

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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Opening Hymn *“As with Gladness Men of Old”*

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Invocation, Confession and Absolution

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF GRACE

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

+ INTROIT +

Psalm 89: 1, 26-28

Pastor: Behold the Lord, the ruler, has come,

Cong.: and the kingdom and the power and the glory are in his hand.

Pastor: I have found David, my servant;

Cong.: with my holy oil I have anointed him.

Pastor: I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;

Cong.: with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

Pastor: He shall cry to me, "You are my Father,

Cong.: my God, and the Rock of my salvation."

Pastor: And I will make him the firstborn,

Cong.: the highest of the kings of the earth.

Pastor: My Steadfast love I will keep for him forever.

Cong.: and my covenant will stand firm for him. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will forever. Amen.

+ KYRIE +

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Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Cong.: LORD, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the LORD.

Cong.: LORD, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the LORD.

Cong.: LORD, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the LORD.

Cong.: LORD, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious LORD.

Cong.: Amen.

+ HYMN OF PRAISE +

"Gloria in Excelsis"

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Pastor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

Cong: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

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

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

+ SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY +

Pastor: The LORD be with you.

Cong.: And also with you.

Pastor: 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.

Cong.: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Joshua 3: 1-3, 7-8, 13-17

¹Then Joshua rose early in the morning and they set out from Shittim. And they came to the Jordan, he and all the people of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over. ²At the end of three days the officers went through the camp ³and commanded the people, *“As soon as you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God being carried by the Levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place and follow it.”* ⁷The Lord said to Joshua, *“Today I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you.”* ⁸And as for you, *command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, ‘When you come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.’”* ¹³“And when the soles of the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off from flowing, and the waters coming down from above shall stand in one heap.” ¹⁴So when the people set out from their tents to pass over the Jordan with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, ¹⁵and as soon as those bearing the ark had come as far as the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the brink of the water (now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest), ¹⁶the waters coming down from above stood and rose up in a heap very far away, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, and those flowing down toward the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. And the people passed over opposite Jericho. ¹⁷Now the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firmly on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all Israel was passing over on dry ground until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1: 26-31

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹so that, as it is written, *“Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

+ALLELUIA & VERSE+ (sung)

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*Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia*

+THE HOLY GOSPEL+

Matthew 3: 13-17

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3rd chapter.

Cong.: Glory to You, O LORD.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “*I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?*” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “*Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.*” Then he consented. ¹⁶And 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; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, “*This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.*”

This is the Gospel of the LORD.

Cong.: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN: *“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”*

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SERMON

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I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth

and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God,

begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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**P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.**

CREATE IN ME

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+ THE LORD'S PRAYER + (spoken)

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**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 debts
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory,
forever. Amen**

COLLECT

P Lord God, we humbly confess to You that we deserve Your fatherly chastisement for our sins; yet we earnestly implore You, for Your name's sake, to spare us in this time of disaster. Restrain all harmful powers and help Your suffering people that Your Word may be declared faithfully and without hindrance and that we, amending our sinful lives, may walk in safety and peace according to Your holy commandments; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

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P 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.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”

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Rev. Patrick Poock

Organist: Bill Vlasak

Happy Birthday

Richard Stevenson 8th
Donna Koenig 10th
Silas Poock 10th

Happy Anniversary

None

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES AT FAITH:

Sunday, January 8

8:00 am Divine Service

9:15 am Bible Study
9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Divine Service
12:00 pm Youth Catechism

Monday, January 9

6:30 pm GriefShare

Tuesday, January 10

9:15 am Elders' Bible Study and Meeting
6:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 11

9:00 am Women of Faith
3:30 pm Bible Study
5:00 pm Divine Service
6:30 pm Bible Study

Thursday, January 12

9:30 am LWML Meet and Greet
10:00 am LWML Bible Study and Meeting

Friday, January 13

5:30 pm Pizza
6:30 pm Movie Night

Looking Ahead

January 22 – LWML Sunday
January 29 – 5th Sunday – One Divine Service at 10:30 am

For information regarding church event, please read the monthly newsletter on the church website or the weekly message which is emailed.

