

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 10, 2021 11:00 AM



FOR THOSE DESIRING TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor. For further study, see Matt. 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; 1 Cor. 11:17–34.)

THINK ABOUT THIS

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. Such a day is also a good time to remember our own Baptism. In Baptism, we are buried with Christ. We are united with Him in a death like His. In Baptism, we are also raised to new life as re-creations. As we are united to Christ in death, we will also be united with Him in resurrection when He returns and raises the dead.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC "Rescue"

(Verse, Pre-Chorus 1, Chorus 1, Verse, Pre-Chorus 1, Chorus 2, Pre-Chorus 2, Chorus 2)

**You are not hidden
There's never been a moment
You were forgotten
You are not hopeless
Though you have been broken
Your innocence stolen**

Pre-Chorus 1:

**I hear you whisper underneath your breath
I hear your SOS, your SOS**

Chorus 1:

**I will send out an army to find you
In the middle of the darkest night
It's true, I will rescue you
There is no distance
That cannot be covered
Over and over**

You're not defenseless
I'll be your shelter
I'll be your armor (Pre-Chorus 1, Chorus 2)

Chorus 2:
I will send out an army to find you
In the middle of the darkest night
It's true, I will rescue you
I will never stop marching to reach you
In the middle of the hardest fight
It's true, I will rescue you

Pre-Chorus 2:
I hear the whisper underneath your breath
I hear you whisper, you have nothing left

"Lamb of God"
(Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Bridge, Chorus)
King of all the earth and every age
All creation waits for You, and trembles at Your name
Surrounded on a throne of endless praise
Fire and lightning flash from the glory of Your face
And I sing to You

Chorus: You are holy, You are worthy
You are holy, You're the Lamb of God

How do I dare approach this Holy One
The One who was and is, Who was and is to come
Robed in righteousness and mystery
We've only just begun, just begun to sing
So I'll come broken through
The blood of Your Son
I kneel before You (Chorus)

Bridge:
Blessing and honor and glory and power
To Him who sits on the throne
Blessing and honor and glory and power
Forever to our God alone (Chorus)

WELCOME

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

In Holy Baptism, each of us was baptized into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. In Baptism, we were united with Christ. Yet, we have often lived as if we were entirely independent and autonomous. We have lived as if our identity were not in Jesus, but in our own selfish desires. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to turn back to Him and ask for His forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

Heavenly Father,

we confess that we are by nature sinful and have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. On account of Jesus, forgive us, renew us, and unite us to Your name.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you. In Baptism, you were united to Christ in both His death and resurrection. You were buried with Him, but also raised to walk in newness of life. 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.

Amen. We are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

☩ **WORD** ☩

SONG OF PRAISE “The River is Here”

(Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Chorus)

**Down the mountain the river flows
And it brings refreshing wherever it goes
Through the valleys and over the fields
The river is rushing and the river is here**

Chorus:

**The river of God sets our feet to dancing
The river of God fills our hearts with cheer**

**The river of God fills our mouths with laughter
And we rejoice for the river is here**

**The river of God is teeming with life
And all who touch it can be revived
And all who linger on this river's shore
will come back thirsting
For more of the Lord. Chorus:**

**Up to the mountain we love to go
To find the presence of the Lord
Along the banks of the river we run
We dance with laughter
Giving praise to the Son. Chorus:**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel according to...

Glory to You, O Lord.

Mark 1:4–11

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."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

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 men 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.

CHILDREN'S SONG

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

(Refrain)

Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev'rywhere
Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherd kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night
Behold, through-out the heavens There shone a holy light (refrain)

The shepherds feared and trembled When lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth (refrain)

Down in a lonely manger The humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn. (refrain)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SONG

"This I Believe" based on the Apostles Creed

(Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Bridge, 2nd Chorus, Chorus)

Our Father everlasting
The all creating One
God Almighty

Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Savior

Chorus

I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus

Our Judge and our Defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high Chorus

Bridge: I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord (repeat)

2nd Chorus

I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe, in the name of Jesus Chorus

MESSAGE

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(The offering will be received at the end of the service)

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

HOLY COMMUNION

(Visitors, please read the statement at the beginning of this service folder)

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

Oh Christ Lamb of God You take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us, have mercy on us, oh Christ Lamb of God You take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

RECEIVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

SONG "Bread of Life, Make Me Whole"

(Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Verse)

Bread of Life, make me whole.

Lamb of God, heal my soul.

Living Word alive in me,

Shed Your blood to set me free.

We praise Your name. We praise Your name.

We praise Your name. We praise Your name. (repeat)

BLESSING AND PEACE

May the true body and true blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul in the true faith to life everlasting. Depart in His peace.

