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**The Baptism of Our Lord**

# Divine Service Setting Four with Holy Communion (Page 203)

## 578 Thy Strong Word

- 1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;  
At Thy speaking it was done.  
For created light we thank Thee,  
While Thine ordered seasons run.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!
- 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,  
Dark as night and deep as death,  
Broke the light of Thy salvation,  
Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!
- 3 Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;  
Bright with Thine own holiness,  
Glorious now, we press toward glory,  
And our lives our hopes confess.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!
- 4 From the cross Thy wisdom shining  
Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;  
From the cross forever beameth  
All Thy bright redeeming light.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!

- 5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,  
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the light which Thou dost send  
Fill our songs with alleluias,  
Alleluias without end!

- △ 6 God the Father, light-creator,  
To Thee laud and honor be.  
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,  
Praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
Glory, glory be to Thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever  
Praise the holy Trinity!

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*Stand*

### Invocation

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

### Exhortation

*LSB 203*

- 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.

### Confession of Sins

*LSB 203*

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

### Absolution

*LSB 203*

**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.

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a*

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

I will tell of the decree:

**The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.**

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

You shall break them with a rod of iron

**and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."**  
 Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
**be warned, O rulers of the earth.**  
 Serve the LORD with fear,  
**and rejoice with trembling,**  
 for his wrath is quickly kindled.  
**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.**  
 Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
**my chosen, in whom my soul delights.**

## Kyrie

- 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.** ♪

## This Is the Feast

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- C** ♪ **This is the feast of victory for our God.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor,  
blessing, and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the  
hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and  
the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.  
Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. 𐌹**

#### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

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 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.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Psalms 117:1–2a; 96:8*

Praise the LORD, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

bringing an offering, and come into his courts!

## 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.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia 205

**C** ♪ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. ♪

Verse 205

**C** ♪ These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. ♪

Alleluia 205

**C** ♪ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. ♪

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.

#### Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came  
down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the  
virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius  
Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to  
the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven

**and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both  
the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is  
worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and  
apostolic Church,**

**I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of  
sins,**

**and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

*Sit*

### **Children's Message**

#### **406 To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord**

- 1 To Jordan came the Christ, our Lord,  
To do His Father's pleasure;  
Baptized by John, the Father's Word  
Was given us to treasure.  
This heav'nly washing now shall be  
A cleansing from transgression  
And by His blood and agony  
Release from death's oppression.  
A new life now awaits us.
- 2 O hear and mark the message well,  
For God Himself has spoken.  
Let faith, not doubt, among us dwell  
And so receive this token.  
Our Lord here with His Word endows  
Pure water, freely flowing.

God's Holy Spirit here avows  
Our kinship while bestowing  
The Baptism of His blessing.

3 These truths on Jordan's banks were shown  
By mighty word and wonder.  
The Father's voice from heav'n came down,  
Which we do well to ponder:  
"This man is My belovèd Son,  
In whom My heart has pleasure.  
Him you must hear, and Him alone,  
And trust in fullest measure  
The word that He has spoken."

4 There stood the Son of God in love,  
His grace to us extending;  
The Holy Spirit like a dove  
Upon the scene descending;  
The triune God assuring us,  
With promises compelling,  
That in our Baptism He will thus  
Among us find a dwelling  
To comfort and sustain us.

5 To His disciples spoke the Lord,  
"Go out to ev'ry nation,  
And bring to them the living Word  
And this My invitation:  
Let ev'ryone abandon sin  
And come in true contrition  
To be baptized and thereby win  
Full pardon and remission  
And heav'nly bliss inherit."

6 But woe to those who cast aside  
This grace so freely given;  
They shall in sin and shame abide  
And to despair be driven.

For born in sin, their works must fail,  
Their striving saves them never;  
Their pious acts do not avail,  
And they are lost forever,  
Eternal death their portion.

7 All that the mortal eye beholds  
Is water as we pour it.  
Before the eye of faith unfolds  
The pow'r of Jesus' merit.  
For here it sees the crimson flood  
To all our ills bring healing;  
The wonders of His precious blood  
The love of God revealing,  
Assuring His own pardon.

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## Sermon

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## Prayer of the Church

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## Offering

# Service of the Sacrament

*Stand*

## Preface

*LSB 208*

- 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

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**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! ♪**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** 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.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son,

Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

Hear us as we pray in His name and 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 ✠ body, which is given for you.  
This do in remembrance of Me.”

