



Welcome to

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“In Nomine Iesu”

The Baptism of Our Lord

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Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and to the blessings, comfort, and peace of this congregation. As we gather, we prepare our hearts for the worship and praise of our Lord and Savior by remembering what the Scriptures say: "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" *Psalm 122:1* and "One thing have I asked of the Lord...that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple." *Psalm 27:4*. In that joy, let us worship together with prayer and praise.

Please take a moment to fill out the **attendance card** found in the pew racks. Just jot down the name of all in attendance and hand it to an usher or place the card in the basket in the narthex as you leave the service.

As We Gather

Today we combine the celebration of Epiphany with the Baptism of Our Lord. This gives us an opportunity to usher in the Epiphany season and to celebrate the special manifestation of Christ in our individual lives through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship ~ Ringing of the Bells

The Order of Worship

Lutheran Service Book – page 184
Divine Service Setting Three

Entrance Hymn

“Brightest and Best Stars of the Morning”

LSB #400

Invocation *(please stand)*

P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Exhortation

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart
and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching
Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us
forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Confession of Sins

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all
my sins and iniquities with which I have ever
offended You and justly deserved Your temporal
and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry
for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray
You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of
the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of
Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious
and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Absolution

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a
called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the
grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the
command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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

Ps. 2:7-11, 12c; antiphon: Is. 42:1a

P Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
C **my chosen, in whom my soul delights.**

P I will tell of the decree:
C **The LORD said to me, "You are my Son;
today I have begotten you.**

P Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
C **and the ends of the earth your possession.**

P You shall break them with a rod of iron
C **and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."**

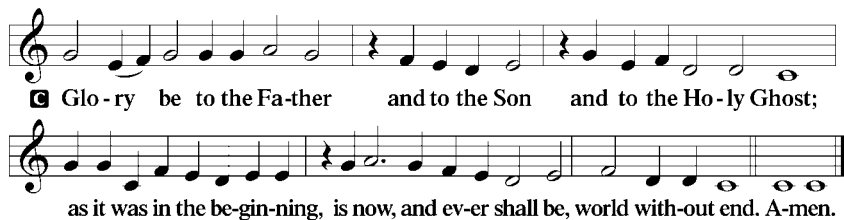
P Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
C **be warned, O rulers of the earth.**

P Serve the LORD with fear,
C **and rejoice with trembling,**

P for his wrath is quickly kindled.
C **Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.**

P Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
C **my chosen, in whom my soul delights.**

Gloria Patri



☐ Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Kyrie



☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

p Glory be to God on high: **f** and on earth peace, good - will toward
 men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
 O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.
 O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

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,
7 to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.
8 I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. 9 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.**

Epistle

Romans 6:1-11

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

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

Alleluia (*please stand*)



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Holy Gospel

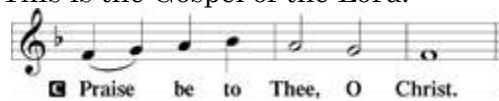
Matthew 3:13-17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3rd chapter.



¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶ 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; ¹⁷ 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.



Apostles' Creed

All 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.

(be seated)

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

"To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"

LSB #405

Sermon

Presentation of the Offering

Offertory ~ Create in Me

LSB 956

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

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Prayers of the Church

(After each portion of the prayers)

P Lord, in your mercy, **C hear our prayer.**

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs:

P Lord God, heavenly Father, You have called Your Church from every tribe and nation. Grant that Your people throughout the world would rejoice in the death and resurrection of Christ and live as those who have died and risen with Him in Holy Baptism; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and

reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

All 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.

Benediction *(please stand)*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift His countenance upon you
and (+) give you peace.



Sending Hymn

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

LSB #394

Silent Prayer

(be seated)

Postlude

"Soli Deo Gloria"

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