

The Baptism of Our Lord  
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**WELCOME**

**INVOCATION:**

*Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**People: Amen.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 29:1-2, 7, 9c, 11*

*Pastor: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.*

**People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

*Pastor: The voice of the LORD flashed forth flames of fire.*

**People: In His temple all cry, "Glory!"**

*Pastor: May the LORD give strength to His people!*

**People: May the LORD bless His people with peace!**

*Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;*

**People: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN:** "Glory Be to God the Father" (Lutheran Service Book, #506)

Glory be to God the Father,  
Glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit:  
Great Jehovah, Three in One!  
Glory, glory  
While eternal ages run!  
  
Glory be to Him who loved us,  
Washed us from each spot and stain;  
Glory be to Him who bought us,

Made us kings with Him to reign!  
Glory, glory  
To the Lamb that once was slain!  
Glory to the King of angels,  
Glory to the Church's King,  
Glory to the King of nations;  
Heav'n and earth, your praises bring!  
Glory, glory  
To the King of glory sing!  
Glory, blessing, praise eternal!  
Thus the choir of angels sings;  
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion!  
Thus its praise creation brings.  
Glory, glory,  
Glory to the King of kings!

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### **CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION:**

*Pastor: The God of all majesty and might is present among us, beloved. The living Christ is here in word and sacrament to bestow holy favor on all who look to Him in faith. He shares with us His victory over sin and death and promises us places of honor in His kingdom.*

**People: Yet we often disdain the Lord's gifts and seek instead worldly wealth and fame. We crave for ourselves the glory that is rightly God's alone. In pursuit of human acclaim we violate God's laws, injure our neighbors, and neglect the needs of the poor and helpless. Forgive us, merciful Savior! Make right by Your blood all that we have done wrong in thought, word, and deed. Turn us from selfishness to servanthood that, like You, we desire only to do what pleases our heavenly Father.**

*Pastor: Fear not, dear ones! From His cross Jesus prayed, "Father, forgive them." Seated on His throne, God welcomed that prayer and now delights in You. He sees on you the mark of Christ's death and resurrection, and, for Jesus sake, pardons you and names you His saints. As a called and ordained minister of this gospel, and with the authority the risen Lord bestowed on His Church, I, therefore, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**People: Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

*Pastor: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

*Pastor: Let us pray:*

**People: 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 eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM:** (11:00am) Ryla Chazlee Fickel

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HANDBELL ENSEMBLE ANTHEM:** "Rise, Shine, You People," LSB #825, arranged by Hart Morris, published by Concordia Publishing House, 2012.

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:** *Genesis 1:1–5*

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. 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.

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

**RESPONSORY:** Psalm 29:3-4, with Alleluias

*Lector: Alleluia. Alleluia. The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.*

**People: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.  
Alleluia.**

**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.

**RESPONSORY:** Psalm 29:10, with Alleluias

*Lector: Alleluia. Alleluia. The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;*

**People: the LORD sits enthroned as King forever. Alleluia.**

*Lector: Please rise, as you are able.*

*Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter:*

**People: Glory to You, O Lord!**

**GOSPEL READING:** Mark 1:4–11

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 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. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. 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. I have baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when He came up out of the water, immediately He saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on Him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased."

*Lector: This is the Gospel of our Lord.*

**People: Praise to You, O Christ!**

*Lector: We confess together our Christian faith, using the Apostles' Creed.*

**CONFESSION OF FAITH:** The Apostles' Creed

**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!**

**HYMN:** "Thy Strong Word" (LSB, #578)

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;  
At Thy speaking it was done.

For created light we thank Thee,  
While Thine ordered seasons run.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise to Thee who light dost send!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia without end!

Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,  
Dark as night and deep as death,  
Broke the light of Thy salvation,  
Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise to Thee who light dost send!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia without end!

Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;  
Bright with Thine own holiness,  
Glorious now, we press toward glory,  
And our lives our hopes confess.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise to Thee who light dost send!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia without end!

From the cross Thy wisdom shining  
Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;  
From the cross forever beameth  
All Thy bright redeeming light.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise to Thee who light dost send!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia without end!

Give us lips to sing Thy glory,  
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the light which Thou dost send

Fill our songs with alleluias,

Alleluias without end!

God the Father, light-creator,  
To Thee laud and honor be.

To Thee, Light of Light begotten,

Praise be sung eternally.

Holy Spirit, light revealer,

Glory, glory be to Thee.

Mortals, angels, now and ever

Praise the holy Trinity!

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**SERMON:** "It's the Beginning of the End, and We're Caught in the Middle" (Mark 1:4–11)

**PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS and COMMISSIONING OF DCE FIELDWORKER**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**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**

trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## PREFACE

*Pastor:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Pastor:* Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them to the Lord.

*Pastor:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## PROPER PREFACE

*Pastor:* It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for at His baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## SANCTUS



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."*

*In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sin. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

## PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

*Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**People: Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI



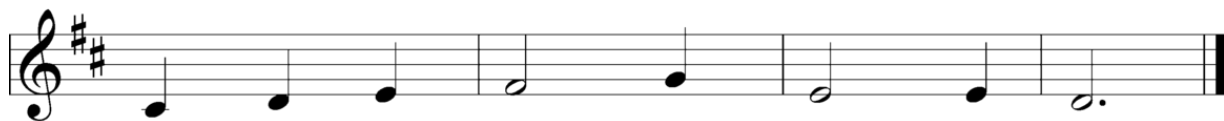
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.



