



The Baptism of Jesus
First Sunday after Epiphany



“Our Need for Righteousness is Complete in Jesus Christ!”

January 8, 2023
The Baptism of Jesus

Sunday Worship: 9:30 am
Christian Education: 11:00 am

OUR REDEEMER
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Our Redeemer

We invite you to follow along with the service in this folder. Hymns are printed in the copies of Christian Worship. They are also projected on the screen in the front of the sanctuary. May God’s richest blessing be with you as you receive his love, worship him through faith, and live in his peace.

For Parents with Small Children . . .

There is a children’s bulletin available in the basket together with the service folders as you enter. Please pick one up. There is also a video monitor and rest rooms in the fellowship hall. Go to your left as you walk out of the church, and walk through the double doors.

The Order of Worship

*(We will follow the Common Service which is also printed
on page 15 in the front section of the Hymnal)*

Pre-Service Music

Call to Worship

P: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD is dawning upon you. Look, darkness covers the earth, and deep darkness covers the peoples, but the LORD will dawn upon you, and his glory will be seen over you.

Opening Hymn:

“Arise and Shine in Splendor”

Christian Worship 81

The Invocation

P: Bless the LORD, O my soul. All that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all benefits—

who pardons all your guilt, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with mercy and compassion, who satisfies your life with goodness. Bless the LORD, O my soul: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

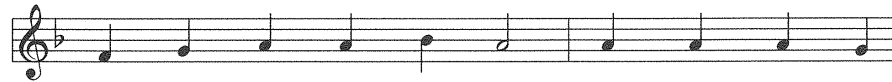


C: A — men!

The Confession of Sins

P: Dearly loved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



C: Lord, have mer—cy on us. Christ, have mer—cy



on us. Lord, have mer—cy on us.

Absolution

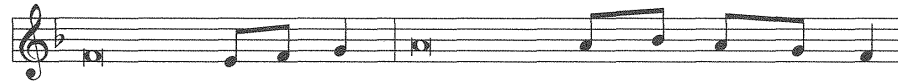
God's Forgiveness Proclaimed

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A — men!

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



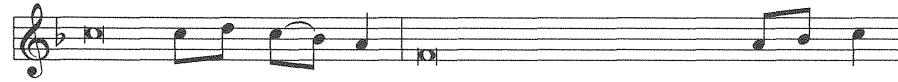
C: **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**



We praise you, we bless you, we wor- ship you, we glorify you,



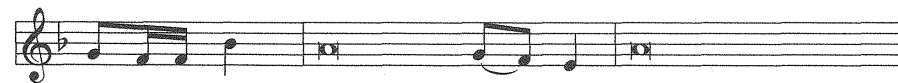
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'nly King,



God the Fa- ther Al- mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je- sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



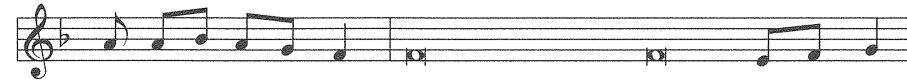
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Prayer for the Day

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al— so with you.

P: O dearest Jesus, our Savior and Redeemer, on this day you were revealed as the Son of God and the promised Savior. Help us believe the precious testimony of your Father, as well as the witness of John the Baptist. Lead us to trust in the righteousness you have secured through your perfect obedience. Lead us as well to rejoice in the gift of Baptism which you have made powerful and effective. When doubts, temptations, or Satan's accusations would cause us to question your love, or sin cause us to forsake you, return us to your side by the comforting assurance your righteousness provides. All praise belongs to you, O Jesus, for you are the only true God who lives and rules with the Father and the Spirit—throughout endless ages.



C: A — men!

The Lessons from God's Word
"This is my Son in Him I am well-pleased!"

Old Testament

Isaiah 42:1-7

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight. I am placing my Spirit on him. He will announce a just verdict for the nations. ²He will not cry out. He will not raise his voice. He will not make his voice heard in the street. ³A bent reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not snuff out. He will faithfully bring forth a just verdict. ⁴He will not burn out, and he will not be broken until he establishes justice on the earth. The coastlands will wait for his law.

