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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 8, 2023

Welcome: We are glad that you are here or are watching our worship service online. May you be blessed through this time of worship. We pray you find today's service a source of encouragement and strength. *Offerings are received at the door as you enter or leave. Please take a moment to complete an attendance registration slip found in the pew rack and return it in the offering plates also.*

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord 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, that they may show forth His death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

For those desiring to receive the sacrament using the common cup (large chalice), it is offered at the 8:00 a.m. service in addition to the individual cups. Those with special dietary needs such as gluten free or alcohol free are encouraged to speak with the pastor.

Lectionary Summary: 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.

Order of Worship
Divine Service Setting 1 LSB 151

Prelude

Welcome and Greeting Time

Ringling of the Bell

♪ **Opening Hymn: “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”** *LSB 394 sts. 1, 2, 5*

- 1** Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
Manifested by the star To the sages from afar,
Branch of royal David’s stem In Thy birth at Bethlehem:
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
- 2** Manifest at Jordan’s stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
And at Cana wedding guest In Thy Godhead manifest;
Manifest in pow’r divine, Changing water into wine;
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
- 5** Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Present in Thy holy Word—
Grace to imitate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;
That we might become like Thee At Thy great epiphany
And may praise Thee, ever blest, God in man made manifest.

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Stand

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

C Amen.


P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

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

Ps. 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Is. 42:1a

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

C I will tell of the decree: 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, and the ends of the earth your possession.

C You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

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

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

P for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.


C 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, my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

Kyrie

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

 **C** Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

 **C** Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

 **C** Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

✪C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

✪C **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise “Gloria in Excelsis”

LSB 154

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

✪C **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

✪C **And also with you.**

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.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42:1–9

¹Behold 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. ²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.

⁵Thus 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: ⁶“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, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. ⁹Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

♪ **C** Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:13–17

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

♪ **C** Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And 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; ¹⁷and 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.

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.

Sit

Children's Message

♪Sermon Hymn: “To Jordan's River Came Our Lord” *LSB 405*

- 1 To Jordan's river came our Lord, The Christ, whom heav'nly hosts adored,
The God from God, the Light from Light,
The Lord of glory, pow'r, and might.
- 2 The Savior came to be baptized—The Son of God in flesh disguised—
To stand beneath the Father's will And all His righteousness fulfill.
- 3 As Jesus in the Jordan stood And John baptized the Lamb of God,
The Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove, Descended on Him from above.
- 4 Then from God's throne with thund'rous sound
Came God's own voice with words profound:
“This is My Son,” was His decree, “The one I love, who pleases 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.**

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Sermon "To Fulfill All Righteousness"

Pastor Buchhorn

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Preface

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.

✠ **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

✠ **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

✠ **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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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

LSB 161

✠ **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:**

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as

He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

LSB 162

Pax Domini

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

♪C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 163

♪C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

*Those with mobility issues who would prefer to receive the sacrament at the pew are encouraged to remain standing at the conclusion of the Agnus Dei.
Those coming to the altar will be welcomed and dismissed half table by half table.
It is helpful to fill the table from the wall toward the middle on both sides.
Used individual cups can be left in the holes in the altar rail.*

Distribution Hymns

♪ “Beautiful Savior”

LSB 537

- 1 **Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**
- 2 **Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.**
- 3 **Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.**
- 4 **Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!**

♪ “O Love, How Deep”

LSB 544 ss 1-6

- 1 **O love, how deep, how broad, how high, Beyond all thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take Our mortal form for mortals' sake!**
- 2 **He sent no angel to our race, Of higher or of lower place,
But wore the robe of human frame, And to this world Himself He came.**
- 3 **For us baptized, for us He bore His holy fast and hungered sore;
For us temptation sharp He knew; For us the tempter overthrew.**
- 4 **For us He prayed; for us He taught; For us His daily works He wrought,
By words and signs and actions thus Still seeking not Himself but us.**
- 5 **For us by wickedness betrayed, For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death; For us He gave His dying breath.**

- 6 For us He rose from death again; For us He went on high to reign;
For us He sent His Spirit here To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.**

Stand

Post-Communion Canticle “Thank the Lord”

LSB 164

- ♪G Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Post-Communion Collect

- P** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Benediction

LSB 166

- 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.

Sit

♪Closing Hymn: “Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered” *LSB 404 (to tune Hyfrydol 700)*

- 1 Jesus, once with sinners numbered, Had no blemish of His own;
In the waters of the Jordan His true worth and work were shown:
Heaven opened and the Spirit There descended like a dove,
As the Father’s voice resounded, “Hear My Son, the One I love.”**
- 2 John confessed Him as the Savior— “Look, the sinless Lamb of God!”
Yet he dared not loose the sandals Of the One God’s love had shod.
Oh, how fair the feet of Jesus, Bringing news of peace to us,
Christ, the herald of salvation, Preaching mercy from the cross:**
- 3 This the baptism that our Savior Greatly longed to undergo;
This the crimson cleansing needed So the world God’s love might know;**

**This the mission of Messiah As He stepped from Jordan's stream,
He, the chosen and anointed Son of God, sent to redeem.**

- 4 Jesus, once with sinners numbered, Full obedience was Your path;
You, by death, have consecrated Water in this saving bath:
Dying to the sin of Adam, Rising to a life of grace;
We are counted with the righteous, Over us the cross You trace.**

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NEWS AND NOTES

WE REJOICE with the following members of Grace who are celebrating this week.

