

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 11 & 14, 2026

As We Gather

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord and hear again how God gives His gifts before we ever respond. In Baptism, Jesus steps into our place and claims us as His own, binding us to His death and resurrection. This message invites us to remember who we are, live from the font each day, and trust that everything we release into God's hands becomes a blessing for others.

✠ WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP ✠

Hymn God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It (LSB 594) *sts. 1, 5*

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

Psalm 43:4; Psalm 117

P I will go to the altar of God,
C **to God my exceeding joy.**

P Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples!
C **For great is His steadfast love toward us,**
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

Confession and Absolution

P Jesus Christ is God's chosen one, who came and who comes again today to call everyone to salvation from sin and death and who makes all who are baptized in His name to be the chosen sons and daughters of God. Marked by the sacred waters of Holy Baptism, let us receive God's assurance and promise of forgiveness.

C **Almighty God, our dear Father in heaven, in Holy Baptism You have marked us with the sign of the holy cross upon our foreheads and upon our hearts to mark us as people of Your choosing to be redeemed by Christ the crucified. Open our eyes to Your light of freedom and forgiveness and to Your calling of us to be Your own chosen people of Your eternal kingdom.**

P Upon this your confession, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit, has forgiven you all your sins. God strengthen you with His grace to life ✢ everlasting.

C **Amen.**

WORD

Introit for Baptism of Our Lord

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

P I will tell of the decree:
The LORD said to Me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten You.
Ask of Me, and I will make the nations Your heritage,
and the ends of the earth Your possession.
You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."
Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.
Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling,
for His wrath is quickly kindled.
Blessèd are all who take refuge in Him.

C **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.

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

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Kyrie *LSB 152*

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C **Amen.**

This Is the Feast *LSB 155*

C **This is the feast of victory for our God.**
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.
Almighty God, this day we rejoice in the anointing of the Son of God at His Baptism in the Jordan River to be Your chosen deliverer, Your Spirit-marked servant. Grant that the light of Your salvation through Him enlighten all people today, calling everyone through the waters of Holy Baptism to be Your chosen people for eternity; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42:1–9

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be discouraged
till he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.
Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,

who gives breath to the people on it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
"I am the LORD; I have called you in 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,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the LORD; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to carved idols.
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

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.

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

Holy Gospel *Matthew 3:13–17*

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn See This Wonder in the Making (LSB 593)

sts. 1–2, 4

Sermon Series: A Generous Life

Sermon: Baptized into the Gift *Matthew 3:13–17*

Apostles' Creed (Found on Back Cover of Hymnal)

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**
maker of heaven . . .

Prayer of the Church (Hear our prayer)

P ... Lord in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Offering/Offertory *LSB 159*

C **What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?**
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.



✠ THE LORD'S SUPPER ✠

We follow the liturgy on Pages 160-166 in the hymnal.

Preface *LSB 160*

Proper Preface

Sanctus *LSB 161*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ

Lord's Prayer

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei *LSB 163*

Distribution Hymns

Baptized into Your Name Most Holy (LSB 590)
Take My Life and Let It Be (LSB 783)
Prepare the Royal Highway (LSB 343)

Sit

Lord's Supper Dismissal

P Now may this eating and drinking, of our Savior's precious body and blood, Strengthen you, preserve you, and keep you in the one true Christian faith that leads you to eternal life. Know in peace, and joy, that your sins are ✢ forgiven you.

C **Amen.**

Stand

Thank the Lord *LSB 164*

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Benediction

Closing Hymn

"Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake (LSB 688)
sts. 1, 4

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