⁵This is what the true God says, the LORD who creates the heavens and stretches them out, who spreads out the earth and everything that it produces, who gives breath to the people on it and life to those who walk on it. ⁶I am the LORD. I have called you in righteousness. I will hold on to your hand, and I will guard you. I will appoint you to be a covenant for the people, to be a light for the nations, ⁷to open the eyes of the blind, to bring the prisoners out from the dungeon, and to bring those who sit in darkness out of prison.

Psalm for the Day

Psalm 45:1-7

P: My heart is bubbling over with a beautiful theme. I am reciting my works for the King. My tongue is the pen of a rapid writer.

C: You are the most beautiful of the sons of Adam. Grace is poured out on your lips. Therefore God has blessed you forever.

P: Strap your sword on your thigh, you mighty warrior, in your

splendor and your majesty. In your majesty advance successfully. Ride forward in the cause of truth, humility, and righteousness. Let peoples fall beneath you.

C: Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of justice. You love righteousness and hate wickedness.

P: Therefore, God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of joy more than any of your companions.

Congregation responds “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”
Christian Worship 340 st. 1 & 3

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer’s praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace!

The name of Jesus calms our fears
And bids our sorrows cease.
‘Tis music in the sinner’s ears;
‘Tis life and health and peace.

Epistle

Acts 10:34-38

³⁴Then Peter began to speak: “Now I really am beginning to understand that God does not show favoritism, ³⁵but in every nation, anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶He sent his word to the people of Israel, proclaiming the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

³⁷“You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached. ³⁸God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the Devil, because God was with him.

Verse of the Day

Romans 6:1-4

P: What shall we say then? Shall we keep on sinning so that grace may increase? Absolutely not! We died to sin. How can we go on living in it any longer? Or do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. We were therefore buried with him by this baptism into his death, so that just as he was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too would also walk in a new life.

Congregation responds “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”
Christian Worship 340 st. 5-6

See all your sins on Jesus laid;
The Lamb of God was slain.
His life was once an offering made
That you might live again.

Glory to God and praise and love
Be ever, ever giv’n
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heav’n.

The Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel is recorded in the third chapter of Matthew, reading from the thirteenth verse.



C: Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to be baptized by John at the Jordan. ¹⁴But John tried to stop him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and yet you come to me?”

¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, because it is proper for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John let him.

¹⁶After Jesus was baptized, he immediately went up out of the water. Suddenly, the heavens were opened for him! He saw the

Spirit of God, descending like a dove and landing on him, ¹⁷ and a voice out of the heavens said, “This is my Son, whom I love. I am well pleased with him.”

P: This is the Word of our God.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

The Confession of Faith

(we will unite in the words of the Apostles Creed)

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**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 is seated
at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there 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 of the Day

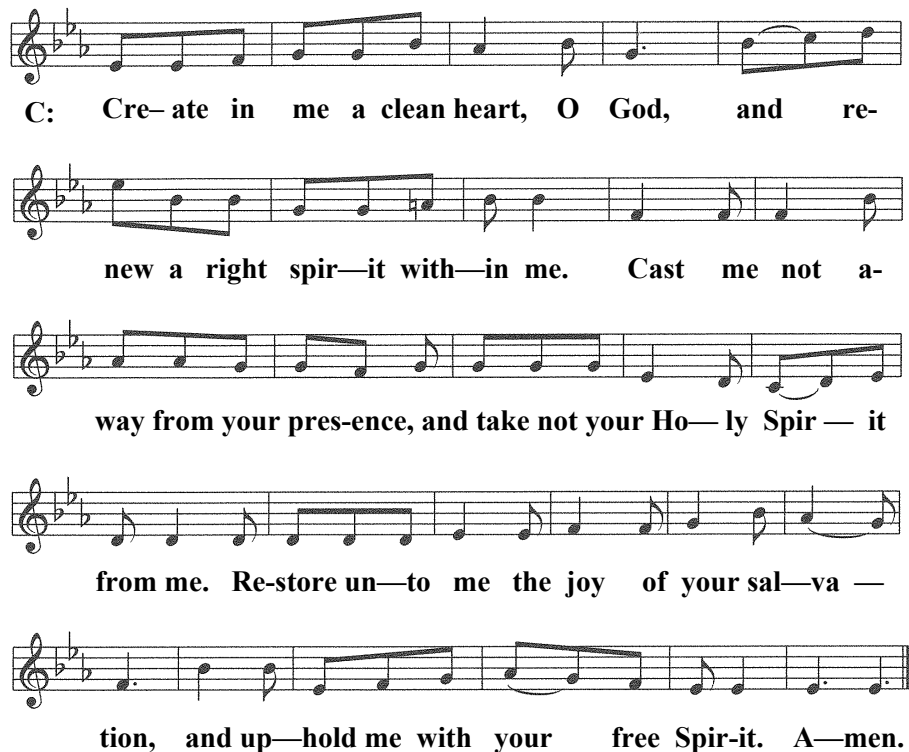
“To Jordan’s River Came our Lord”
Christian Worship 89

