

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Observing the Baptism of Our Lord

Inspired by Christ • Serving under Christ • Growing in Christ

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OPENING HYMN

“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

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**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!**

Romans 6:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Titus 3:4-7

Please stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C: Amen. *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth. *Psalms 124:8*

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. *Psalms 130:3-4*

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. *[Luke 18:13]*

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

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. *[John 20:19-23]*

C: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights. I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.” Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice

with trembling. 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. Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights. *Is.42:1, Ps. 2:7-11*

KYRIE *Mark 10:47*

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

**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 heavenly 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 heart-felt 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.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with You.

P: 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 into His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever,

C: Amen.

Please be seated

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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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.

Please stand

THE ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. [John 20:31]

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL: 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 being torn open 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."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

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.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

"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.**
Matthew 3:13-17; Hebrews 2:17; Luke 4:18; 2 Corinthians 5:21

SERMON

Your offering may be placed in the collection plate in the Narthex as you depart the church.

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you. [*2 Timothy 4:22*]

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord. [*Colossians 3:1*]

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise. [*Psalms 136*]

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto You O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

THE SANCTUS *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored, heaven 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

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give you thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

Here us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI *John 1:29*

**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.**

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION

Distribution today is by station communion. Ushers will invite people to the front by family or individual. The Elder will drop the wafer into your hand and you may take the individual cup yourself and dispose of it into the basket provided.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“The Infant Priest was Holy Born”

LSB 624

**The infant Priest was holy born For us unholy and forlorn;
From fleshly temple forth came He, Anointed from eternity.**

**This great High Priest in human flesh Was icon of God’s righteousness.
His hallowed touch brought sanctity; His hand removed impurity.**

**The holy Lamb undaunted came To God’s own altar lit with flame;
While weeping angels hid their eyes, This Priest became a sacrifice.**

**But death would not the victor be Of Him who hung upon the tree.
He leads us to the Holy Place Within the veil, before God’s face.**

**The veil is torn, our Priest we see, As at the rail on bended knee
Our hungry mouths from Him receive The bread of immortality.**

**The body of God’s Lamb we eat, A priestly food and priestly meat;
On sin-parched lips the chalice pours His quenching blood that life restores.**

**With cherubim and seraphim Our voices join the endless hymn,
And “Holy, holy, holy” sing To Christ, God’s Lamb, our Priest and King.**

Hebrews 9:11-28; John 1:29; John 6:51-58

Please stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

NUNC DIMITTIS *Luke 2:29-32*

**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.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

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**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!**

Romans 6:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Titus 3:4-7