

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

You Are Mine

January 11 & 12, 2025

5:00pm & 8:00am

AS WE GATHER

Today is the first of the bookends that mark the Epiphany season—the Baptism of Our Lord and His Transfiguration. In common is the command from God to “listen to Him.” We begin our journey of listening to the Lord, learning from those who went before, acknowledging the revelation of the Lamb of God in baptismal water, and looking to Him, the Word made flesh. In His Baptism, our Lord was not washed because He was unclean but because we are. The Father saw the prophetic words of Isaiah fulfilled in the water of the Jordan, and He claimed Jesus as His own Son and our appointed Redeemer. “You are Mine,” said the Lord to Jesus. Because He said those words to Jesus, they are now addressed to us—the people for whom Jesus was baptized.

Reception of Holy Communion: If you are planning to receive Christ's supper today, please read through the words of exhortation in the fellowship folder. For members, it is a good review of important spiritual matters for gathering at the table. For guests, it explains our stance on confession of faith, doctrinal unity, and proper spiritual preparation to receive the Supper for your benefit.

WELCOME

For all the promises of God find their Yes in him (Christ Jesus).
That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen
to God for his glory. 2 Corinthians 1:20

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

PREPARATION

RITE OF BAPTISMAL RENEWAL

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Dear friends, we were buried with Christ by Baptism into His death and raised with Him to newness of life. I call upon you to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced the devil and all his works and ways and were made members of the Holy Christian Church. Do you renounce the devil?

People: **Yes, I renounce him.**

Pastor: Do you renounce all his works?

People: **Yes, I renounce them.**

Pastor: Do you renounce all his ways?

People: **Yes, I renounce them.**

Pastor: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

People: **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

People: **Yes, I believe 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.**

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: **Yes, 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.**

Pastor: Is it your purpose to continue steadfast in this faith and in the promise of your Baptism and, as a member of the church, to be diligent in the use of the means of grace and prayer?

People: **Yes, with the help of God.**

Pastor: Come then, trace the sign of the cross upon your head and your heart, recalling your Baptism into Christ, and renewing your pledge and promise to live in this baptismal identity and promise as long as you live.

OPENING HYMN #590 “Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”

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.

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.

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.

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.

Pastor: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you
the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your
sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.

People: Amen.

Pastor: May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on
the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Rejoicing in the gift of our salvation, we sing the Hymn of Praise.

HYMN OF PRAISE

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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 solebegotten, 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 worshipped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High.
In God the Father’s glory. “Amen!” our glad reply.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: 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 heirs 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.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 43:1–7* (“I have called you by name, you are Mine.”) But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. ⁵Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. ⁶I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Romans 6:1–11* (By Baptism, we were united with Christ into His death and resurrection.) What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We 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. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We 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. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

8:00 SOLO *“Mark How the Lamb of God’s Self-Offering”* *Logan Romano*

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 3:15–22* (Jesus is baptized in the Jordan River by John.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” ¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done,

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²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison. ²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Be seated)

CHILDREN’S SONG & CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

“Jesus Loves the Little Children”

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.
Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sight
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Jesus cares for all the children, all the children of the world,
Ev’ry child in ev’ry land, Jesus holds them in His hand.
Jesus cares for all the children of the world.

SERMON HYMN #594 St. 1-3 “God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

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!

SERMON

“You Are Mine”

Isaiah 43:1-7

(Rise)

HYMN #594 St. 4-5 "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

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!

(Be seated)

OFFERING As your offering is collected, **please sign our fellowship folder** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the folder along to others in your pew, and return it to the center aisle. You may check the folder to see names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Blessed Lord, you wonderfully foreshadowed the promise of Baptism in the passing of your people through the Red Sea and Jordan River. In Christ and by His Baptism, you have kept your Word and made Baptism the water of new life.

People: Bless our hearts with faith to believe that we belong to you as your Precious children. Give us your Holy Spirit, that we would walk as the new and holy people you have declared us to be.

