

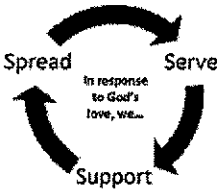
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## THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

9:00 AM

**AS WE GATHER** – 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.

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**      “God’s Own Child; I Gladly Say It”      by Jeffrey Blersch

## WELCOME

♩[Means please stand; ♪Means please be seated]

## ♩OPENING HYMN

## You Are Beloved in the Lord



1 You are be - lov - ed in the Lord And  
2 Re - nounce the dev - il's works and ways; His  
3 God goes be - hind you as a shield Pro -  
4 God goes be - side you as a friend To



in His name bap - tized; You have, ac - cord - ing  
prom - is - es are lies. He tempts God's peo - ple  
tect - ing you from harm; To Him each dead - ly  
strength - en you when faint; On Him you al - ways



to His Word, Been taught and cat - e - chized.  
all their days To faith - less com - pro - mise.  
foe must yield Be - fore His might - y arm.  
can de - pend To hear your soul's com - plaint.

5 God goes before you and He leads  
 And guides you day by day.  
 God knows your hurts and  
 deepest needs;  
 He hears you when you pray.

6 Dear child of God, your cares commit  
 To God, the Lord of all;  
 He will sustain and not permit  
 His righteous ones to fall.

△ 7 To God the Father glory be;  
 Sing glory to the Son,  
 Who with the Spirit endlessly  
 Reigns ever Three in One. Amen.

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## INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Genesis 1:1-2; Psalm 29:3-4

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.*  
**C** **Amen.**  
**P** *In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.*  
**C** **And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.**  
**P** *And God said, "Let there be light."*  
**C** **The voice of the Lord is over the waters.**  
**P** *The voice of the Lord is powerful.*  
**C** **The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**  
**P** *The voice of the Lord reveals Jesus as His Son.*  
**C** **The voice of the Lord reveals we are His children too.**

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P** *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.]

- P** *Heavenly Father,*  
**C** **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.**  
**P** *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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.*  
**C** **Amen. We are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.**

## INTROIT

Psalm 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 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** Blessed are all who take refuge in him.  
**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.  
**P** *Behold my servant, whom I uphold,*  
**C** my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

## **SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY**

- P** *The Lord be with you.*  
**C** And also with you.  
**P** *Let us pray.*

**All:** Heavenly Father, at the Baptism of Jesus, You revealed Him as Your beloved Son. Unite us to Christ, that we may daily die to sin and arise to newness of life, so that we might share the truth of Your Gospel; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

## **♪ OLD TESTAMENT READING**

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

**Genesis 1:1–5**

- P** *This is the Word of the Lord.*  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## **EPISTLE**

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

**Romans 6:1–11**

- P** *This is the Word of the Lord.*  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## **♪ ALLELUIA VERSE**

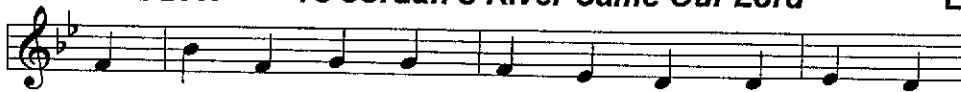
**Mark 1:11b**

**All:** Alleluia. You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased. Alleluia.

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

**Mark 1:4–11**

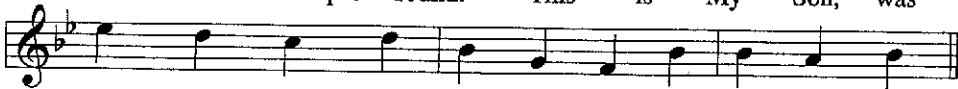
- P** *The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.*  
**C** Glory to You, O Lord.  
 (lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)  
**P** *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*  
**C** Praise to You, O Christ.



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The Christ, whom  
 2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The Son of  
 3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And John bap -  
 4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came God's own



heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The God from God, the  
 God in flesh dis - guised— To stand be - neath the  
 tized the Lamb of God, The Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 voice with words pro - found: "This is My Son," was



Light from Light, The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.  
 Fa - ther's will And all His righ - teous - ness ful - fill.  
 heav'n - ly dove, De - scend - ed on Him from a - bove.  
 His de - cree, "The one I love, who pleas - es Me."

5. The Father's word, the Spirit's flight  
 Anointed Christ in glorious sight  
 As God's own choice, from Adam's fall  
 To save the world and free us all.
6. Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;  
 This man is Christ, our substitute!  
 He was baptized in Jordan's stream,  
 Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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SERMON

**"THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD"**

**Mark 1:4-11**

- I. The heavens opened at Jesus' baptism.
- II. Heaven opened for us when we were baptized.

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☑ 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 there 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.

† INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL

## ♩ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Dear heavenly Father, in the Jordan River, You revealed Jesus to be Your beloved Son. Lord, by mighty work and wonder, **C** reveal Your grace to us.
- P** Lord, strengthen all those who have been baptized, especially those who have been baptized recently, with Your heavenly protection. Lead them to find their true identity in You as Your beloved sons and daughters. Lord, by mighty work and wonder, **C** reveal Your grace to us.
- P** Lord, comfort all those who are suffering in grief, [especially . . .]. Console them with the sure and certain hope that just as we have been united with Christ in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. Lord, by mighty work and wonder, **C** reveal Your grace to us.
- P** Lord, give courage to all those who live in conflict with their family members, especially regarding differences of faith. Lord, by mighty work and wonder, **C** reveal Your grace to us.
- P** Lord, bless all pastors, church planters, missionaries, and servants in Your Church who proclaim Your Word and administer Your Sacraments. Embolden them to seek and to save the lost and bring those who have strayed back into Your family. Lord, by mighty work and wonder, **C** reveal Your grace to us.
- P** Lord, place Your healing hand upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [especially . . .]. Have mercy upon them, and lead them on the path to health according to Your will. Lord, by mighty work and wonder, **C** reveal Your grace to us.
- P** Lord, we commend all these things to You in the name of Your beloved Son, Jesus. Lord, by mighty work and wonder, **C** reveal Your grace to us.

## BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you His peace.
- C** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

### God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

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1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap - tized  
2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap - tized  
3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap - tized  
4 Death, you can - not end my glad - ness: I am bap - tized  
5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing To this life - long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,  
in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er:  
in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,  
in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness  
com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's  
 Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y  
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the  
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in  
 E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



treas - ures man - y? I have one worth  
 con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism  
 font I've trav - eled, All your might has  
 dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance  
 waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -  
 did re - lease me In a dear for -  
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your  
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the  
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!  
 giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?  
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!  
 strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.  
 in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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