

The Baptism of Our Lord

Celebration ◊ January 7, 2024

8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Worship

(Following the Readings for the Baptism of Our Lord, Series B)

WELCOME

HYMN "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

LSB #344



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the
3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge
4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the
Δ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,
way for God with - in, And let us all our
and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we
fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry
sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay,
of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.
we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen**

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

1 John 1:8-9

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Leader: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **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.

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

THIS IS THE FEAST

Mark 10:47

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



FIRST READING Genesis 1:1-5

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The 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.

³And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

SECOND READING 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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE



GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:4-11

Pastor: The Gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter.

People:



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And 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.

⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And 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. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And 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:



C Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE



1 Je - sus, once with sin - ners num - bered, Had no blem - ish
 2 John con - fessed Him as the Sav - ior— "Look, the sin - less
 3 This the bap - tism that our Sav - ior Great - ly longed to
 4 Je - sus, once with sin - ners num - bered, Full o - be - dience



of His own; In the wa - ters of the Jor - dan
 Lamb of God!" Yet he dared not loose the san - dals
 un - der - go; This the crim - son cleans - ing need - ed
 was Your path; You, by death, have con - se - crat - ed



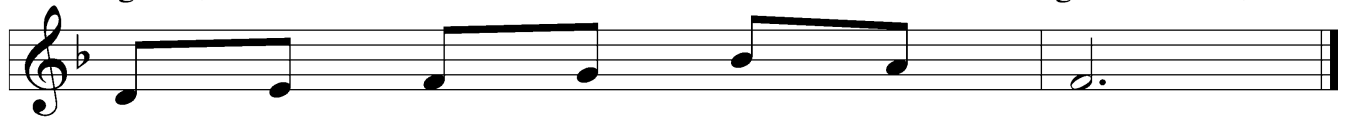
His true worth and work were shown: Heav - en o - pened
 Of the One God's love had shod. Oh, how fair the
 So the world God's love might know; This the mis - sion
 Wa - ter in this sav - ing bath: Dy - ing to the



and the Spir - it There de - scend - ed like a
 feet of Je - sus, Bring - ing news of peace to
 of Mes - si - ah As He stepped from Jor - dan's
 sin of Ad - am, Ris - ing to a life of



dove, As the Fa - ther's voice re - sound - ed,
 us, Christ, the her - ald of sal - va - tion,
 stream, He, the cho - sen and a - noint - ed
 grace; We are count - ed with the righ - teous,



"Hear My Son, the One I love."
 Preach - ing mer - cy from the cross:
 Son of God, sent to re - deem.
 O - ver us the cross You trace.

SERMON: “Emerging from Baptism”

Text: Romans 6:1-11

NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with
the Father, by whom all things were made;
who for us people and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again
according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to
come. Amen.**

OFFERING

PRAYERS

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.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

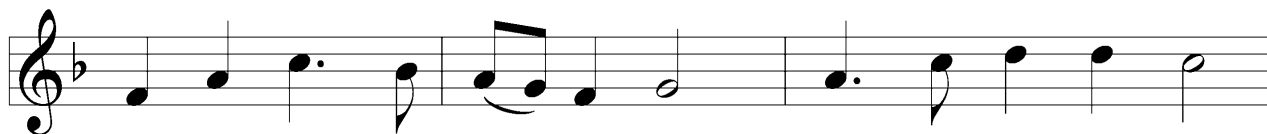
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

SANCTUS ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



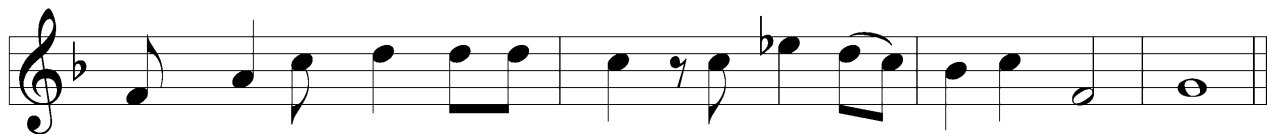
C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-2

PAX DOMINI ~ The Peace of the Lord

John 20:19

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God

C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

“Spirit of Heaven” by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend



1. Spir - it of Heav-en, flood ov - er me, form-ing
 2. Spir - it of beau - ty and ho - li-ness, come re-
 3. Breathe Your for-give-ness when dark - ness falls and my



Christ in all that I do._____ Turn ev-ery sin-ful de - sire in me in - to
 fine with fire from a - bove,_____ till I am cast in Your right - eous-ness and I
 heart is hea - vy with sin._____ Fill me with faith for the high - er cause of the

Refrain



ho - ly pass - ion for You._____ O, Spir - it of God, come down;
 love the things that you love._____ cease-less praise of the King._____



Let mer-cy and grace a- bound. My pass-ion-ate prayer shall be: Christ in



me.

me.

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“Wonderful, Merciful Savior” by David Rodgers & Eric Wyse



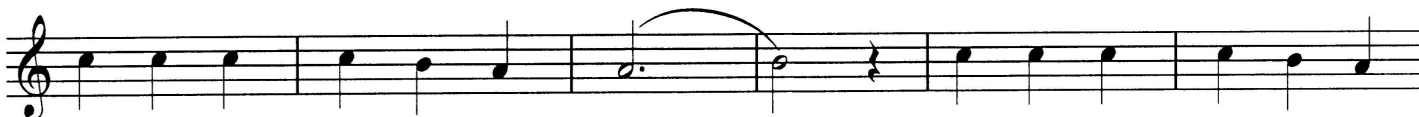
1. Won - der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, pre - cious Re - deem - er and__
 2. Coun - se - lor, Com - fort - er, Keep - er, Spir - it we long to em -
 3. Al - might - y, in - fi - nite Fa - ther, faith - ful - ly lov - ing Your__



Friend; _____ Who would have thought that a Lamb could res - cue the
 brace; _____ You of - fer hope when our hearts have hope - less - ly
 own; _____ Here in our weak - ness You find us fall - ing be -



souls of men? Oh, ___ You res - cue the souls of men. _____
 lost the way, Oh, ___ we hope - less - ly lost the way. _____
 fore Your throne, Oh, ___ we're fall - ing be - fore Your throne. _____



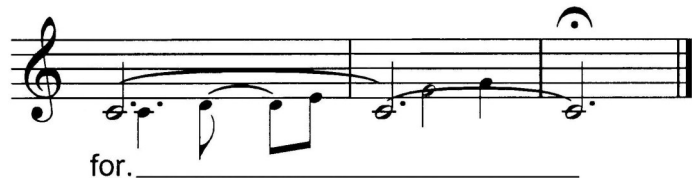
You are the One that we praise, _____ You are the One we a -



dore. _____ You give the heal - ing and grace our hearts al - ways



hun - ger for, Oh, ___ our hearts al - ways hun - ger



for. _____

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BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance on you and † give you peace.

People: Amen.

SENDING HYMN "There Is A Redeemer"

LSB #971 vv. 1-2



1 There is a Re - deem - er— Je - sus, God's own Son;
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all names;



Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.

Refrain



Thank You, O my Fa - ther, For giv-ing us Your Son,



And leav - ing Your Spir-it Till the work on earth is done.

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