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# **The Baptism of Our Lord** **January 9th, 2022**



# **JESUS**

*Is Baptized*

## **HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED AT OUR 5:30PM & 9:00AM SERVICES**

Oneness at communion presupposes oneness in doctrine. For this reason we practice close communion, and ask guests desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service. To those communicants with dietary needs we offer gluten free wafers.

### **AS WE GATHER**

The “epiphany,” the showing forth or manifestation of Jesus as the Messiah, the Savior of the world, began with the coming of the Magi from the East. This “epiphany” now continues as our Lord’s active earthly ministry begins at the hands of His predecessor John the Baptist and His Baptism in the Jordan River. As the Holy Spirit comes upon His human flesh and the voice from heaven declares Him to be the Son of God, so our Baptism gives us “the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God” (John 1:12–13). To be thus “born again” is nothing less than to have heaven opened to us with the power of God’s gifts of faith, hope, love, and the perseverance to live as God’s children now albeit as “strangers and exiles on the earth” (Hebrews 11:13), yet as “fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God” (Ephesians 2:19). “I’m but a stranger here,” says the hymn, “Heav’n is my home” (LSB 748:1).

### **DIVINE SERVICE FOUR**

#### **WORDS OF WELCOME**

Elder of the Day

#### **OPENING HYMN**

*“The Star Proclaims the King Is Here”*

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#### **INVOCATION**

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

#### **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

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#### **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

*“Glory to God in the Highest”*

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#### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

**All:** **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.**

## ✠ READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE ✠

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 43:1-7*

But 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. 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. 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. 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. Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. 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, everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM ~ *Read Responsively*

*Psalm 29*

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,

People: **ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

People: **worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

People: **the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful;

People: **the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;

People: **the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.**

Leader: He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,

People: **and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord

People: **flashes forth flames of fire.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;

People: **the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare,

People: **and in his temple all cry, “Glory!”**

Leader: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;

People: **the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.**

Leader: May the Lord give strength to his people!

People: **May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

All: **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.**

### **EPISTLE READING**

**Romans 6:1-11**

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 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. 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. 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. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### **ALLELUIA & VERSE**

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Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3rd chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

### **GOSPEL READING**

**Luke 3:15-22**

As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, 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. 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." So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. 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, added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison. Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, 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.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## CREED

HYMN OF THE DAY      *“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”*

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SERMON      *“The Destination is in Sight”*

*Luke 3:15-22*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Gracious and merciful God, as the heavens were opened at the Baptism of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, so You have opened the very heavens to us as Your baptized people.

People: **Give to us the confidence of faith and the power of Your love that we may live as Your children even now amid the changes of this fallen world, ever rejoicing in Your constant mercy and grace.**

Pastor: Grant Your constant blessing upon Your whole Church.

People: **Give wisdom and confidence to all pastors and servants of Your Word and faithfulness and love to all Your people that Your truth may sound forth and prevail in our lives and through our service in the world.**

Pastor: Preserve our nation in the ways of righteousness and peace. Guide the leaders of all nations to pursue justice and peace.

People: **Guard and protect all who serve in the armed forces of our country, and all who protect us in our land. Grant to all faithfulness in their service.**

Pastor: Comfort and help all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or adversity, [*especially . . .*]. Have mercy on all to whom death draws near, [*especially . . .*]. Sustain and bless all who care for those who suffer. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: (*Special petitions that end in “Lord in Your mercy”*).

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You in Your Church on earth, who now rest from their labors.

People: **Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

## OFFERING



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<b>HYMN</b>	<b>“We Three Kings”</b>	CM 02
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*Words and Music by John H. Hopkins, JR.*

1. We three Kings of Orient are; Bearing gifts, we  
Traverse afar Field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
Following yonder star. **Refrain.**

**Refrain: O Star of wonder, Star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.**

2. Born a King on Bethlehem’s plain, Gold I bring, to  
crown Him again, King forever, ceasing never  
Over us all to reign. **Refrain.**

3. Frankincense to offer have I, Incense owns a  
Deity nigh. Prayer and praising all men raising,  
Worship Him, God most high. **Refrain.**

4. Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume Breathes a life of  
Gathering gloom; Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
Sealed in the stone cold tomb. **Refrain.**

5. Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and  
Sacrifice, Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Earth to the heav’ns replies. **Refrain.**

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**HYMN**

***“Make Me a Servant”***

CCS 32

*by Kelly Willard*

Make me a servant, humble and meek,  
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.  
And may the prayer of my heart always be:  
Make me a servant, make me a servant,  
Make me a servant today.

***(Sung three times)***

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**HYMN**

***“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”***

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**BENEDICTION**

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**CLOSING HYMN**

***“To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”***

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## OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### 5:30PM SATURDAY

**Bill Carlson**  
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### 9:00AM SUNDAY

**Rick Melius**  
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**Lydia Melius**  
Acolytes  
**Denise Edwards**  
Organist

**Mike Beyer**  
Congregational Chairman  
**Brian Ternus**  
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