

# The Baptism of Our Lord

January 12, 2025

## Divine Service – Setting Two

### Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

#### Prelude

#### From God the Father, Virgin-Born

- 1 From God the Father, virgin-born  
To us the only Son came down;  
By death the font to consecrate,  
The faithful to regenerate.
- 2 Beginning from His home on high,  
In human flesh He came to die;  
Creation by His death restored,  
And shed new joys of life abroad.
- 3 Glide on, O glorious Sun, and bring  
The gift of healing on Your wing;  
To ev'ry dull and clouded sense  
The clearness of Your light dispense.
- 4 Abide with us, O Lord, we pray;  
The gloom of darkness chase away;  
Your work of healing, Lord, begin,  
And take away the stain of sin.
- 5 Lord, once You came to earth's domain  
And, we believe, shall come again;  
Be with us on the battlefield,  
From ev'ry harm Your people shield.
- △ 6 To You, O Lord, all glory be  
For this Your blest epiphany;  
To God, whom all His hosts adore,  
And Holy Spirit evermore.

*Text: Latin, c. 5th–10th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.*

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of your Baptism.*

#### Invocation, Confession, and Absolution

- 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.

*Kneel/Stand*

*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

#### LSB 401 Introit: Psalm 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a



- P** Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,\*  
my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.
- P** I will tell of | the decree:\*  
The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you.
- C** Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,\*  
and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.
- P** You shall break them with a | rod of iron\*  
and dash them in pieces like a potter's | vessel."
- C** Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;\*  
be warned, O rulers | of the earth.
- P** Serve the |LORD with fear,\*  
and rejoice with | trembling,
- C** for his wrath is quickly | kindled.\*  
Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him.
- C** 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.
- P** Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,\*  
my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

#### Kyrie

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

#### Gloria in Excelsis

- P** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.
- C** Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:  
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:  
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.  
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

#### 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 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.

**C** Amen.

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### Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7

<sup>1</sup>But now thus says the  
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.  
<sup>2</sup>When 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.  
<sup>3</sup>For 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.  
<sup>4</sup>Because 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.  
<sup>5</sup>Fear not, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you.  
<sup>6</sup>I 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,  
<sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

*The reading concludes:*

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Gradual: Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8

**C** 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.

*The reading concludes:*

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

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### Alleluia and Verse

**C** Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

### Holy Gospel: Luke 3:15-22

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

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

<sup>15</sup>As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup>John 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 with fire. <sup>17</sup>His 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."

<sup>18</sup>So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But 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, <sup>20</sup>added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, <sup>22</sup>and 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."

*The reading concludes:*

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

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

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### To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord

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- 1** To Jordan came the Christ, our Lord,  
To do His Father's pleasure;  
Baptized by John, the Father's Word  
Was given us to treasure.  
This heav'nly washing now shall be  
A cleansing from transgression  
And by His blood and agony  
Release from death's oppression.  
A new life now awaits us.
- 2** O hear and mark the message well,  
For God Himself has spoken.  
Let faith, not doubt, among us dwell  
And so receive this token.  
Our Lord here with His Word endows  
Pure water, freely flowing.  
God's Holy Spirit here avows  
Our kinship while bestowing  
The Baptism of His blessing.
- 3** These truths on Jordan's banks were shown  
By mighty word and wonder.  
The Father's voice from heav'n came down,  
Which we do well to ponder:  
"This man is My beloved Son,  
In whom My heart has pleasure.  
Him you must hear, and Him alone,  
And trust in fullest measure  
The word that He has spoken."
- 4** There stood the Son of God in love,  
His grace to us extending;  
The Holy Spirit like a dove  
Upon the scene descending;  
The triune God assuring us,  
With promises compelling,  
That in our Baptism He will thus  
Among us find a dwelling  
To comfort and sustain us.

- 5 **To His disciples spoke the Lord,**  
**“Go out to ev’ry nation,**  
**And bring to them the living Word**  
**And this My invitation:**  
 Let ev’ryone abandon sin  
 And come in true contrition  
 To be baptized and thereby win  
 Full pardon and remission  
 And heav’nly bliss inherit.”
- 6 **But woe to those who cast aside**  
 This grace so freely given;  
 They shall in sin and shame abide  
 And to despair be driven.  
 For born in sin, their works must fail,  
 Their striving saves them never;  
 Their pious acts do not avail,  
 And they are lost forever,  
 Eternal death their portion.
- 7 **All that the mortal eye beholds**  
 Is water as we pour it.  
 Before the eye of faith unfolds  
 The pow’r of Jesus’ merit.  
 For here it sees the crimson flood  
 To all our ills bring healing;  
 The wonders of His precious blood  
 The love of God revealing,  
 Assuring His own pardon.

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## Sermon

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## Prayer of the Church

*Petitions conclude:*

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

## Renewal of Baptismal Vows

- P** Dear friends, we are buried into Christ by Baptism into His death, and raised with Him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced the devil and all his works and all his ways and promised to serve God faithfully in the Holy Christian Church.
- P** Do you renounce the devil?  
**C** I do renounce him.  
**P** Do you renounce all his works?  
**C** I do renounce them.  
**P** Do you renounce all his ways?  
**C** I do renounce them.  
**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?  
**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.

- P** 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.

**C** Amen.

## Offertory

- 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.

## Service of the Sacrament

### 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.

### Proper Preface

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

### Sanctus

- 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.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.  
 Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

### Lord’s Prayer

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

### The Words of Our Lord

#### Pax Domini

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

#### Agnus Dei

- C** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
 Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have

mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace..

*Sit*

## Distribution

### Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

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- 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.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–85, alt.

### Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered

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- 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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*Stand*

### Thank the Lord

- 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

- 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.

*Sit*

### Once in the Blest Baptismal Waters

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- 1 Once in the blest baptismal waters  
I put on Christ and made Him mine;  
Now numbered with God's sons and daughters,  
I share His peace and love divine.

*Refrain:* O God, for Jesus' sake I pray  
Your peace may bless my dying day.

- 2 His body and His blood I've taken  
In His blest Supper, feast divine;  
Now I shall never be forsaken,  
For I am His, and He is mine. *(Refrain)*
- 3 And thus I live in God contented  
And die without a thought of fear;  
My soul has to God's plans consented,  
For through His Son my faith is clear. *((Refrain))*

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