The Baptism of Our Lord
January 7, 2024

As he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him.
Mark 1:10, NRSV

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Welcome, we are happy to have you here!

- Welcome to worship! We are glad you are here. If we can do anything to serve you, please speak with an usher, deacon, or Pastor Mueller.
- Today’s service will include Holy Communion. Those who communion share the confession of this congregation and the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. The following is what we confess together: “I have been baptized in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. I confess and repent of my sin. I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior and my Lord. I believe that Christ’s body and blood are truly present in, with, and under the bread and the wine of Holy Communion. I believe that in this Sacrament God gives me the forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and salvation." Children and adults not receiving the Sacrament are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you are still learning about our confession, or if you hold a different confession, Pastor Mueller looks forward to speaking with you further about the blessings of the Lord’s Supper.
- We encourage families to worship with their children. There are blue binders with paper and crayons on the bookcase at the back of the Sanctuary for use during the service.
- Our Guests are invited to complete a worship card (found in the pew pocket), including prayer requests. Members are asked to use the worship card for prayer requests and updating contact information. Cards will be gathered by the ushers after the Gospel reading. Due to privacy concerns, we ask that, if possible, permission be granted by the person for whom a prayer is requested. Thank you.
- Please silence your cell phones.
- We use the Lutheran Service Book for Liturgy and Hymns during the service - referenced as “LSB.” Unless otherwise noted lyrics are projected on the screen.
Based on Divine Service LSB “Setting 4” page 203

+ Preparation +

As We Gather
A new season in the Church Year begins today. Following Advent hope and Christmas joy in the Savior born for us, we enter Epiphany, which can be summed up with words such as revealing, shining forth, and manifestation. The Word we hear today is fitting as epiphanies are things the Lord has done since the beginning of time. The first creation was light shining forth on the first day. From that day of creation, to the fall into sin, to the first promise of the Savior, God has shone His light and enabled His people to see and know what is needed. As the time was right for Jesus to begin His earthly ministry, it began with His Baptism. With John the Baptist in the Jordan River, the Lord reveals and shines forth the manifestation of the Word made flesh for us when He says: “You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased” (Mark 1:11).

Welcome

Call to Worship - Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8
P Praise the LORD, all nations!
C Extol Him, all peoples!
P For great is His steadfast love toward us,
C and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
P Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;
C bring an offering, and come into His courts!

LSB #395 vs 1-4 “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”
As we hear the invocation, we remember our Baptism into Christ.

Invocation

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

Confession and Absolution

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

P  Christ our Lord says, “If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them.” Do you believe that the absolution I now speak is not my own?
C  We do.
P  May God strengthen your faith. Hear the word of Jesus’ absolution: 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. Amen.

The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.

C  Amen.

P  Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

C  for His steadfast love endures forever.

**Kyrie** *(sung, sung LSB page 204)*

C  Lord, have mercy.
   Christ, have mercy.
   Lord, have mercy.

**Gloria in Excelsis** *(sung, LSB page 204)*

C  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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Let us pray. Lord God, buried with Christ by His Baptism into
death, and assured of being raised with Him,
C fill us with Your Spirit that claimed as Your own child,
welcomed into Your family, washed clean from our sins, given
the gift of faith, and joined together with Jesus, we may walk
in newness of life;
P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Old Testament – Genesis 1:1-5

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Epistle – Romans 6:1-11

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse (sung, LSB page 205)

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
These things are written that you may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Holy Gospel – Mark 1:4-11
P  This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C  Praise to You, O Christ.

P  Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
C  for His steadfast love endures forever

Children’s Message

(Please pass completed worship cards to the side aisles.)

LSB #405 “To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”

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Sermon: “In the Water”
Text: Mark 1:4-11
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Apostles’ Creed
C  I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
     Maker of heaven and earth.
     And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was
     conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
     suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was
     buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose
     again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the
     right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will
     come to judge the living and the dead.
     I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the
     communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection
     of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Prayer of the Church
+ Service of the Sacrament +

Preface

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (sung LSB page 208)

C 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving
Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At His Baptism, He began His journey to redeem the world, taking away our sin by His bloody sacrifice on the cross. By His resurrection, He has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. As we receive His holy body and blood in this Sacrament, confirm the faith You Yourself have implanted in us and empower us by Your love and the hope of glory.

Hear us as we pray in His name as He has taught us:

**Lord's Prayer**

C *Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

**The Words of Our Lord**

P *Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”*

P *In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”*

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

C *Amen.*
Agnus Dei (sung LSB page 210)

C  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.

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

Please follow the usher’s directions. Those who are able are invited to kneel at the railing. Hold your hand up to receive the host; this assists the Pastor or Deacon to recognize those desiring to commune. If you would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms. Individual cups of wine (red) or non-alcoholic wine (white – in the center of the tray) will be offered or you may take the common cup. Please assist by taking the cup to your lips. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Following the blessing, you may deposit your cup in the collection bowl located by each side aisle before returning to your seat.

LSB #832 “Jesus Shall Reign”
LSB #642 “O Living Bread From Heaven”

Nunc Dimittis (sung LSB page 211)

C  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.

P Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
C for His steadfast love endures forever

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction

A Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
C Amen.

LSB #397“As with Gladness Men of Old”

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.
Readings for Next Sunday January 14, 2024
1Samuel 3:1-10, 1Corinthians 6:12-20, John 1:43-51:

Sunday Adult Education Class 10:30 - 11:30 am

Today – Daniel 1 led by Jim Raguse
January 14 – Daniel 2 led by Jim Raguse

Elementary Sunday School

Today – God sends Manna and Quail led by Jan Stemple
January 14 – God Gives the Ten Commandments led by Jan Stemple
ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLAT SHEETS NEEDED for QUILTING – The Quilt Group needs Queen or King sized new or used, printed, or plain colored bed sheets (except flannel) for use as quilt backs. Please donate flat sheets only. The sheets may be placed on the table in the quilting room. Thank you for considering donating. Questions? Please talk to Kathy Peterson.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available on a table in the Narthex. Contact Semie Wilson or Janet Broadus if you have any questions or concerns.

2023–2025 Mission Grant No. 4 FORTIFYING FAITH IN THOSE WITH VISION IMPAIRMENT Lutheran Braille Workers | $100,000 - Lutheran Braille Workers freely supplies large print and braille materials for blind and visually impaired people around the world. The $100,000 LWML grant, Fortifying Faith in Those with Vision Impairment, will help in developing, formatting, producing, and distributing fifty to one hundred new Scripture-based and theologically related materials to people in need around the world. To learn more, visit lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-4. Check out the LWML table in the narthex for further information and a donation box for your mites.

ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL resumes TODAY! Come join us as we learn about how God led His people through the wilderness and how He guides us today!

ADULT BIBLE CLASS will start a new study of the book of Daniel TODAY. All are welcome to join us as we dive into one of the Bible’s most unique books!
ARROWHEAD-INGLEMOOR PRESCHOOL is hosting their Open House for new families on Saturday, January 20th from 10 am - 12 noon. Please pass this information on to any young families that you know so that they can come tour the space and meet the teachers! Flyers will be available in early January.

PLEASE HELP take down and put away the Christmas decorations on Saturday, January 13 at 9:00am. Many hands help make light work! Any questions please contact Vada Besch or Alanna.

EVENTS COMING UP THIS WEEK: Quilting (Tue 9:30a), Women’s Bible Study (Wed 9:30a), Social Ministries (Wed 11:30a), Men’s Breakfast (Sat 7:30a).
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