

The Baptism of Our Lord  
Sunday, January 8, 2023  
*Lutheran Service Book*—Divine Service, Setting Three  
St. John's Lutheran Church, New Minden, Illinois  
St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Covington, Illinois

**HYMN:** "The Star Proclaims the King Is Here" *LSB 399 / TLH 131*

*St John Amelith Audio [Start at 34:25]*

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.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: **Amen.**

**PSALM:** Psalm 29

*LSB 29*

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;  
worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

<sup>3</sup> The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,

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the Lord, over many waters.  
<sup>4</sup>The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.  
<sup>5</sup>The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.  
<sup>6</sup>He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.  
<sup>7</sup>The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.  
<sup>8</sup>The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.  
<sup>9</sup>The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth  
and strips the forests bare,  
and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"  
<sup>10</sup>The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.  
<sup>11</sup>May the Lord give strength to his people!  
May the Lord bless his people with peace!  
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.

**KYRIE** *LSB 186 / TLH p.7 or 17*

C: *(Sing:)*

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** *LSB 187-189 / TLH pp. 7-9 or 17-19*

C: *(Sing:)*

**Glory be to God on high and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to thee, for thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit.**

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.** *[LSB 189]*

**OLD TESTAMENT**

*Isaiah 42:1-9*

P: <sup>1</sup>Behold 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.  
<sup>2</sup>He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;  
<sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;

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he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
<sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be discouraged  
till he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his law.  
<sup>5</sup>Thus 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:  
<sup>6</sup>“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,  
<sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
<sup>8</sup>I am the LORD; that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to carved idols.  
<sup>9</sup>Behold, 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*

P: <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,  
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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.

P: This is the word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN:** “Baptized into Your Name Most Holy” *LSB 590*

*Jeff Windoloski, recorded at First Lutheran LCMS, Boston, MA, July 29, 2018*

1. **Baptized into Your name most holy,  
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,  
Among Your saints, Your chosen host.  
Buried with Christ and dead to sin,  
Your Spirit now shall live within.**
2. **My loving Father, here You take me  
To be henceforth Your child and heir.  
My faithful Savior, here You make me  
The fruit of all Your sorrows share.  
O Holy Spirit, comfort me  
When threat’ning clouds around I see.**
3. **My faithful God, You fail me never;  
Your promise surely will endure.  
O cast me not away forever  
If words and deeds become impure.  
Have mercy when I come defiled;  
Forgive, lift up, restore Your child.**

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4. **All that I am and love most dearly--  
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.  
Let me confess my faith sincerely;  
Help me Your faithful child to be!  
Let nothing that I am or own  
Serve any will but Yours alone.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 3:13-17*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

**P:** <sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And 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; <sup>17</sup>and 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 be to Thee, O Christ.**

**APOSTLES' CREED** *LSB 192*

**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.**

**HYMN:** “God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It” *LSB 594*

*Crucified 2014 Higher Things Conference*

1. **God’s own child, I gladly say it:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
He, because I could not pay it,  
Gave my full redemption price.  
Do I need earth’s treasures many?  
I have one worth more than any  
That brought me salvation free  
Lasting to eternity!**
  
2. **Sin, disturb my soul no longer:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
I have comfort even stronger:  
Jesus’ cleansing sacrifice.  
Should a guilty conscience seize me  
Since my Baptism did release me  
In a dear forgiving flood,  
Sprinkling me with Jesus’ blood?**
  
3. **Satan, hear this proclamation:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
Drop your ugly accusation,  
I am not so soon enticed.  
Now that to the font I’ve traveled,  
All your might has come unraveled,  
And, against your tyranny,  
God, my Lord, unites with me!**
  
4. **Death, you cannot end my gladness:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
When I die, I leave all sadness  
To inherit paradise!  
Though I lie in dust and ashes  
Faith’s assurance brightly flashes:  
Baptism has the strength divine  
To make life immortal mine.**

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5. **There is nothing worth comparing  
To this lifelong comfort sure!  
Open-eyed my grave is staring:  
Even there I'll sleep secure.  
Though my flesh awaits its raising,  
Still my soul continues praising:  
I am baptized into Christ;  
I'm a child of paradise!**

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**SERMON:** "God's Anointed Servant" *Isaiah 42:1-9*

**HYMN:** "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" *LSB 398 / TLH 59*

*LutheranOrganist*

1. **Hail to the Lord's anointed,  
Great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
His reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
To set the captive free,  
To take away transgression  
And rule in equity.**
2. **He comes with rescue speedy  
To those who suffer wrong,  
To help the poor and needy  
And bid the weak be strong;  
To give them songs for sighing,  
Their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying,  
Were precious in His sight.**

3. **He shall come down like showers  
Upon the fruitful earth;  
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers,  
Spring in His path to birth.  
Before Him on the mountains  
Shall peace, the herald, go;  
And righteousness in fountains  
From hill to valley flow.**
4. **Kings shall fall down before Him  
And gold and incense bring;  
All nations shall adore Him,  
His praise all people sing.  
To Him shall prayer unceasing  
And daily vows ascend;  
His kingdom still increasing,  
A kingdom without end.**
5. **O'er ev'ry foe victorious,  
He on His throne shall rest,  
From age to age more glorious,  
All blessing and all-blest.  
The tide of time shall never  
His covenant remove;  
His name shall stand forever—  
That name to us is Love.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **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.**

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## **COLLECT FOR THE WORD**

**P:** Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed.  
Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet  
Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving  
faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from  
the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You  
have promised, Your word may achieve the purpose for  
which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION** *[LSB 202]*

**P:** The Lord Bless you and keep you. The Lord make His  
face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord  
lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**C: Amen, amen, amen.**

**HYMN:** “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” *LSB 394 / TLH 134*

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- 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,  
Mirrored 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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