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 ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the

forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### **Pax Domini**

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

### **Agnus Dei**

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- C** ♪ 1 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.
- 2 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. ♪

Text: Stephen P. Starke

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### **Distribution**

#### **404 Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered**

- 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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### **641 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart**

ref You satisfy the hungry heart  
With gift of finest wheat.

Come give to us, O saving Lord,  
The bread of life to eat.

- 1 As when the shepherd calls his sheep,  
They know and heed his voice;  
So when You call Your fam'ly, Lord,  
We follow and rejoice. Refrain
- 2 With joyful lips we sing to You  
Our praise and gratitude  
That You should count us worthy, Lord,  
To share this heav'nly food. Refrain

- 3    Is not the cup we bless and share  
       The blood of Christ outpoured?  
 Do not one cup, one loaf, declare  
       Our oneness in the Lord? Refrain
  
- 4    The myst'ry of Your presence, Lord,  
       No mortal tongue can tell:  
 Whom all the world cannot contain  
       Comes in our hearts to dwell. Refrain
  
- 5    You give Yourself to us, O Lord;  
       Then selfless let us be,  
 To serve each other in Your name  
       In truth and charity. Refrain

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### **596 All Christians Who Have Been Baptized**

- 1    All Christians who have been baptized,  
       Who know the God of heaven,  
 And in whose daily life is prized  
       The name of Christ once given:  
 Consider now what God has done,  
 The gifts He gives to ev'ryone  
       Baptized into Christ Jesus!
  
- 2    You were before your day of birth,  
       Indeed, from your conception,  
 Condemned and lost with all the earth,  
       None good, without exception.  
 For like your parents' flesh and blood,  
 Turned inward from the highest good,  
       You constantly denied Him.
  
- 3    But all of that was washed away—  
       Immersed and drowned forever.  
 The water of your Baptism day  
       Restored again whatever  
 Old Adam and his sin destroyed

And all our sinful selves employed  
According to our nature.

- 4 In Baptism we now put on Christ—  
Our shame is fully covered  
With all that He once sacrificed  
And freely for us suffered.  
For here the flood of His own blood  
Now makes us holy, right, and good  
Before our heav'nly Father.
- 5 O Christian, firmly hold this gift  
And give God thanks forever!  
It gives the power to uplift  
In all that you endeavor.  
When nothing else revives your soul,  
Your Baptism stands and makes you whole  
And then in death completes you.
- 6 So use it well! You are made new—  
In Christ a new creation!  
As faithful Christians, live and do  
Within your own vocation,  
Until that day when you possess  
His glorious robe of righteousness  
Bestowed on you forever!

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## **624 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born**

- 1 The infant Priest was holy born  
For us unholy and forlorn;  
From fleshly temple forth came He,  
Anointed from eternity.
- 2 This great High Priest in human flesh  
Was icon of God's righteousness.  
His hallowed touch brought sanctity;  
His hand removed impurity.

- 3 The holy Lamb undaunted came  
To God's own altar lit with flame;  
While weeping angels hid their eyes,  
This Priest became a sacrifice.
- 4 But death would not the victor be  
Of Him who hung upon the tree.  
He leads us to the Holy Place  
Within the veil, before God's face.
- 5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see,  
As at the rail on bended knee  
Our hungry mouths from Him receive  
The bread of immortality.
- 6 The body of God's Lamb we eat,  
A priestly food and priestly meat;  
On sin-parched lips the chalice pours  
His quenching blood that life restores.
- 7 With cherubim and seraphim  
Our voices join the endless hymn,  
And "Holy, holy, holy" sing  
To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

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*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

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**C**   **♪ 1 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.**

**2 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. ♪

### Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.  
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 in 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.
- C** Amen.

### Benedicamus

LSB 212

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

### 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 today and forevermore.
- C** Amen.

*Sit*



### 399 The Star Proclaims the King Is Here

- 1 The star proclaims the King is here;  
But, Herod, why this senseless fear?  
For He who offers heav'nly birth  
Seeks not the kingdoms of this earth.
- 2 The eastern sages saw from far  
And followed on His guiding star;  
And, led by light, to light they trod  
And by their gifts confessed their God.
- 3 Within the Jordan's sacred flood  
The heav'nly Lamb in meekness stood  
That He, of whom no sin was known,  
Might cleanse His people from their own.
- 4 And oh, what miracle divine,  
When water reddened into wine!  
He spoke the word, and forth it flowed  
In streams that nature ne'er bestowed.
- △ 5 For this Thy glad epiphany  
All glory, Jesus, be to Thee,  
Whom with the Father we adore,  
And Holy Spirit evermore.

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