

**The Lord's Day 11:00 a.m. January 7, 2024**

**EPIPHANY/THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

**PRESERVICE MUSIC/ RINGING OF THE BELL/ WELCOME**

(Stand)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

**THE OPENING SONG "Father Welcomes" LSB 605 vs.1,2**

**Little children, come to me, for My kingdom is of these.  
Life and love I have to give, mercy for your sin.** *Chorus.*

*Chorus:*

**Father welcomes all His children to His family through His Son.**

**Father giving His salvation, life forever has been won.**

**In the water, in the Word, in His promise, be assured:  
Those who are baptized and believe, shall be born again.**

*Chorus.*

**BAPTISMAL RENEWAL**

**P** There is one body and one Spirit.

**C** There is one hope in God's call to us.

**P** One Lord, one faith, one Baptism. (Ephesians 4:4-5)

**C** One God and Father of us all.

**P** As Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father,

**C** even so we also should walk in the newness of life. (Romans 6:4)

**P** In Holy Baptism our sins are forgiven and we are granted a new life in Christ, our Lord. We renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways; we confess the gift of faith in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

**C** I do renounce them.

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

**C Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

**C Yes, I believe 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.**

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C 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.**

**Response** *"Father, Welcomes" vs. 3*

*Chorus:*

**Father welcomes all His children to His family through His Son.**

**Father giving His salvation, life forever has been won.**

**Let us daily die to sin; let us daily rise with Him,  
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord, live in the peace of God.**

*Chorus.*

*Father Welcomes ©Kevin Mayhew LTD LSB 605 vs 3*

## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

*(Sit)*

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Genesis 1:1–5*

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

<sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup>And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

<sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE**      *Romans 6:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**R**    This is the Word of the Lord.

**C**    **Thanks be to God.**

## **SONG** " *God Knew Your Name* "

**Before the light of day, shined on your little face  
God knew your name.**

**When no one else could see how precious you would be,  
God knew your name.**

**And He held you so close in His loving hand  
And He wanted all to see, that**

**Before the light of day, shined on your little face,  
God knew your name.**

**Before you walked around, before you first fell down,  
God knew your name.**

**Before you rode your trike, and then that first red bike,  
God knew your name.**

**He was with you everyday, right there by your side  
Even when you made mistakes. And**

**Before the light of day shined on your little face,  
God knew your name.**

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*(Stand)*

**HOLY GOSPEL**      *Mark 1:4–11*

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

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

<sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>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.**

*(Sit)*

**CHILDREN'S TALK**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**LSB 594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It**

**SERMON: BAPTISM IS THE LORD'S APPEARING IN YOU**

**OFFERING**

*(Stand)*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

## **BENEDICTION**

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His favor upon you and give you peace.

**C Amen!**

## **THE FINAL ACT OF PRAISE**

*“No Other Name”*

*Chorus:*

**No other name but the name of Jesus,  
No other name but the name of the Lord;  
No other name but the name of Jesus is worthy of glory,  
And worthy of honor, and worthy of power and all praise.**

**His name is exalted far above the earth,  
His name is high above the heavens;  
His name is exalted far above the earth,  
Give glory and honor and praises to His name.**

*Sing Chorus.*

*Philippians 2:9 ©1992 Integrity's Hosanna! Music CCLIS 187269 BoB 170*

**Bible Passage for the Week:** *Galatians 3:26-27 You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.*