



**The Baptism of Jesus**

## The Order of Worship

*(We will follow the Service of Word and Sacrament  
as it is printed on page 26 in the front section of the Hymnal)*

### Opening Hymn

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

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.

The Savior came to be baptized —  
The Son of God in flesh disguised —  
To stand beneath the Father’s will  
And all his promises fulfill.

As Jesus in the Jordan stood  
And John baptized the Lamb of God,  
The Holy Spirit, heav’nly dove,  
Descended on him from above.

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.”

The Father’s word, the Spirit’s flight  
Anointed Christ in glorious sight  
As God’s own choice, from Adam’s fall  
To save the world and free us all.

Now rise, faint hearts; be resolute!  
This man is Christ, our Substitute!  
He was baptized in Jordan’s stream,  
Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

### **The Invocation**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

### **The Confession of Sins**

P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**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.**

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 the 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: Amen!**

### **Lord have Mercy**

P: Jesus the Light of the world has come into our dark world. He has lived for us. He has died for us. Through his intercession, he has assured us he will hear and answer all our prayers for our good. With this confidence, we pray:

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



**C: Lord, have mer — cy.**

P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer — cy.

P: For the well-being of your holy church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise; hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer — cy.

P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.



C: A — — men!

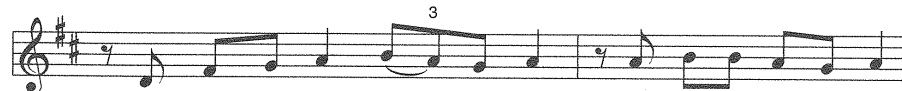
P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise;



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glor-ious is your name in



all the earth. Al—might—y God, mer- ci- ful Fa—ther,



you crown our life with your love. You take a- way our sin;

you com — fort our spir — it; you make us pure and

Ho — ly in your sight. You did not spare your on — ly Son,

but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,

how glor — ious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, e — ter — nal Word of the Fa — ther,

you came to live with us; you made your Fa — ther known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the

King of glo — ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,



how glor—ious is your name in all the earth.

### Prayer of the Day

P: O gracious God and Father, on the banks of the Jordan River you set apart your Son as the Savior of all. Through the baptism of John the Baptist, as well as your own declaration, every doubt has been removed. We also have every confidence of the powerful blessing of Baptism. In it you unite us with your Son by his death and resurrection. Keep us in your grace. Guide us by your truth. Strengthen us through the means you have given, so we can live in joy and peace until you bring us to heaven. There we will praise you—together with your Son and the Spirit—throughout all eternity.



C: A — — men!

## Lessons from God's Word

*"See God's Grace Revealed in Signs and Wonders"*

### Old Testament

*Isaiah 49:1-6*

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, you coastlands.

Pay attention, you faraway peoples!

The LORD called me from the womb.

When I was inside my mother, he mentioned my name.

<sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharpened sword.

He hid me in the shadow of his hand.

He made me a polished arrow.

He concealed me in his quiver.

<sup>3</sup>He said to me, "You are my servant Israel,

in whom I will display my glory."

<sup>4</sup>But I said to myself, "I have labored in vain.

I spent my strength and came up empty, with nothing.  
Yet a just verdict for me rests with the LORD,  
and my reward is with my God.”

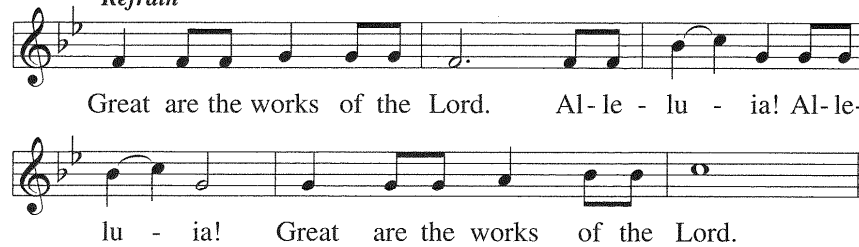
<sup>5</sup>But now the LORD,  
who formed me from the womb to be his servant,  
to turn Jacob back to him,  
so that Israel might be gathered to him,  
so that I will be honored in the eyes of the LORD,  
because my God has been my strength—

<sup>6</sup>the LORD said:  
It is too small a thing that you should just be my servant  
to raise up only the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the ones I have preserved in Israel,  
so I will appoint you to be a light for the nations,  
so that my salvation will be known to the end of the earth.