## **DISTRIBUTION**

**The Lord's Supper will be distributed at the altar rail. Please follow the ushers' directions.**

## **DISTRIBUTION SONG: "King of Kings"**

In the darkness we were waiting  
Without hope without light  
Till from Heaven You came running  
There was mercy in Your eyes  
To fulfil the law and prophets  
To a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory  
To a cradle in the dirt

Praise the Father  
Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit three in one  
God of Glory  
Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of kings

To reveal the kingdom coming  
And to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation  
You did not despise the cross  
For even in Your suffering  
You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation  
Jesus for our sake You died

Praise the Father  
Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit three in one  
God of Glory  
Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of kings

And the morning that You rose  
All of heaven held its breath  
Till that stone was moved for good

For the Lamb had conquered death  
And the dead rose from their tombs  
And the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come  
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born  
Then the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this Gospel truth of old  
Shall not kneel shall not faint  
By His blood and in His Name  
In His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ  
Who has resurrected me

Praise the Father  
Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit three in one  
God of Glory  
Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of kings

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**DISTRIBUTION SONG: "This I Believe"**

Our Father everlasting  
The all creating One  
God Almighty  
Through Your Holy Spirit  
Conceiving Christ the Son  
Jesus our Saviour

I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in One  
I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Our judge and our defender  
Suffered and crucified  
Forgiveness is in You  
Descended into darkness  
You rose in glorious life  
Forever seated high

I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in One  
I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

I believe in You  
I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord  
I believe in life eternal  
I believe in the virgin birth  
I believe in the saints' communion  
And in Your holy Church  
I believe in the resurrection  
When Jesus comes again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It” (LSB, #594)**

God’s own child, I gladly say it:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
He, because I could not pay it,  
Gave my full redemption price.  
Do I need earth’s treasures many?  
I have one worth more than any  
That brought me salvation free  
Lasting to eternity!

Sin, disturb my soul no longer:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
I have comfort even stronger:  
Jesus’ cleansing sacrifice.  
Should a guilty conscience seize me  
Since my Baptism did release me  
In a dear forgiving flood,  
Sprinkling me with Jesus’ blood?

Satan, hear this proclamation:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
Drop your ugly accusation,  
I am not so soon enticed.  
Now that to the font I’ve traveled,  
All your might has come unraveled,  
And, against your tyranny,  
God, my Lord, unites with me!

Death, you cannot end my gladness:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
When I die, I leave all sadness  
To inherit paradise!  
Though I lie in dust and ashes  
Faith’s assurance brightly flashes:  
Baptism has the strength divine  
To make life immortal mine.

There is nothing worth comparing  
To this lifelong comfort sure!  
Open-eyed my grave is staring:

Even there I'll sleep secure.  
Though my flesh awaits its raising,  
Still my soul continues praising:  
I am baptized into Christ;  
I'm a child of paradise!

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "All Christians Who Have Been Baptized" (LSB, #596)**

All Christians who have been baptized,  
Who know the God of heaven,  
And in whose daily life is prized  
The name of Christ once given:  
Consider now what God has done,  
The gifts He gives to ev'ryone  
Baptized into Christ Jesus!

You were before your day of birth,  
Indeed, from your conception,  
Condemned and lost with all the earth,  
None good, without exception.  
For like your parents' flesh and blood,  
Turned inward from the highest good,  
You constantly denied Him.

But all of that was washed away—  
Immersed and drowned forever.  
The water of your Baptism day  
Restored again whatever  
Old Adam and his sin destroyed  
And all our sinful selves employed  
According to our nature.

In Baptism we now put on Christ—  
Our shame is fully covered  
With all that He once sacrificed  
And freely for us suffered.  
For here the flood of His own blood  
Now makes us holy, right, and good  
Before our heav'nly Father.

O Christian, firmly hold this gift  
And give God thanks forever!  
It gives the power to uplift  
In all that you endeavor.  
When nothing else revives your soul,  
Your Baptism stands and makes you whole  
And then in death completes you.  
So use it well! You are made new—  
In Christ a new creation!  
As faithful Christians, live and do  
Within your own vocation,  
Until that day when you possess  
His glorious robe of righteousness  
Bestowed on you forever!

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### **COMMON DISMISSAL:**

*Pastor: Now may this true body and blood our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in faith unto life everlasting.*

**People: Amen.**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Pastor: Let us pray:*

**People: We praise You, almighty God, that You have washed us with baptismal water and nourished us for Christian discipleship by the supper Your Son instituted, giving us His own body and blood in, with, and under bread and wine for the forgiveness of sin. Since You have raised us to new life with Christ, daily empower us to follow Him and serve our neighbors; for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION: (2 Corinthians 13:14)**

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

**People: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN:** “To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord” (LSB, #405)

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 righteousness 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.

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**DISMISSAL:**

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Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**In Christian Service:**

All disciples of the Lord Jesus

*with*

Liturgist: Rev. Walt Pohland

Proclaimer: Rev. Dr. Jim Marriott

Musicians: Adam Perez, Austin Angerman, and Amanda Theilen

Organist: Adam Perez

8:15 Lay Reader: Lance Kroesch

11:00 Lay Reader: Stacie Wollam

Children's Message: DCE Jonathan Loesch