resources, but Your greatest gift to us is Jesus, who came to give us eternal life with You, through His life, death, resurrection, and ascension. Help us to see in Him that it is truly more blessed to give than to receive, that we may not hoard for ourselves either worldly goods or the message of the Gospel, but rather freely share them so that others too can know the blessing of Your Fatherly love. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen**

**Prayer of the Church**

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

**Lord's Prayer (8:00)**

(8:00) The service will conclude with the Benediction.

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(10:45) The service continues with the Service of the Sacrament.

## Preface

P: The Lord be with you.  
P: Lift up your hearts.  
P: Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.  
P: It is truly good, right, and salutary...  
... we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136

C: **And also with you.**  
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**  
C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## Sanctus (sung)

**Holy, holy, holy LORD God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

## Lord's Prayer

## The Words of Institution

## Pax Domini

John 20:19

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

## Agnus Dei (sung)

John 1:29

1. **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**
2. **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

## Distribution Hymns

1. #631: Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face
2. #374: Gentle Mary Laid Her Child
3. #385: From East to West

## Nunc Dimittis (*stand to sing*)

Luke 2:29-32

**O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

## Dismissal & Post-Communion Prayer

## Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

P: Let us bless the LORD.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Benediction

## Hymn #590: Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

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