

Pastor's Bible Study

January 7, 2026 – The Baptism of Our Lord

LSB 602 – The Gifts Christ Freely Gives



1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He gives to you and me
2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;
3 The gifts of grace and peace From ab - so - lu - tion flow;
4 The gifts are there each day The ho - ly Word is read;



To be His Church, His bride, His cho - sen, saved and free!
New life He gives that makes Us His and His a - lone.
The pas - tor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know.
God's chil - dren lis - ten, hear, Re - ceive, and they are fed.



Saints blest with these rich gifts Are chil - dren who pro - claim
Here He for - gives our sins With wa - ter and His Word;
For - give - ness that we need Is grant - ed to us there;
Christ fills them with Him - self, Blest words that give them life,



That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.
The tri - une God Him - self Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.
The Lord of mer - cy sends Us forth in His blest care.
Re - stor - ing and re - fresh - ing Them for this world's strife.

5 The gifts are in the feast,
Gifts far more than we see;
Beneath the bread and wine
Is food from Calvary.
The body and the blood
Remove our ev'ry sin;
We leave His presence in
His peace, renewed again.

6 All glory to the One
Who lavishes such love;
The triune God in love
Assures our life above.
His means of grace for us
Are gifts He loves to give;
All thanks and praise for His
Great love by which we live!

Isaiah 42:1-9:

1. What is a Servant Song?
2. How does this Servant Song connect to Jesus' baptism?
3. In verse 9, the Lord declares "new things", what do you think those "new things" are?

Romans 6:1-11:

1. Do you know where else this passage gets used in our church services?
2. How does Paul's description of baptism strike you?
3. How might this passage address the baptismal identity concept?

Matthew 3:13-17:

1. How have John and Jesus been connected prior to this moment?
2. If you were John, what would this moment be like for you?
3. What stands out to you about Jesus' baptism?

Devotional Thought:

How does Baptism help me in my life and death? Baptism is God's work, and what He does is sure and certain. Nothing is more certain in all the universe than the name that God has placed on us in Baptism – the name by which God reveals Himself to us. Baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we have God's own pledge and promise in Baptism that He has forgiven our sins and delivered us from death, hell, and the devil. In time of doubt, temptation, or failure – and especially in the face of death – we can boldly say, "I am baptized into Christ," and be certain that the comforting words of Romans 8:1 are true: "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" (adapted from the *Explanation to Luther's Small Catechism* (2017), pg. 296).

Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, You have forgiven our sins by Your blood, rescued us from Satan, and won for us eternal life and salvation in Your resurrection. As You bestow these gifts on us in Baptism, grant that in life and death we may always cling to our Baptism, trusting in Your promises, and finally be brought into Your heavenly kingdom. Amen (adapted from the *Explanation to Luther's Small Catechism* (2017), pg. 296).