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THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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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 to the offering plates also.*

Prayer Requests are always welcome. To have someone included in our prayers during worship, please call the pastor or church office or write down the request and give it to the pastor.

Lectionary Summary: *"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth"* (Gen. 1:1). Then, as *"the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters"* (Gen. 1:2), God spoke His Word: *"Let there be light, and there was light"* (Gen. 1:3). In the same way, *"the beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ"* (Mark 1:1) brings about the new creation through the waters of Baptism by the same Word and Spirit of God. When John the Baptist came, *"proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,"* Jesus also came *"and was baptized by John in the Jordan"* (Mark 1:4, 9). Although He had no sins of His own, He took His stand with sinners in His Baptism and took the sins and mortality of the world upon Himself. He was baptized into His own death, by which the heavens are opened and the Spirit is given to us. God the Father is well pleased with His beloved Son and raises Him from the dead. As we share His Baptism and are *"united with him in a death like his"* (Rom. 6:5), we also share His resurrection unto *"newness of life"* (Rom. 6:4).

**Order of Worship
Matins LSB 219**

Preservice Music

Welcome and Greeting Time

Ringin of the Bell

♪ Opening Hymn: O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright *LSB 395 v. 1,4-6*

- 1 O Morning Star, how fair and bright!
You shine with God's own truth and light,
Aglow with grace and mercy!
Of Jacob's race, King David's son, Our Lord and master, You have won
Our hearts to serve You only!
Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, All victorious, Rich in blessing!
Rule and might o'er all possessing!**
- 4 Almighty Father, in Your Son You loved us when not yet begun
Was this old earth's foundation!
Your Son has ransomed us in love To live in Him here and above:
This is Your great salvation.
Alleluia! Christ the living, To us giving Life forever,
Keeps us Yours and fails us never!**
- 5 O let the harps break forth in sound! Our joy be all with music crowned,
Our voices gladly blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way— Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out! Jubilation! Exultation! Tell the story!
Great is He, the King of Glory!**
- 6 What joy to know, when life is past, The Lord we love is first and last,
The end and the beginning!
He will one day, oh, glorious grace, Transport us to that happy place
Beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! Crown of gladness! We are yearning
For the day of Your returning!**

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Stand

Common Versicles

LSB 219

- ♪**P** O Lord, open my lips,
♪**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.
♪**P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
♪**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.
♪**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.
Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.
♪**P** Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
♪**C** O come, let us worship Him.

♪**Venite**

LSB 220

- ♪**C** O come, let us sing |to the Lord,
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of |our salvation.
Let us come into His presence with thanks|giving,
let us make a joyful noise to |Him with songs of praise.
For the Lord is a |great God
and a great |king above all gods.
The deep places of the earth are |in His hand;
the strength of the hills is |His also.
The sea is His, for He |made it,
and His hand |formed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and |bow down,
let us kneel before the |Lord, our maker.
For He |is our God,
and we are the people of His pasture and the |sheep of His hand.
Glory be to the Father and |to the Son
and to the |Holy Spirit;
as it was in the be|ginning,
is now, and will be for|ever. Amen.
♪**P** Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
♪**C** O come, let us worship Him.

Collect of the Day

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

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 1:1–5

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The 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. ³And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel Reading

Mark 1:4–11

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

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

⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And 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. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And 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. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And 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.**

Responsory

LSB 221

♪ **P** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

♪ **C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

♪ **P** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

♪ **C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

♪ **P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

♪ **C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

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 "United with Him"

Pastor Buchhorn

Stand

♪Te Deum Hymn: "We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God" *LSB 941*

- 1 We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,
The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.
To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,
The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:
"O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!"
- 2 The band of the apostles in glory sing Your praise;
The fellowship of prophets their deathless voices raise.
The martyrs of Your kingdom, a great and noble throng,
Sing with the holy Church throughout all the world this song:
"O all-majestic Father, Your true and only Son,
And Holy Spirit, Comforter—forever Three in One!"
- 3 You, Christ, are King of glory, the everlasting Son,
Yet You, with boundless love, sought to rescue ev'ryone:
You laid aside Your glory, were born of virgin's womb,
Were crucified for us and were placed into a tomb;
Then by Your resurrection You won for us reprieve—
You opened heaven's kingdom to all who would believe.

- 4 You sit in splendid glory, enthroned at God's right hand,
Upholding earth and heaven by forces You command.
We know that You will come as our Judge that final day,
So help Your servants You have redeemed by blood, we pray;
May we with saints be numbered where praises never end,
In glory everlasting. Amen, O Lord, amen!

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♪ Kyrie

LSB 227

- ☐** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Lord's Prayer

- ☐** 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.

Introduction to Collects

LSB 227

- ☐** O Lord, hear my prayer.
☐ And let my cry come to You.

Additional Collects and Intercessions

Collect for Grace

- ☐** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely
brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty
power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger,
but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your
sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

♪ ☐ Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 228

- ♪ ☐** Let us bless the Lord.
♪ ☐ Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 228

♪**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

♪**C** Amen.

