

**Order of Worship
for
The Sunday of Epiphany
The Baptism of Our Lord
January 8, 2023**

ORGAN PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*On this Sunday we gather for worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.*

Amen!

*The peace of the Lord be with you always!
And also with you!*

KYRIE

(from the ELW, pages 140-141)

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 and 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.**

Let us pray

*O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son
and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in Christ likewise
blessed by the Holy Spirit so that we may be truly righteous. We ask this of You
through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.*

HYMN

“Baptized in Water”

ELW 456

READING

Romans 3:21-28

**Paul's first letter to the Romans,
chapter three, verses twenty-one through twenty-eight.**

Paul writes:

²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by His blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His divine forbearance He had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time His own righteousness, so that He is righteous and He justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

**From the Gospel of Matthew,
chapter three, verses thirteen through seventeen.**

Matthew writes:

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as He came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to Him and He saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on Him. ¹⁷ And a Voice from the heavens said, "This is My Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
"The Gift of Faith"
Rev. David Hewitt

MESSAGE
"Truly Righteous"
Rev. David Hewitt

HYMN
"Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"
ELW 304

OFFERING

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HYMN
"We Are An Offering"
ELW 692

**AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
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We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
Of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation,
He came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day He rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

At this time, we pray for all those who need God's blessings, and praise Him for the blessings He has bestowed upon us.

During the prayers, there will be a time of silence, when we offer our personal prayers to God.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

We prepare to receive the sacraments of Holy Communion, by remembering the words and actions of Jesus during the Last Supper.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven
hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are Yours
now and forever.
Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

***For those worshipping in-house,
we invite you to come forward if you wish.
If you prefer to take communion at your seat,
you may so.***

***For those joining us online,
If you are able,
we invite you to take communion where you are,
using whatever form of bread or drink is available to you, to symbolize the body
and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.***

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

*Now, may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, keep you in His grace and
peace, now and forever. Amen!*

SONG

“Be Ye Glad”

BENEDICTION

*May the Lord bless you and keep you; May the Lord make His face to shine upon
you and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and
give you God’s peace; in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

SONG

“The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power”

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