



The Baptism of Our Lord
January 10/11, 2021
“The Heavens Were Torn Open”

P Pastor **C** Congregation/All

✠ All may make the sign of the cross to remember their baptism.

Opening Hymn

“Baptized into Your Name Most Holy” (LSB 590)

Baptized into Your name most holy,
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,
Among Your saints, Your chosen host.
Buried with Christ and dead to sin,
Your Spirit now shall live within.

My loving Father, here You take me
To be henceforth Your child and heir.
My faithful Savior, here You make me
The fruit of all Your sorrows share.
O Holy Spirit, comfort me
When threat’ning clouds around I see.

My faithful God, You fail me never;
Your promise surely will endure.
O cast me not away forever
If words and deeds become impure.
Have mercy when I come defiled;
Forgive, lift up, restore Your child.

All that I am and love most dearly—
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely;
Help me Your faithful child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own
Serve any will but Yours alone.

Confession of Sins & Forgiveness

Psalm 124:8; 130:3-4

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

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

C Amen.

Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P 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.

C Amen.

Verse of the Month *1 Peter 4:10*

C As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

Old Testament and Epistle Readings

Genesis 1:1-5; Romans 6:1-11

Each reading concludes:

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel *Mark 1:4-11*

The reading is announced:

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

The reading concludes:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn

"To Jordan's River Came Our Lord" (LSB 405)

To Jordan's river came our Lord,
The Christ, whom heav'nly hosts adored,
The God from God, the Light from Light,
The Lord of glory, pow'r, and might.

The Savior came to be baptized—
The Son of God in flesh disguised—
To stand beneath the Father's will
And all His righteousness fulfill.

As Jesus in the Jordan stood
And John baptized the Lamb of God,
The Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove,
Descended on Him from above.

Then from God's throne with thund'rous sound
Came God's own voice with words profound:
"This is My Son," was His decree,
"The one I love, who pleases Me."

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.

Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;
This man is Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan's stream,
Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

Sermon *"The Heavens Were Torn Open"*

Milestone *New Driver (8:00 and 10:30 am)*

Baptismal Renewal *Matthew 28:19; Titus 3:5-8*

P "Go and make disciples of all nations,

C baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

P Baptism is not just plain water.

C It is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

P How can water do such great things?

C Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this Word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit.

P "[God] saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior,

C so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life."

P The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and

of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins,
strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.

C Amen.

Prayer of the Church

After each petition:

P ... Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer *Matthew 6:9-13*

C 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.

The 8:00 am service continues with the benediction.

Words of Our Lord *Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24;
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

The Distribution

Sung during the distribution (10:30 am) ...

Hymn "Father Welcomes" (LSB 605)

Refrain: Father welcomes all His children
To His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation,
Life forever has been won.

Little children, come to Me,
For My kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give,
Mercy for your sin. *Refrain*

In the water, in the Word,
In His promise, be assured:
Those who are baptized and believe
Shall be born again. *Refrain*

Let us daily die to sin;
Let us daily rise with Him,
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,
Live in the peace of God. *Refrain*

Hymn "All Christians Who Have Been Baptized" (LSB 596)

All Christians who have been baptized,
Who know the God of heaven,
And in whose daily life is prized
The name of Christ once given:
Consider now what God has done,
The gifts He gives to ev'ryone
Baptized into Christ Jesus!

You were before your day of birth,
Indeed, from your conception,
Condemned and lost with all the earth,
None good, without exception.
For like your parents' flesh and blood,
Turned inward from the highest good,
You constantly denied Him.

But all of that was washed away—
Immersed and drowned forever.
The water of your Baptism day
Restored again whatever
Old Adam and his sin destroyed
And all our sinful selves employed
According to our nature.

In Baptism we now put on Christ—
Our shame is fully covered
With all that He once sacrificed
And freely for us suffered.
For here the flood of His own blood
Now makes us holy, right, and good
Before our heav'nly Father.

O Christian, firmly hold this gift
And give God thanks forever!
It gives the power to uplift
In all that you endeavor.
When nothing else revives your soul,
Your Baptism stands and makes you whole
And then in death completes you. ►

So use it well! You are made new—
In Christ a new creation!
As faithful Christians, live and do
Within your own vocation,
Until that day when you possess
His glorious robe of righteousness
Bestowed on you forever!

Benediction *Numbers 6:24-26*

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

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” (LSB 924)

Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us; O refresh us,
Trav’ling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration
For Your Gospel’s joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To Your truth may we be found.

Savior, when Your love shall call us
From our struggling pilgrim way,
Let not fear of death appall us,
Glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
Reign with You in endless day.

A Prayer as You Go: *The worshipping wise men have brought their gifts, O God, ushering in the season of Epiphany—a season which illuminates the Christ, showing the whole world exactly who He is. With signs and wonders He proved himself to be the very Son of God—announced by the heavenly voice and anointed with the Spirit. We, Your people, announce Him as well, O God. Make us a people eager to spread Your Epiphany proclamation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

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