BIRTHDAYS: Amber Nelson, Violet Maturey, Kara Heaton, Taven Ocampo, Casey Junck, Katie Mathieson, Sadi Fredrickson, Brian Bebee, Cory Erxleben, Beckett Foote, Kurt Janke, Maddux Heithold & Nancy Niemann

ANNIVERSARIES: Bob & Nancy Sutton

LAST WEEK our offerings were \$6,107.

NURSERY: A nursery room has been created to help parents with young children. The nursery is located in the first room west of the upstairs fellowship hall. Please feel welcome to use the room to quiet your child.

PARENTS OF LITTLE CHILDREN: Books which your children may enjoy are available in book bags located near the doors at the east end of the sanctuary. Please return the books after the worship service. Thank you.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS: Today we resume our overview of the basic teachings of the Christian Church from a Lutheran perspective. The class meets in the basement after the Sunday School opening at 9:15.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: This week in our continued study of 2 Kings we move from one of the best kings to one of the worst. Join us as we learn more about Manasseh. The class meets at 9:00 in the large meeting room upstairs.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES have been distributed in your church mailbox for those making use of them. If you cannot locate your envelopes, please contact the church office.

LUTHERAN HOUR: "Gifts to Share" -- Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler -- A body of water becomes stagnant when there is no outflow. The same could be said of us. Hear the "Lutheran Hour" message on KTCH AM next Sunday at 7:30 am.

LUTHERAN HOUR SPONSORS are needed for 2023. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast, please contact the church office. Broadcasts are \$20.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: This week in our Christian education time, we discuss "Claimed and Tested." At Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan River, the heavens open, the Spirit descends, and the Father speaks: "You are My beloved Son" (Luke 3:22). Jesus goes from the waters of Baptism to the wilderness, where He faces a series of temptations from the devil. Jesus resists each one as He speaks the truth of God's Word against the lies of Satan. Ask one another, "How can we use God's Word as we defend our faith?"

YOUTH ICE SKATING AND SLEDDING: Our Youth will be going to Sioux City January 21st. We will meet at church at 9am to travel to Cone Park. It is \$10 for both ice skating and sledding rental. Or if we have 25 people attend, we can rent the entire space for a private event at \$250. We will also eat a late lunch which is not included in this amount, and then we hope to be home by 5pm in the afternoon. Please RSVP as soon as possible by going to [Bit.ly/YouthSkating](https://bit.ly/YouthSkating)

COLLEGE SUNDAY NIGHT DINNERS: The schedule for our College Sunday Night Dinners has been posted and we would love for you to sign up to host a meal or two. Our students are truly blessed by you each semester, and not only can you sign up to provide food, but you can come join us down at Cup of Grace for Bible Studies, and Fellowship! The more we get to know these students the more we can help them feel welcome in our congregation. God bless you this year and thanks again for all of your support!

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES: Depression is associated with many things, but weak faith is not one of them. Martin Luther himself struggled with depression as did many of our other church leaders. If you are feeling depressed, please don't suffer alone. Luther had the right idea five hundred years ago when he said, "Solitude produces melancholy. When we are alone the worst and saddest things come to mind. We reflect in detail upon all sorts of evils. And if we have encountered adversity in our lives, we dwell upon it as much as possible, magnify it, think that no one is so unhappy as we are, and imagine the worse possible consequences." Reach out and talk to someone you trust. Your pastor and your team of Lutheran Family Service counselors are here for you, regardless of where you live. Lutheran Family Service - www.LutheranFamilyService.org

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Don & Lisa Nelson (10:30)

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY

8:00 am. Worship/Communion
9:15 am. Sunday School & Bible Class
10:30 am. Worship/Communion
2:00 pm. Circuit Forum @ Grace
7:30 pm. Sunday Night Dinner

MONDAY

6:00 pm. Choir
7:00 pm. Mission Council

WEDNESDAY

9:00 am. Bible Study
2:00 pm. Ladies Aid
5:00 pm. Bell Choir
6:30 pm. Midweek

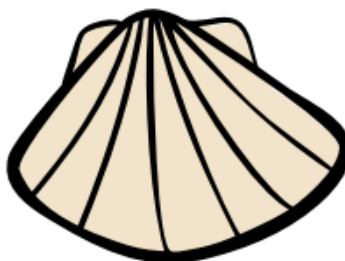
SATURDAY

4:00 pm. Family Communion

NEXT SUNDAY

8:00 am. Worship
9:15 am. Bible Study & Sunday School
10:30 am. Worship

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



What is “The Baptism of Our Lord”?

Today is the First Sunday after the Epiphany. Today we celebrate the day that our Lord Jesus was baptized by John the Baptizer. That’s right, Jesus was baptized just like you!

Why was Jesus baptized?

Jesus’ Baptism is very important. When Jesus was baptized, it marked the beginning of His mission to save the world from sin through His death on the cross and His resurrection from the dead. As Scripture says, Jesus’ Baptism was one of the many things He did to “fulfill all righteousness.” Because of Jesus and all He has done for us, our Baptism is now a source of forgiveness, life and salvation.



Parents: Before or after the service, allow your children to approach the baptismal font in the sanctuary. Remind them that this is where our life in Jesus begins. Because of God’s gifts in Baptism, we have been washed clean, and now we are His children.

