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THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 8 & 9, 2023

Welcome to Worship! When Jesus came to the Jordan to be baptized, it took some prompting to get John the Baptist to do the baptizing. But when he did, Jesus entered into His public ministry and a war against Satan and evil. He waged that war and came out victorious for you and me.

Please register your attendance and Communion in the Record of Fellowship.

A “Wee Wiggle Room” is available below the entrance on Walnut St. and a Comfort Room is in the Atrium.

All Sunday School classes and Bible Classes will begin on January 15.

Where do I put my offering? You can place gifts in the offering plate near each entrance or the boxes on the west wall of the narthex or in the chapel. Thank you!

Cell Phones: *Please remember to silence cell phones and electronics during worship.*

Holy Communion will be offered at the 9:00 & 7:00 services. If you are not a confirmed member of the Lutheran Church, please contact an elder or pastor before communing. Gluten free wafers are available in plastic sleeves. If you prefer an individual cup, please take one from the tray. Wine with alcohol removed is in the tray center.

+ DIVINE SERVICE IV, Page 203 +
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THE PRELUDE: “How Lovely Shines the Morning Star” -Johann Pachelbel

THE HYMN: “Baptized into Your Name Most Holy” **Hymn 590**

- 1 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.
- 2 My loving Father, here You take me To be henceforth Your child and heir.
My faithful Savior, here You make me The fruit of all Your sorrows share.
O Holy Spirit, comfort me When threat'ning clouds around I see.
- 3 My faithful God, You fail me never; Your promise surely will endure.
O cast me not away forever If words and deeds become impure.
Have mercy when I come defiled; Forgive, lift up, restore Your child.
- 4 All that I am and love most dearly — Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely; Help me Your faithful child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own Serve any will but Yours alone.

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THE INVOCATION, page 203

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. C **Amen.**

THE EXHORTATION:

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS:

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION:

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

THE KYRIE, page 204 **C** **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:, page 204

C **To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;**

Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!

We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing —

Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;

O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.

Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,

Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high —

For You alone are holy, You only are the Lord.

Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;

You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,

In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY: (We pray together)

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. Amen.

THE WORD OF THE MONTH: (we speak together)

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 1 Corinthians 1:18

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 42:1-9

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: "I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!

THE EPISTLE READING: Romans 6:1-11

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

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!

THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE, C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17 C: Glory to You, O Lord

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

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to You, O Christ.

+++ 9:00 & 7:00 NICENE CREED, page 206

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.

+++ 11:15 APOSTLES' CREED, page 207

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

THE HYMN: "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"

Hymn 405

- 1 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.
- 2 The Savior came to be baptized — The Son of God in flesh disguised —
To stand beneath the Father's will And all His righteousness fulfill.
- 3 As Jesus in the Jordan stood And John baptized the Lamb of God,
The Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove, Descended on Him from above.
- 4 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."
- 5 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.
- 6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute; This man is Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan's stream, Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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THE SERMON: "Baptismal Warfare"

THE OFFERTORY HYMN: "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymn 805

- △1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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THE SPECIAL CAMPAIGN ANNOUNCEMENT AND APPEAL

+++ 9:00 THE ANTHEM: "To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord"

THE CAMPAIGN PRAYER (we pray together)

Heavenly Father,
with *Faith in our Future* we join our hearts in prayer.
Give us a joyous and gracious spirit as we work together
to raise the resources necessary to bless Your children
in our School and Child Care ministries.

Enable us to continue the work begun by the saints who came before us.
Bless our efforts to tell coming generations of your mighty acts and unfailing love.

Replace any discouragement in our hearts and remind us
that You are our constant companion and guide.

May our words and deeds demonstrate our commitment
to the Lord Jesus, who holds our future securely in His hands.

We ask all this in His precious name. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Preface

P The Lord be with you. C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts. C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;**

Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.

Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;

Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ,... This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

C **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;**

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray

Distribution Hymns: 618, 605, 399, 411, 404

618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table, For weak and weary is my soul;

Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able To satisfy and make me whole: Refrain

ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!

