

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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Opening Hymn *“All Christians Who Have Been Baptized”*

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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 2;7-11 anitiphon: IS 42:1a

Pastor: Behold my servant, whom I uphold,

Cong.: my chosen, in whom my soul delights,

Pastor: I will tell of the decree:

Cong.: The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

Pastor: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage

Cong.: and the ends of the earth your possession.

Pastor: You shall break them with a rod of iron

Cong.: and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

Pastor: Now therefore, O kings, be wise;

Cong.: he warned, O rulers of the earth.

Pastor: Serve the Lord with fear,

Cong: and rejoice with trembling,

Pastor: for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Cong: Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Cong.: 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

Genesis 1:1-5

1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. **2** The 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. **3** And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. **4** And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 6:1-11

6 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? **2** By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? **3** Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? **4** We 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. **5** For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. **6** We know that our old self^[a] 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. **7** For one who has died has been set free^[b] from sin. **8** Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. **9** We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. **10** For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. **11** So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

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

+THE HOLY GOSPEL+

Mark 1:4-11

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

Cong.: **Glory to You, O LORD.**

⁴ John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And 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. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And 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. ⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son,^[a] with you 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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**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from
Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy
salvation, and up-hold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

+ 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

Happy Birthday

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

10:30 am Divine Service

11:30 Coffee Bites

12:30 Adult Catechism

Happy Anniversary

None

Tuesday, January 9

9:15 am Elders' Bible Study and Meeting

6:00 pm Church Council Meeting

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES AT FAITH:

Sunday, January 7

8:00 am Divine Service

9:15 am Bible Study

9:15 am Sunday School

Wednesday, January 10

9:00 am Women of Faith

3:30 pm Bible Study

5:00 pm Divine Service

6:30 pm Bible Study

Thursday, January 11

9:30 am LWML Meet and Greet

10:00 am LWML Bible Study and Meeting

Friday, January 12

5:30 pm Pizza

6:30 pm Movie Night

Looking Ahead

January 13 – Christmas Decoration

Removal 8:00 am

January 19 – Lifelight Bible Study 7:00 pm

January 21 – LWML Sunday