**Psalm for the Day**

*Psalm 2*

*Refrain*



Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! Great are the works of the Lord.

*Psalm tone*



Why do the nations | conspire, \*  
and the peoples | plot in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers  
gather together a- | gainst the LORD, \*  
and against this A- | nointed One.

**Refrain**

The One enthroned in | heaven laughs; \*  
the LORD | scoffs at them.

Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them  
in his wrath, | saying; \*  
“I have installed my King on Zion, my | holy hill.”

I will proclaim the decree | of the LORD; \*  
He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have  
become your | Father.”

Glory to the Father and | to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
As it was in the be- | ginning, \*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

### ***Refrain***

### **Epistle**

*Romans 6:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Shall we keep on sinning so that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup>Absolutely not! We died to sin. How can we go on living in it any longer? <sup>3</sup>Or do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in the likeness of his death, we will certainly also be united with him in the likeness of his resurrection.

<sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him, to make our sinful body powerless, so that we would not continue to serve sin. <sup>7</sup>For the person who has died has been declared free from sin. <sup>8</sup>And since we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that since Christ has been raised from the dead, he will never die again. Death no longer has control over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died, he died to sin once and for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>In the same way also consider yourselves dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.



### Verse of Praise

P: Now to him who is able to strengthen you—according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ; according to the revelation of the mystery that was veiled in silence for long ages past, but now has been revealed through the prophetic Scriptures and made known to all the Gentiles, in keeping with the command of the eternal God, resulting in the obedience of faith—to God, who alone is wise, be glory forever through Jesus Christ.

### Alleluia!



C: Al—le—lu—ia! Al—le—lu—ia! Al—le—lu—ia!



These words are writ — ten that we may be—lieve that



Je—sus is the Christ, the Son — of God.



Al—le—lu—ia! Al—le—lu—ia! Al—le—lu—ia!

### Gospel

*Mark 1:4-11*

<sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>5</sup>The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him. They were baptized by him in the Jordan River as they confessed their sins. <sup>6</sup>John was clothed in camel's hair, and he wore a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He preached, "One more powerful than I is

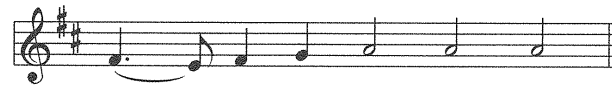
coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals! <sup>8</sup>I baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>Just as Jesus came up out of the water, he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love. I am well pleased with you.”

### Children’s Message

*“Pay Attention to the Signs”*

P: This is the Word of Life and Light which shines in our hearts and shows us the way to forgiveness, peace, and heaven.



**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

### Hymn of the Day

“Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy”

*Christian Worship 294*

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.

My loving Father, there you took me  
To be henceforth your child and heir.  
My faithful Savior, there you let me  
The fruit of all your sorrows share.  
O Holy Spirit, comfort me  
When threat’ning clouds around I see,

My faithful God, you fail me never;  
Your promise surely will endure.  
Oh, cast me not away forever  
If words and deeds become impure.  
Have mercy when I come defiled;  
Forgive, lift up, restore your child.

All that I am and love most dearly —  
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.  
Let me confess my faith sincerely  
And help me your own child to be!  
Let nothing that I am or own  
Serve any will but yours alone.

**Sermon**

*Romans 6:3-5*

**“United With Jesus Through Baptism”**

In the Likeness of his Death  
In the Likeness of his Resurrection

**The Confession of Faith**

*(We join in the words of the Nicene Creed)*

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance  
with the Scriptures;  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is  
worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen!**

**Pray, Praise, and Give Thanks**

**Prayers for the Day**

*Special Prayers and requests*

**The Lord's Prayer**

*(spoken with the 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 of Preparation

“Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior”  
*Christian Worship 313 st. 1 & 7*

Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior,  
Turned away God’s wrath forever;  
By his bitter grief and woe  
He saved us from the evil foe.

Praise the Father, who from heaven  
Unto us such food has given  
And, to mend what we have done,  
Gave into death his only Son.

## The Sacrament

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al—so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Give praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sent his Son to live among us as our Substitute, and revealed his glory as the

only Son, full of grace and truth. Through him has come salvation, power, the kingdom of our God, and the authority to rule over all things. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks, honor and glory for ever and ever.

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

*Sanctus*



C: Ho—ly, ho—ly, ho—ly, is the Lord of hosts;



The whole earth is full of your glo—ry.



