

The Baptism of Our Lord

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Prelude

Hymn of Invocation: 604 I Bind unto Myself Today

Order of Worship: p. 184

Introit

Psalm 100:1-2a; antiphon: Liturgical Text;



On a throne, high and lifted up, I saw a Man | sitting,*
whom the multitude of angels | adores,
singing to- | gether:*
Behold, His dominion endureth | forever.
Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, | all ye land;*
serve the LORD with | gladness.



G 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.

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Kyrie - Collect of the Day p. 186ff

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. **Amen.**

First Lesson

Romans 3:19-26

Brethren: We know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, to demonstrate at the

present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Alleluia & Verse of the Day

Psalm 143:10



■ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Alleluia. Teach me to do Thy will, for Thou | art my God! Thy Spirit is good; lead me into the land of up- | rightness. **Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:13–17

At that time: Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. And John tried to prevent Him, saying, “I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?” But Jesus answered and said to him, “Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he allowed Him. When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

Apostles' Creed

Hymn of the Day: 406 To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord

Sermon

Hymn: 403 O Savior of Our Fallen Race

Offertory *p. 192 ff*

Prayer of the Church **■** let us pray to the Lord: **■** Lord, have mercy.

Preface - Agnus Dei *p. 194 ff*

Distribution Voluntary: 628 Your Table I Approach

Nunc Dimittis - Benediction *p. 199 ff*

Hymn to Depart: 601 All Who Believe and Are Baptized

Looking Forward to Sunday (The Second Sunday after the Epiphany)

Lessons: Amos 9:11-15, Romans 12:6-16a, John 2:1-12

Hymns: 399-862-394/514/385/636/402/858-922

Looking Forward to Next Wednesday

Lessons: Colossians 1:25-28, Luke 4:14-22a

Hymns: 379-386-399-371

We Welcome Our Guests Today!

We're glad you've joined us in worship today. Please fill out a Visitor Card (located in the pew rack) and hand it to an usher or place it in the offering plate. We also ask that you read *"Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion"* printed below. Please visit our **Welcome Center** in the narthex and worship with us again soon.

Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion

In keeping with the tradition of the early Church and the Lutheran Confessions, we celebrate the Lord's Supper every Lord's Day. Because Holy Communion is an expression of complete unity of faith and doctrine, only active and repentant members of St. Peter's or a sister Missouri Synod congregation may commune. This is not a judgment of the faith of others, but rather an indication of our obedience to the Lord's command that those who kneel together at His altar be in complete unity regarding what they believe and teach (please read I Cor. 1:10; 10:16-17; 11:17-32). Your respect for our practice concerning the Lord's Supper is appreciated. Please talk to Pastor if you have any questions.

If communing with individual cup, please hold your empty cup until Pastor has passed you with the chalice. And please remember to fill out a Communion card.

The Gathering of the Offerings

God finances His church. The gathering of the offerings is, therefore, not merely collecting money. It is a holy privilege for those who believe in Jesus Christ. This is our opportunity to gratefully respond to God's love and grace by returning a portion of the gifts He has given us. As God's children, we consider it a special honor to build and extend His kingdom through our offerings. St. Paul writes, "God loves a cheerful giver" (II Cor. 9:7b NKJV). Our visitors and guests are in no way compelled to contribute to this offering. We ask nothing of our guests except that they return here often to hear more about God's great love in Jesus Christ, our Lord. If anyone wishes to give electronically, you may scan this QR code to set up an account.



Small Children

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14). Jesus wants your little ones present with Him during our worship service. And so do we.

When you're little, it's hard to sit without fidgeting or making some noise. And of course babies join us with their songs, too! We consider their small voices to be a part of our sacred music as they learn with us what it is to be a Christian. We encourage their presence throughout the entire service.

If you feel that your children are being too disruptive, please feel free to take them to the nursery that is located on the other side of the Conference Room. A closed-circuit television will bring the service to you. An usher will be happy to direct you.

"Repetitio est mater studiorum: Repetition is the mother of all learning." The more they're here, the easier it will get.

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