



## **The Baptism of Our Lord**

**January 8, 2024**

**Divine Setting Two**

**+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +**

*HYMN OF INVOCATION*

**394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise**

- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
    Manifested by the star  
    To the sages from afar,  
Branch of royal David's stem  
In Thy birth at Bethlehem:  
    Anthems be to Thee addressed,  
    God in man made manifest.
  
- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
    And at Cana wedding guest  
    In Thy Godhead manifest;  
Manifest in pow'r divine,  
Changing water into wine;  
    Anthems be to Thee addressed,  
    God in man made manifest.
  
- 3 Manifest in making whole  
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
    Manifest in valiant fight,  
    Quelling all the devil's might;  
Manifest in gracious will,  
Ever bringing good from ill;  
    Anthems be to Thee addressed,  
    God in man made manifest.
  
- 4 Sun and moon shall darkened be,  
Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;

Christ will then like lightning shine,  
All will see His glorious sign;  
All will then the trumpet hear,  
All will see the Judge appear;  
Thou by all wilt be confessed,  
God in man made manifest.

- 5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord,  
Present in Thy holy Word—  
Grace to imitate Thee now  
And be pure, as pure art Thou;  
That we might become like Thee  
At Thy great epiphany  
And may praise Thee, ever blest,  
God in man made manifest.

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***(Stand)***

***(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.**

**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.**

### **+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

*INTROIT* Psalm 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a

**A** 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 be- |  
gotten you.

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,\*  
and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.

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,  
for his wrath is quickly | kindled.\*  
Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him.  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**  
Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,\*  
my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

*KYRIE*

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- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**  
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**  
**A** 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.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**  
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**  
**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**C** **Amen.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE – THIS IS THE FEAST*

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- A** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.  
**C** **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**  
**Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His.**  
**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**  
**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of**

**all creation:**

**Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

*SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY*

**A** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**A** Let us pray.

**C** **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.**

**(Sit)**

*ANTHEM*      *“Let Light Shine Out of Darkness”*      *Behnke*  
*Parish Adult Choir*

*OLD TESTAMENT READING*

Isaiah 42:1–9

<sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>2</sup>He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;

<sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;

he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
<sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be discouraged  
till he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his law.  
<sup>5</sup>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:  
<sup>6</sup>“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,  
<sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
<sup>8</sup>I am the LORD; that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to carved idols.  
<sup>9</sup>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.**

*GRADUAL*

Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8

**A** Praise the LORD, all | nations!\*  
Extol him, all | peoples!  
For great is his steadfast | love toward us,\*  
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;\*  
bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

*EPISTLE*

Romans 6:1–11

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>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.**

**(Stand)**

*COMMON ALLELUIA AND VERSE*

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**C** **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

*HOLY GOSPEL*

Matthew 3:13–17

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be



baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>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; <sup>17</sup>and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

#### *APOSTLES' CREED*

**C** 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.**

**(Sit)**

*CHILDREN'S MESSAGE*

*Michael Yurk, D.C.E.*

*HYMN OF THE DAY*

**405 To Jordan's River Came Our Lord**

- 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.

*SERMON      A Reckoning Forever*

*BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE*

**P** Do you renounce the devil?

**C** **Yes, I renounce him.**

**P** Do you renounce the devil?  
Do you renounce all his works?

**C** **Yes, I renounce them.**

**P** Do you renounce all his ways?

**C** **Yes, I renounce them.**

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

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

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

**C** **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.**

**P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C** **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.**

## *PRAYER OF THE CHURCH*

- A** Because of our Baptism we “must consider [ourselves] dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.” Let us therefore boldly go to our heavenly Father in prayer for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For all the baptized in the Body of Christ, given “as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations,” that they would be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to respond as His chosen servants with faith-filled thoughts, words, and deeds in both their private and public lives, let us pray to the Lord.

- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- A** For the Church here and around the world, that we not feel unworthy in our service, as did John the Baptist, but may spread the news of God’s proclaimed favor in Christ and that those who make, administer, and judge the laws of all the nations would order society in peace and justice so that the Church may flourish, let us pray to the Lord.

- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- A** For all who work in the healing arts, those who respond first in disasters, and those who protect us at home and while deployed in harm’s way, that God would protect them in time of danger, give them courage to use their gifts for the good of all entrusted to their care, and guide them when making difficult decisions, let us pray to the Lord.

- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- A** For all who, like bruised reeds or faintly burning wicks, cry out to God for compassion, strength, and healing including Nancy, Sandra, Libby, Kathy, Dawn, Sue, Larry, Rick, Jean, Alfred, that God would not let them grow faint or

discouraged, but would visit and relieve them according to His gracious will, using us whenever possible to bring renewal of life and joy, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** That “the LORD give strength to His people . . . [and] bless His people with peace”; into Your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

*OFFERING*     *“To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”*     Callahan

*OFFERTORY*     LSB 176

**C** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on  
the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name  
of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all  
His people,  
in the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O  
Jerusalem.

*(Stand)*

**+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

*PREFACE*     LSB 177

**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.**

*PROPER PREFACE*

- P** 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 saying:

*SANCTUS*

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- C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*LORD'S PRAYER*

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- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:  
**C** **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*

*PAX DOMINI*

LSB 180

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

*(Sit)*

*DISTRIBUTION HYMN*

**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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### *DISMISSAL*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

**C** Amen.

**(Stand)**

### *THANK THE LORD*

LSB 181

**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.

Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.

He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy



**with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*POST-COMMUNION COLLECT*

**P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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*

**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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✠ **THE WORSHIP IS ENDED.**  
**LET THE SERVICE BEGIN.** ✠

✠ **We Go in Peace to Serve the Lord** ✠  
✠ **Trust** ✠ **Grow** ✠ **Show** ✠

#### **THOSE ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE**

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*The chancel flowers today have been placed by the Altar Guild to the Glory  
of God.*

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