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The Baptism of our Lord, January 9th, 2022

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The Order of Service: Divine Service Setting Four,

LSB 203

Opening Hymn: Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

LSB 590

- 1 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.

- 2 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.

- 3 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.

- 4 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.

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 Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

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.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, 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.

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.

C Amen.

Introit

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

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,

for His wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessèd are all who take refuge in Him.

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.

C Lord, have mercy;
 Christ, have mercy;
 Lord, have mercy.

Hymn of Praise: Gloria in Excelsis

C 1 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.

2 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 heartfelt cry,
 Where You in pow'r are seated
 At God's right hand on high—

3 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.
C Amen.

Sit

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:1–7

¹But 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 Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in My eyes, and honoured, 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.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 29; antiphon: v. 3

¹Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His Name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶**He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in His temple all cry, “Glory!”

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as King forever.**

¹¹May the LORD give strength to His people! May the LORD bless His people with peace!

The Epistle Lesson

Romans 6:1–11

¹What 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

G Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

G These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

G Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 3:15–22

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

G 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 with 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 reprovved by him for Herodias, his brother’s wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, 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.”**

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

The 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.

Hymn of the Day: 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: Christ Works through Baptism

Luke 3:15–22

Prayer of the Church

Offering: The Star Proclaims the King Is Here

LSB 399

- 1 The star proclaims the King is here;
But, Herod, why this senseless fear?
For He who offers heav'nly birth
Seeks not the kingdoms of this earth.
- 2 The eastern sages saw from far
And followed on His guiding star;
And, led by light, to light they trod
And by their gifts confessed their God.
- 3 Within the Jordan's sacred flood
The heav'nly Lamb in meekness stood
That He, of whom no sin was known,
Might cleanse His people from their own.
- 4 And oh, what miracle divine,
When water reddened into wine!
He spoke the word, and forth it flowed
In streams that nature ne'er bestowed.
- △ 5 For this Thy glad epiphany
All glory, Jesus, be to Thee,
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Holy Spirit evermore.

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The Lord's Prayer

Closing Collect

Benedicamus

LSB 212

Benediction

Hymn to Depart: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

LSB 394

- 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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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sunday School: Due to the high rate of Covid Related infections Sunday School classes will resume on the first Sunday in February. We pray that our Lord will be with everyone and you stay safe and healthy.

Bible Study: Bible Study will resume on the first Wednesday at 10 a.m. in February.

Confirmation Class: Due to the increase of Covid Related cases and the Schools not returning to regular classes we will resume meeting again on the first Thursday in February.

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