2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning That sinners may salvation see

Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning; So I, a sinner, come to Thee. Refrain

3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior, Because I have a sinful heart,

Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never, For Thou my faithful shepherd art: Refrain

4 Weary am I and heavy laden; With sin my soul is sore oppressed;

Receive me graciously and gladden My heart, for I am now Thy guest. Refrain

5 What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base;

It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace. Refrain

605 Father Welcomes

ref Father welcomes all His children To His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation, Life forever has been won.

- 1 Little children, come to Me, For My kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give, Mercy for your sin. Refrain
- 2 In the water, in the Word, In His promise, be assured:
Those who are baptized and believe Shall be born again. Refrain
- 3 Let us daily die to sin; Let us daily rise with Him,
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord, Live in the peace of God. Refrain

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399 The Star Proclaims the King Is Here

- 1 The star proclaims the King is here; But, Herod, why this senseless fear?
For He who offers heav'nly birth Seeks not the kingdoms of this earth.
- 2 The eastern sages saw from far And followed on His guiding star;
And, led by light, to light they trod And by their gifts confessed their God.
- 3 Within the Jordan's sacred flood The heav'nly Lamb in meekness stood
That He, of whom no sin was known, Might cleanse His people from their own.
- 4 And oh, what miracle divine, When water reddened into wine!
He spoke the word, and forth it flowed In streams that nature ne'er bestowed.
- 5 For this Thy glad epiphany All glory, Jesus, be to Thee,
Whom with the Father we adore, And Holy Spirit evermore.

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411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

- 1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. Refrain

ref In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

- 2 I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, And show me the way to the Father.
Refrain

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race, We shall know the joy of Jesus. Refrain

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404 Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered

- 1 Jesus, once with sinners numbered, Had no blemish of His own;
In the waters of the Jordan His true worth and work were shown:
Heaven opened and the Spirit There descended like a dove,
As the Father's voice resounded, "Hear My Son, the One I love."
- 2 John confessed Him as the Savior — "Look, the sinless Lamb of God!"
Yet he dared not loose the sandals Of the One God's love had shod.
Oh, how fair the feet of Jesus, Bringing news of peace to us,
Christ, the herald of salvation, Preaching mercy from the cross:
- 3 This the baptism that our Savior Greatly longed to undergo;
This the crimson cleansing needed So the world God's love might know;
This the mission of Messiah As He stepped from Jordan's stream,
He, the chosen and anointed Son of God, sent to redeem.
- 4 Jesus, once with sinners numbered, Full obedience was Your path;
You, by death, have consecrated Water in this saving bath:
Dying to the sin of Adam, Rising to a life of grace;
We are counted with the righteous, Over us the cross You trace.

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Nunc Dimittis

**C O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace, For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace: A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill, The
glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel. All glory to the Father, All glory to the
Son, All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One; For as in the beginning, Is now,
shall ever be, God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

THE BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you... C **Amen**

THE CLOSING HYMN: "All Who Believe and Are Baptized"

Hymn 601

- 1 All who believe and are baptized Shall see the Lord's salvation;
Baptized into the death of Christ, They are a new creation.
Through Christ's redemption they shall stand
Among the glorious, heav'nly band Of ev'ry tribe and nation.

2 With one accord, O God, we pray: Grant us Your Holy Spirit.
Help us in our infirmity Through Jesus' blood and merit.
Grant us to grow in grace each day
That by this sacrament we may Eternal life inherit.

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THE POSTLUDE: "The People That in Darkness Sat" -Brad Hall

Preacher: Pastor Rodriguez **Lector:** Pastor Bloch

Liturgists: Pastor Fredstrom & Pastor Rodriguez

Organist: Mr. Paul Scheiderer **Adult & Youth Choir (9:00) Brass Ensemble (9:00)**
Vicar Farney is leading worship at St. John Lutheran Church, Sauers, this morning.

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