

Trinity Lutheran Church
The Baptism of Our Lord
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397 As with Gladness Men of Old

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1 As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore be led by Thee.

4 Holy Jesus, ev'ry day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

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Invocation

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

Opening Sentences

Genesis 1:1–2; Psalm 29:3–4

P In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
C **And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.**

P And God said, “Let there be light.”
C **The voice of the Lord is over the waters.**

P The voice of the Lord is powerful.
C **The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

P The voice of the Lord reveals Jesus as His Son.
C **The voice of the Lord reveals we are His children too.**

Confession and Absolution

P In Holy Baptism, each of us was baptized into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. In Baptism, we were united with Christ. Yet, we have often lived as if we were entirely independent and autonomous. We have lived as if our identity were not in Jesus, but in our own selfish desires. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to turn back to Him and ask for His forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

P Heavenly Father,

C we confess that we are by nature sinful and have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. On account of Jesus, forgive us, renew us, and unite us to Your name.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you. In Baptism, you were united to Christ in both His death and resurrection. You were buried with Him, but also raised to walk in newness of life. 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. We are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

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.

January's Memory Verse

“Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.”

Psalm 19:14

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.

L 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Verse

Mark 1:11b

Alleluia. You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

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.

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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.

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.”

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Sermon

Light of the World

Light of the world
Treasure of Heaven
Brilliant like the stars
In the wintery sky
Joy of the Father
Reach through the darkness
Shine across the earth
Send the shadows to flight

Chorus:

Sing Hallelujah
Sing Hallelujah
Sing Hallelujah
For the things He has done
Come and adore Him
Bow down before Him
Sing Hallelujah
To the Light of the World

Light of the World
From the beginning
The tragedies of time
Were no match for Your love
From great heights of glory
You saw my story

God You entered in
And became one of us

Chorus:

Sing Hallelujah

Sing Hallelujah

Sing Hallelujah

For the things He has done

Come and adore Him

Bow down before Him

Sing Hallelujah

To the Light of the World

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Apostles' Creed

**☩ 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.**

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Dear heavenly Father, in the Jordan River, You revealed Jesus to be Your beloved Son. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

☩ reveal Your grace to us.

P Lord, strengthen all those who have been baptized, especially those who have been baptized recently, with Your heavenly protection. Lead them to find their true identity in You as Your beloved sons and daughters. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,
C reveal Your grace to us.

P Lord, comfort all those who are suffering in grief. Console them with the sure and certain hope that just as we have been united with Christ in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,
C reveal Your grace to us.

P Lord, give courage to all those who live in conflict with their family members, especially regarding differences of faith. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,
C reveal Your grace to us.

P Lord, bless all pastors, church planters, missionaries, and servants in Your Church who proclaim Your Word and administer Your Sacraments. Embolden them to seek and to save the lost and bring those who have strayed back into Your family. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,
C reveal Your grace to us.

P Lord, place Your healing hand upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, especially those in this congregation, for Sam, John, Cody, Marlys, Karen, Margie, Chase, Jake, Sarah, Barb, Jim, JoAnne, Robert, Dawn, and Wayne. Have mercy upon them, and lead them on the path to health according to Your will. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,
C reveal Your grace to us.

P Lord Jesus, you give us so much to rejoice in, especially those who celebrate a birthday this week, for Ruben, Olive, Lupita, Kyler, Brady, Lisa, Sandy, and Ralph. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,
C reveal Your grace to us.

P Lord, we commend all these things to You in the name of Your beloved Son, Jesus. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,
C reveal Your grace to us.

Offering

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.**

Sending Prayer

☐ “Lord, lay some soul upon my heart and love that soul through me, and may I ever do my part to win that soul for Thee.”

Benediction

- ☐** 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.
- ☐** Amen.

394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

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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.

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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