

*And a voice came  
from heaven,  
“You are my Son,  
the Beloved;  
with you I am  
well pleased.”*

*Mark 1:11, NRSV*



## **FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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## As We Gather

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. Such a day is also a good time to remember our own Baptism. In Baptism, we are buried with Christ. We are united with Him in a death like His. In Baptism, we are also raised to new life as re-creations. As we are united to Christ in death, we will also be united with Him in resurrection when He returns and raises the dead.

## Prelude

## WORDS OF WELCOME

### Opening Hymn LSB 602

### The Gifts Christ Freely Gives



1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He gives to you and me  
2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;  
3 The gifts of grace and peace From ab - so - lu - tion flow;  
4 The gifts are there each day The ho - ly Word is read;  
6 All glo - ry to the One Who lav - ish - es such love;



To be His Church, His bride, His cho - sen, saved and free!  
New life He gives that makes Us His and His a - lone.  
The pas - tor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know.  
God's chil - dren lis - ten, hear, Re - ceive, and they are fed.  
The tri - une God in love As - sures our life a - bove.



Saints blest with these rich gifts Are chil - dren who pro - claim  
Here He for - gives our sins With wa - ter and His Word;  
For - give - ness that we need Is grant - ed to us there;  
Christ fills them with Him - self, Blest words that give them life,  
His means of grace for us Are gifts He loves to give;



That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.  
The tri - une God Him - self Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.  
The Lord of mer - cy sends Us forth in His blest care.  
Re - stor - ing and re - fresh - ing Them for this world's strife.  
All thanks and praise for His Great love by which we live!

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## Invocation

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

## Opening Sentences

*Genesis 1:1–2; Psalm 29:3–4*

- P** In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.  
**C** **And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.**
- P** And God said, "Let there be light."  
**C** **The voice of the Lord is over the waters.**
- P** The voice of the Lord is powerful.  
**C** **The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**
- P** The voice of the Lord reveals Jesus as His Son.  
**C** **The voice of the Lord reveals we are His children too.**

## Confession and Absolution

- P** In Holy Baptism, each of us was baptized into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. In Baptism, we were united with Christ. Yet, we have often lived as if we were entirely independent and autonomous. We have lived as if our identity were not in Jesus, but in our own selfish desires. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to turn back to Him and ask for His forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection.*

- P** Heavenly Father,  
**C** **we confess that we are by nature sinful and have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. On account of Jesus, forgive us, renew us, and unite us to Your name.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you. In Baptism, you were united to Christ in both His death and resurrection. You were buried with Him, but also raised to walk in newness of life. 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. We are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.**

## WORD

### Introit

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

**P** I will tell of the decree:  
**C** **The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.**

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

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

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

**P** Serve the LORD with fear,  
**C** **and rejoice with trembling,**

**P** for his wrath is quickly kindled.  
**C** **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.**

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

### Kyrie

**C** **Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.**

### Hymn of Praise LSB 601

### All Who Believe and Are Baptized



1 All who be - lieve and are bap - tized Shall see the Lord's sal - va - tion;  
2 With one ac - cord, O God, we pray: Grant us Your Ho - ly Spir - it.



Bap - tized in - to the death of Christ, They are a new cre - a - tion.  
Help us in our in - fir - mi - ty Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it.



Through Christ's re-demp-tion they shall stand A - mong the glo-rious,  
Grant us to grow in grace each day That by this sac - ra -



heav'n - ly band Of ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion.  
ment we may E - ter - nal life in - her - it.

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## Salutation

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

## Collect

- P** 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

## Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

## Romans 6:1-11

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

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. 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. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So 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.**

**Praise Team** (11am only)

**The Brightness of God's Glory**

### Verse

**P** Alleluia. You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia.

### Holy Gospel

**Mark 1:4-11**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

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

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him 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 to You, O Christ.**

### 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.  
 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.

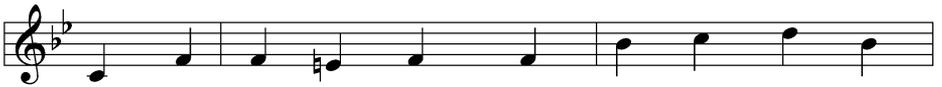
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy Christian Church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Sermon Hymn LSB 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."

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.

Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;  
 This man is Christ, our substitute!  
 He was baptized in Jordan's stream,  
 Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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## Prayer of the Church

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Dear heavenly Father, in the Jordan River, You revealed Jesus to be Your beloved Son. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

**C** **reveal Your grace to us.**

**P** Lord, strengthen all those who have been baptized, especially those who have been baptized recently, with Your heavenly protection. Lead them to find their true identity in You as Your beloved sons and daughters. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

**C** **reveal Your grace to us.**

**P** Lord, comfort all those who are suffering in grief, [*especially . . .*]. Console them with the sure and certain hope that just as we have been united with Christ in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

**C** **reveal Your grace to us.**

**P** Lord, give courage to all those who live in conflict with their family members, especially regarding differences of faith. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

**C** **reveal Your grace to us.**

**P** Lord, bless all pastors, church planters, missionaries, and servants in Your Church who proclaim Your Word and administer Your Sacraments. Embolden them to seek and to save the lost and bring those who have strayed back into Your family. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

**C** **reveal Your grace to us.**

**P** Lord, place Your healing hand upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially . . .*]. Have mercy upon them, and lead them on the path to health according to Your will. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

**C** **reveal Your grace to us.**

**P** Lord, we commend all these things to You in the name of Your beloved Son, Jesus. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

**C** **reveal Your grace to 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.

### Benediction

**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 † give you peace.

**G** Amen.

### Closing Hymn LSB 568

### If Your Beloved Son, O God



1 If Your be - lov - ed Son, O God, Had not to earth de -  
 2 But now I find sweet peace and rest; De - spair no more reigns  
 3 I trust in Him with all my heart; Now all my sor - row  
 4 All righ-teous-ness by works is vain; The Law brings con - dem -  
 △ 5 My guilt, O Fa - ther, You have laid On Christ, Your Son, my



scend - ed And in our mor-tal flesh and blood Had not sin's  
 o'er me. No more am I by sin op-pressed, For Christ has  
 ceas - es. His words a - bid-ing peace im - part; His blood from  
 na - tion. True righ-teous-ness by faith I gain; Christ's work is  
 Sav - ior. Lord Je - sus, You my debt have paid And gained for



pow - er end - ed, Then this poor, wretch-ed soul of mine In  
 borne sin for me. Up - on the cross for me He died That,  
 guilt re - leas - es. Free grace through Him I now ob - tain; He  
 my sal - va - tion. His death, that per - fect sac - ri - fice, Has  
 me God's fa - vor. O Ho - ly Spir - it, Fount of grace, The



hell e - ter - nal-ly would pine Be - cause of my trans-gres - sion.  
 rec - on-ciled, I might a - bide With You, my God, for - ev - er.  
 wash-es me from ev - 'ry stain, And pure I stand be - fore Him.  
 paid the all - suf - fi - cient price; In Him my hope is an - chored.  
 good in me to You I trace; In faith and hope pre - serve me.

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# Announcements

## Dismissal

**P** Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**G** Thanks be to God.

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