Pastor: We give you thanks that you call and gather the baptized into your Church. Prosper the good work of preaching the Gospel and administering the life-giving Sacraments. Bless Matthew, our Synod president; Eric, our district president; our pastors; and all church workers, that their ministry would be faithful and fruitful.

People: Bless also the ministry of our Together in Mission partner, Pastor Chuck Ferry and family, that many more leaders would be raised up and many more people come to faith.

Pastor: Preserve the family, especially all Christian homes. Turn husband and wife toward one another in love, equip fathers and mothers for their holy duty as teachers of the faith and give them courage to discipline their children.

People: Preserve our families, guard them from the evil one, and bless us to live in love and forgiveness, harmony and peace.

Pastor: Lord God, your Son, Jesus, is the Christ and the true King of this world. Grant great humility to the rulers of all the nations, that they would submit to the Wisdom of your Word for the sake of their own souls and for the good of your holy people.

People: Bless all governmental leaders to serve with honesty and integrity and for the common good.

Pastor: We give you thanks for standing with us in times of weakness, illness, despair and death. Comfort and heal all who are afflicted, especially Sharon, John, Debbie, Bob, Judy, Jerry, Carole, Wendy, June, Audrey, Janice, David, Helga, Dick, Michael, Margie, Anna, Charlene, Marlene, Dorothy, Marga, Ardis, Noah, Guy, Mike, Jill, Janet, Cathy, Shirley and Sarah. Give us every aid of your Holy Spirit, that we may endure these afflictions and find comfort in the healing wounds of our Savior.

People: Comfort also those who grieve the death of loved ones. We pray especially for the family and friends of Vern Strand as well as the loved ones of Jeremiah Clement.

Pastor: O Lord, as you have joined us to Christ's death and resurrection in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, so feed us His body and blood for forgiveness and life in the Sacrament of the Altar.

People: Give to your baptized children who partake of the Supper today tender hearts that confess their need, rejoice in your gifts and go forth in repentant faith.

Pastor: Lord God, heavenly Father, you manifested yourself with the Holy Spirit in the fullness of grace at the Baptism of your dear Son. With your voice, you directed us to the One who has borne our sins, that we may receive grace and forgiveness. Keep us, we implore you, in the true faith. Since we have been baptized in accordance with your command and the example of your Son, strengthen our faith by your Holy Spirit and lead us to everlasting life and salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

SACRAMENT

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: With high thanksgiving, we acknowledge our duty to offer you praise in every place and at every time, O holy Lord and almighty Father, through your Son, Jesus Christ, who was manifest in the waters of the Jordan as your own Son and our Savior, and who has bestowed your Word upon baptismal water that we may be cleansed and reborn as your own sons and daughters; therefore, with saints and angels, patriarchs and prophets, and all who bear your name, we join in their unending hymn, evermore praising you and singing:

SANCTUS

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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!

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

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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.

(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

HYMN #606

“I Lay My Sins on Jesus”

I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us From the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains
Clean in His blood most precious Till not a spot remains.

I lay my wants on Jesus; All fullness dwells in Him;
He heals all my diseases; My soul He does redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.

I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine;
His right hand me embraces; I on His breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.

HYMN #405 “To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”

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.

HYMN #398 “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

Hail to the Lord’s anointed, Great David’s greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free,
To take away transgression And rule in equity.

He comes with rescue speedy To those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing, Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, Were precious in His sight.

He shall come down like showers Upon the fruitful earth;
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, Spring in His path to birth.
Before Him on the mountains Shall peace, the herald, go;
And righteousness in fountains From hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before Him And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore Him, His praise all people sing.
To Him shall prayer unceasing And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing, A kingdom without end.

O’er ev’ry foe victorious, He on His throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious, All blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never His covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever – That name to us is Love.

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. O 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.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN #728 “How Firm a Foundation”

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

“Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never, forsake!

“When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
My grace, all sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

“Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove
My sov’ reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.”

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