Sit

Hymn to Depart “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

LSB 394

- 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.**
- 3 Manifest in making whole Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight, Quelling all the devil’s might;
Manifest in gracious will, Ever bringing good from ill;
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.**
- 4 Sun and moon shall darkened be, Stars shall fall, the heav’ns shall flee;
Christ will then like lightning shine, All will see His glorious sign;
All will then the trumpet hear, All will see the Judge appear;
Thou by all wilt be confessed, 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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NEWS AND NOTES

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

BIRTHDAYS: Scott Heinemann, Amber Nelson, Violet Maturey, Kara Heaton, Taven Ocampo, Casey Junck, Katie Mathieson, Sadi Fredrickson & Brian Bebee

ANNIVERSARIES: Todd & Angie Fredrickson and Bob & Nancy Sutton

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.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS WERE \$9,935.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS: Today we begin a new series on the book of Titus. This short epistle was summarized as "a model of Christian doctrine, in which is comprehended in a masterful way all that is necessary for a Christian to know and to live." The class meets in the basement at 9:15 a.m.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Join us Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m. for our continued study of the book of Luke. New faces are always welcome.

LUTHERAN HOUR: "How Could She Ever Forgive Him?" -- Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler -- Dr. Michael Zeigler explains why it's not a contradiction to offer forgiveness while insisting on justice. Hear the "Lutheran Hour" message on KTCH AM next Sunday at 7:30 am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: In today's lesson, "The Unlikely Ally," the Israelites prepare to enter the Promised Land. Joshua sends two spies to explore Jericho. Rahab, a prostitute, first hides the spies from the authorities, and later she helps them escape out her window in the city wall. Because of her faithfulness, the spies promise to spare Rahab and her family when the Israelites come to occupy the city.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES are now in your church mailbox. Please do not use 2023 envelopes after January 1, 2024. If you did not get offering envelopes, please call the church office to request them.

WELCOME BACK WSC STUDENTS! Welcome back from your Christmas break we pray you had a wonderful time celebrating Christ's birth with your family and friends. Sunday Suppers at Cup of Grace resume this evening at 7:30 p.m. This free meal for students is an opportunity to come and get to know others and enjoy a home cooked meal in a faith affirming environment. Please join us.

Would you like to support students and extend some Wayne hospitality? If you would like to prepare or sponsor a Sunday night meal the sign-up list for the spring semester is on the bulletin board in the library area. At this point food for about 10 students is needed each week. If you have other questions, please see Dan or Bonnie Hansen.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Sunday, January 14th at 5:30 pm. in the church basement. Join us for a devotion, fellowship, candle, and soap making. Bring a snack if you wish. All are welcome. . .invite a friend. Mark your calendars for February Bible Study as we plan to have a soup swap. More details to follow. If you have questions, contact Julie Bose or Teresa Tiedtke.

CHILDREN'S SERMON NOTE: The Lutheran worship service begins with the Invocation, "*In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*" These words come from our Lord's institution of the sacrament of Baptism, *Matthew 28:19*, through which God brought each of us into his Holy Christian Church. The pastor makes the sign of the cross, likewise reminiscent of Baptism when we received the sign of the cross on our heads and hearts to mark us as redeemed children of God. (*These same words are spoken many times in the life of the church, confession, confirmation, marriage, installations, and committals at the cemetery.*) Additionally, when the pastor calls out, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," it acts as a simple creed. We are confessing whom we believe the one true God is. We worship the Trinity and none other. When visitors come to the Divine Service, if they are paying attention, they will realize that the people they are with are worshipping the Triune God. We are clear right up front; in whose name we gather and who we are worshipping. Finally, in the Invocation, we are asking for and acknowledging God's presence in the service, "*For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them*" Matthew 18:20.

CHECK IT OUT: Colleen Coble has written three books in the “Annie Peterson Novel” series: 1) Edge of Dusk”, 2) Dark of Night”, and 3) Break of Day”. In book one nine-year-old Annie Pederson’s life changed the night she and her sister were playing on the dock and her sister was kidnapped. Annie never forgave herself for her role in her sister’s disappearance. Twenty-four years later and now a law enforcement ranger, Annie is still searching for answers as she grieves a new loss, the death of her husband and parents in a boating accident. In book two the kidnapped sister returns but is she truly the sister who disappeared? Her appearance throws Annie’s life into an upheaval. In book three Annie’s life, full of tragedy, seems to be headed in the right direction when a man escapes law enforcement custody and Sarah’s safety is suddenly in question. When she discovers the terrible truth about the men who are stalking her, she realizes that she is in for the fight of her life if she’s going to redeem the sister she once lost, build the family she dreams of, and keep all those she loves safe. The reader will fast turn the pages to see what happens next. FIC/COB

When was the last time you gave or received flowers? The book , “Flowers Whisper”, by Debbie Martin will change your perspective about flowers. Through stories she has collected over the years as a florist

Debbie Martin gives you a glimpse into the significant impact that flowers make in each one of our lives. Her rich spiritual insight connects both triumphs and tragedies of her own life in dealing with breast cancer to those of her customers and friends. Debbie helps the reader breathe new confidence into your relationship with God by showing how to change your perspective about event in Your life. LIF/MAR

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

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LUTHERAN HOUR SPONSOR: From Louise Green in gratitude for all those who made Advent & Christmas services so wonderful.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY	8:00 am.	Worship
	9:15 am.	Sunday School & Bible Class
	10:30 am.	Worship
	7:30 pm.	Sunday Night Supper
MONDAY	7:00 pm.	Mission Council
WEDNESDAY	9:00 am.	Bible Study
	10:00 am.	Preschool Chapel
	2:00p pm.	Ladies aid
	5:00 am.	Bell Choir
	6:30 pm.	Midweek
THURSDAY	11:00 am.	Preschool Chapel
	7:00 pm.	Choir
SATURDAY	4:00 pm.	Family Communion
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00 am.	Worship/Communion
	9:15 am.	Sunday School & Bible Class
	10:30 am.	Worship/Communion