You are my God, and I will ex—alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be—come my sal-



va—tion. Ho—ly, ho—ly, ho—ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo — ry.

**The Words of Institution**

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to

his disciples, saying: “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

### The Blessing of Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A ——— men.

### O Christ, Lamb of God

*Agnus Dei*



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a—way the sin of the



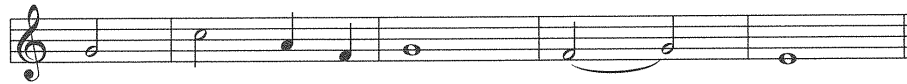
world; have mer—cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a—way the sin of the world; have mer—cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a—way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A ——— men.

*The Congregation may be seated for the Distribution*

The Lord's Supper is a Sacrament through which Jesus Christ our Savior strengthens our faith and forgives our sins. In it we receive His actual body and blood, as we receive the bread and the wine. If you have not communed with us before or if you are not familiar with our procedure, please do not come to the Lord's Table today. We also encourage you to speak with our pastor following the service. He will be happy to share with you the necessary preparations to receive our Savior's body and blood in a future service.

Our request comes out of love for you and concern for your spiritual well-being, so that you can receive the blessing our Lord wants you to receive.

Thanksgiving

**Song of Thanksgiving**      (*Congregation rises and sings*)



Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re- news his prom- is- es and leads his peo- ple forth in joy with





shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al—le—lu—ia! Al—le—lu — ia!

**Closing Prayer:**

P: O gracious Lord and Savior, you have blessed us with your undeserved love and your never-failing assurance to help us in every time of need. Through your Word of Truth you have revived our fearful hearts and strengthened us to meet every challenge. With your blessed Supper you have refreshed our burdened consciences and restored us through your forgiveness. By your precious promises you have renewed our strength and empowered us to live in love. Continue to pour out your blessings. Keep us faithful and in your gracious covenant of Baptism until we enter the place you have prepared for us. Throughout this life, as well as throughout all eternity, make it our sole desire to love, serve, and praise you—together with your Father and the Spirit.



C: A ——— men.

**The Benediction:**

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.  
The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord make his face shine on 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

“Baptized in Water”  
*Christian Worship 297*

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;  
Heirs of salvation, trusting his promise  
Faithfully now God’s praise we sing.

Baptized by water, sealed by the Spirit,  
Dead in the tomb with Christ our King;  
One with his rising, freed and forgiven,  
Thankfully now God’s praises we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
Marked with the sign of Christ our King;  
Born of one Father, we are his children;  
Joyfully now God’s praise we sing.

## Silent Prayer

### Announcements

**Today**—*Welcome in Name of our Savior.* Through the revelation of Jesus by his baptism and the testimony of the Father, we have peace and strength to live with joy and every confidence. If you are visiting this morning, please sign our guest book, and visit us again—soon!

- Following the worship service there will be time for a cup of coffee and the gift of fellowship in the Lord.
- Bible Study will follow the worship service to consider Isaiah’s description of how the Lord works. Sometimes it is sublime, other times it is in a big way.

**Tuesday**—Church Council Meeting at 7:00 pm. Committees will meet at 8:00 pm, if needed.

**Wednesday**—Bible Class resumes at 7:00 pm. For the next five weeks, prior to Ash Wednesday, we will review the Old Testament prophecies and use them as a “Primer for Lent.”

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

**Saturday**—Church Cleaning: Everson

- Lawn mowing beginning January 7th—Pettus
- We will meet at 10:00 am to take down the Christmas decorations. If we get a good crew of people, this should take no more than a couple of hours. Thanks!

**Sunday, January 14th—Sunday Worship and Live Streaming at 9:30 am.** The calling of the first disciples was so simple, yet Jesus afforded them an incredible promise. The same stands true for you and me. Jesus' call to serve is simple, but we are amazed at the blessings he promises for faithful service.

- There will be no Christian Education next Sunday because of the Annual Congregational meeting. It will follow the service at 11:00 am.

**Thank You**

To Alan Todd, our Hymnsoft operator; to Jim Everson for operating the audio and video of the live stream; and to all the people who helped decorate the church for our celebration of the birth of Jesus, the Savior.

**Congregational Meeting**

The annual meeting of the congregation will take place on Sunday, January 14th, following the worship service. Make time in your schedule to be part of this important meeting. Not only will we review 2023, we will also consider the ministry plan and budget for 2024.





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