“Complete Righteousness!”

Secured by Jesus’ baptism
Announced by God’s declaration
Provided for our rescue

“Create in Me”

Psalm 51



C: Cre- ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-
new a right spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho- ly Spir - it
from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of your sal-va -
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A-men.

Thanksgiving and Prayer

*“Everyone Who Trusts in the Lord
will Never be Put to Shame”*

Prayer for the Lord’s Blessing

Special Prayers and Requests

The Lord's Prayer

(spoken by the congregation and pastor)

**C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours now and forever. Amen!**

Hymn

“Christ, Your Footprints Through the Desert”

Christian Worship: Supplement 709

It is printed on pages 13 & 14 of the service folder

Closing Prayer

P: O dearest Jesus, when the time was right you came to this earth to be our Savior. Then, when the time was right you were revealed as that Savior. Through signs, wonders, and the words of your Father's faithful testimony, you were proclaimed to be the one who was promised. We thank you for coming to secure the righteousness we lacked. We thank you for the gift of Baptism and the forgiveness of our sins. We thank you that through this gracious washing with water you have fulfilled every righteous requirement for eternal life. Keep us in your care throughout this earthly life. Then bring us to our home in heaven. There we will be in your presence to praise you—together with your Father and the Spirit—throughout all eternity.



C: A ——— men!

The Benediction

P: Brothers and sisters, aim for perfection, listen to God's Word, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and compassion will be with you.

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
The Lord look on you with favor, and give you peace.



C: A— men. A— men. A — men.

Closing Hymn

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”
Christian Worship 93

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Today—*Welcome in name of our loving and faithful God.* It is because of his enduring faithfulness that we can put our trust in him for our righteousness and rescue. How blessed we are to have such a loving God and Savior.

- If you are visiting us today, it is good to have you here. Please sign the guest book by the front door. Come back and worship again, soon!
- Everyone is invited to stay after the service to enjoy a cup of coffee and the gift of friendship in the Lord.
- Christian Education will begin at 11:00 am and will consider the words and prophecy of Isaiah as he directs us to the promised Savior from the Lord.

Tuesday—Church Council meeting at 7:00 pm. Remember this was rescheduled from last Tuesday evening. Committees, if needed, will meet at 8:00 pm.

Wednesday—Bible Class at 7:00 pm. We will start the new year with a new topic—Jesus’ miracles and what they teach us about

Jesus as our Savior, as well as God's commitment to faithfully fulfilling all of his promises. The first miracle we will consider is the "Changing of the Water into Wine." More information is on page 15.

Friday—Office Hours from 10:30 am—2:30 pm.

Saturday—It's time to take down the decorations in the church and fellowship hall. It will only take an hour or two, so we will begin at 10:00 am.

- Church Cleaning—Scheffler
- Mowing beginning January 8th—Brown

Sunday, January 15th—In Person Worship and Live-Streaming at 9:30 am. The "revelation of our Savior" continues with the proclamation of John the Baptist. In those precious words, all doubt is removed regarding Jesus. He is the Lamb of God, and he is the one who takes away the sin of the world.

- We will have the first **Congregational Meeting** of the New Year. At this meeting, we will have the privilege to review the blessings and ministry of 2022, and the opportunity to prayerfully plan our ministry for 2023 together with the funding plan for that ministry. All are invited to attend.

Thank You

To Al Todd, our Hymnsoft operator; to Josh Schueler and Jim Everson for controlling the audio and video portions of the streaming; to those who helped decorate the church and fellowship hall for our Christmas and Epiphany seasons of worship.



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