



The Baptism of Our Lord
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OUR REDEEMER
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship
9:30AM

Christian Education
11AM

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WELCOME

to Our Redeemer and our hour of worship

Which of your senses do you trust the most? Smell? Touch? Taste? Sight? Hearing? For most people, it is sight, show me! Does that match up with what we know about our Lord? Jesus gives us a gift by which sight and hearing come together for our benefit – BAPTISM!

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. If necessary, rest rooms and a video monitor for watching the service are in the fellowship hall. Go to your left as you walk out of the worship area, through the double doors.

+ + + Service of the Word + + +

Opening Hymn – *Angels from the Realms of Glory* CW80

**1 Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Once you sang creation's story;
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

**2 Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing --
Yonder shines the infant light.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

**3 Magi, leave your contemplations;
Brighter visions beam afar.
Seek the great desire of nations;
You have seen the Savior's star.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

Please stand.

**4 Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In his temple shall appear.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

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

C And also with you.

+ + + **Confession of Sins** + + +

P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

A moment of silence for personal meditation.

Absolution

P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you the strength to live according to his will.

C Amen.

+ + + **Prayer and Praise** + + +

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

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six lines of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

+ + + **Prayer of the Day** + + +

P Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus at the Jordan River, you proclaimed him your beloved son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life, we ask these things through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated.

+ + + **The Word** + + +

First Lesson - 1 Samuel 16:1-13

David was the youngest of eight brothers and a shepherd. At his anointing, the Lord declared his true identity – future king of Israel.

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I see a king for myself among his sons.”

²Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.”

The LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will let you know what you are to do. You are to anoint for me the person that I point out to you.”

⁴So Samuel did what the LORD had told him to do and went to Bethlehem. Trembling with fear, the elders of the city came to meet him. They said, “Do you come in peace?”

⁵He said, “Yes, in peace. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” He consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they had come, he looked at Eliab and said, "Certainly this is the LORD's anointed."

⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at how tall he is, because I have rejected him. For the LORD does not look at things the way man does. For man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either."

⁹Then Jesse had Shammah pass by. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either."

¹⁰Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel. Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these."

¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, "Is that all of the young men?"

Jesse said, "There still is the youngest, but he is tending the sheep."

Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him, for we cannot sit down to eat until he comes."

¹²He sent for him and brought him in. David had red hair and striking eyes, and was good-looking. The LORD said, "Get up! Anoint him, because this is the one."

¹³So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers. The Spirit of the LORD rushed on David with power from that day forward. After that Samuel set out and returned to Ramah.

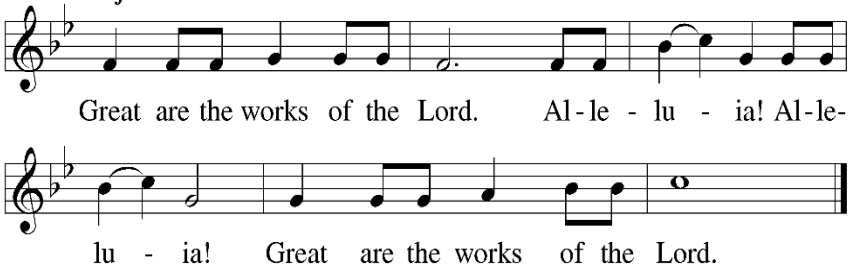
P The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 2

Psalm 2 is a prophecy of how Christ will suffer and become King and Lord of the entire world. Through Christ, God has delivered us from sin, death and hell, and brought us to eternal life. Luther

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



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Refrain

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

**The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers
gather together against the LORD
and against his Anointed 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 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.**

Refrain

Second Lesson - Titus 3:4-7

In the eyes of the world, baptism appears to be just a religious ceremony. The apostle Paul explains baptism is so much more – a second birth that gives you the identity of God’s child and heir.

When the kindness and love of God our Savior toward mankind appeared, ⁵he saved us —not by righteous works that we did ourselves, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and the renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs in keeping with the hope of eternal life.

P The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel reading

Gospel Acclamation - from Mark 1

P Alleluia. The Father declared from heaven, you are my son, whom I love,

C with you I am well pleased. 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 - Luke 3:15-23

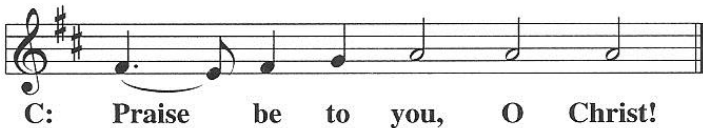
People wondered if John the Baptist was the Messiah. He was a powerful preacher who lived a unique life. When John baptized Jesus, the Father let it be known who Jesus really is – his Son.

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might be the Christ. ¹⁶John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But someone mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing shovel is in his hand, and he will thoroughly clean out his threshing floor. He will gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." ¹⁸Then with many other words, he appealed to them and was preaching good news to the people. ¹⁹But after John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things he had done—²⁰Herod added this to them all: He locked John in prison.

²¹When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. While he was praying, heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love. I am well pleased with you."

²³Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he began his ministry.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

Hymn – *To Jordan's River Came Our Lord*

CW89

Sermon

+ + + Our Joyful Thanksgiving + + +

Our Confession of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed, 2nd Article

**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.**

P What does this mean?

**I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the
Father from eternity,**

**and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my
Lord,**

**who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned
creature, purchased and won me from all sins,
from death, and from the power of the devil,
not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious
blood and with his innocent suffering and death.**

**All this he did that I should be his own, and live under
him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting
righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he is
risen from death and lives and rules eternally.**

This is most certainly true.

Prayer of the Church

P We give you thanks that you call and gather the baptized into your Church.

C Prosper the good work of preaching the Gospel and administering the life-giving Sacraments.

P Preserve the family, especially all Christian homes.

C Turn husband and wife toward one another in love.

P Equip fathers and mothers for their holy duty as teachers of the faith.

C Preserve all children in the saving faith and certain promises of their Baptism unto life everlasting.

P Lord God, your Son, Jesus, is the Christ and the true King of this world.

C Grant great humility to the rulers of the nations, that they would submit to the preaching of his Holy Word for the sake of their own souls and for the good of your holy people.

P We give you thanks for standing with us in times of weakness, illness, despair and death.

C Give us every aid of your Holy Spirit, that we may endure these afflictions and find comfort in the healing wounds of our Savior.

P We especially remember those in our hearts and ask for their healing and relief according to Your will.

-- *Silent prayers.* --

P Lord God, heavenly Father, you manifested yourself with the Holy Spirit in the fullness of grace at the Baptism of your dear Son.

C With your voice, you directed us to the One who has borne our sins, that we may receive grace and forgiveness.

P Keep us, we implore you, in the true faith.

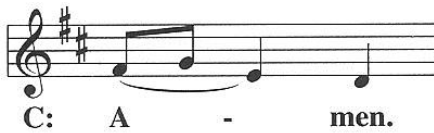
C Since we have been baptized in accordance with your command, strengthen our faith by your Holy Spirit and lead us to everlasting life and salvation, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who has taught us to pray ...

Lord's Prayer

**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!**

Closing Prayer

- P O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



- 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.



Please be seated.

Closing Hymn – *May the Grace of Christ Our Savior* CW326

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