

Service of the Word

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Baptism of our Lord



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Holy Communion



Today, we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. God promises several spiritual blessings in this Sacrament in His Word. There are also spiritual harms for those unprepared to receive it. If you have been instructed from Scripture, examined yourself, and believe, you will receive the real presence of Jesus' body and blood for the forgiveness of your sins, we invite you to celebrate with us. However, if not, we strongly encourage you to speak with one of the pastors before receiving the Sacrament. For those who are not partaking, you are welcome to receive a blessing during communion. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate this. We thank you for your respect on this issue



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♪ Lord, This Day We've Come to Worship

- LSB 911 (VS 1-3)

- 1 Lord, this day we've come to worship;
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Grace us with Your blessed presence;
Blessèd Savior, be our Host.**

Refrain:

***Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, praise the Lord!
Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, praise the Lord!***

- 2 In the pow'r of resurrection
We have come to praise the Lord,
Celebrate His blessed supper,
And to learn His holy Word. *Refrain***
- 3 May Your Word enrich our spirit,
Give us strength to do Your will,**

**Show the Kingdom we'll inherit,
When at last our voice is still. Refrain**

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Welcome

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Inviting God into our Presence

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Confessing our Sins and Receiving God's Forgiveness

Holy and righteous God, merciful Father, we confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You above all things, nor our neighbor as ourselves, and are worthy, therefore, to be cast away from Your presence, if You were to judge us according to our sins. But You have promised, O heavenly Father, to receive with tender mercy all sinners who turn to You and with living faith seek refuge in Your Fatherly compassion and in the merits of the Savior Jesus Christ. Their transgressions you will not take into account, nor will You hold their sins against them.

Relying upon Your promise, we confidently pray that You would be merciful and gracious to us and to forgive us all our sins, to the praise and glory of Your holy name.

If this is your sincere confession, and if with penitent hearts you earnestly seek the forgiveness of your sins for the sake of Jesus Christ, and desire to truly amend your sinful ways, God, according to His promise, forgives you all your sins; and by the authority of God's Word

and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare to you that God, through His grace, has forgiven all your sins; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

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.**

WHEN JESUS CAME TO JORDAN

Sung to tune of LSB 527 "Our Savior, Precious Savior"

1.

**When Jesus came to Jordan
To be baptised by John
He did not come for pardon
But as His Father's Son
He came to share repentance
With all who mourn their sins
To speak the vital sentence
With which good news begins**

2. He came to share temptation
Our utmost woe and loss
For us and our salvation
To die upon the Cross
So when the Dove descended
On Him the Son of Man
The hidden years had ended
The age of grace began

3. Come Holy Spirit aid us
To keep the vows we make
This very day invade us
And every bondage break
Come give our lives direction
The gift we covet most
To share the resurrection
That leads to Pentecost

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First Reading - Isaiah 42:1-9

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42 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.
² He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;

³ a bruised reed he will not break,
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴ He will not grow faint or be discouraged
till he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.

⁵ 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:

⁶ “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,

⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸ I am the LORD; that is My name;
My glory I give to no other,
nor My praise to carved idols.

⁹ Behold, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth
I tell you of them.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading - Romans 6:1-11

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6 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? **2** By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? **3** Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? **4** 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.

5 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. **6** 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. **7** For one who has died has been set free from sin. **8** Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. **9** We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. **10** For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. **11** So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 3:13-17

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13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, 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 thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he

consented. ¹⁶ 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; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

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Thanks be to God.

Affirming the Basic Teachings of our Faith

The Apostle's Creed – Baptism Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Children's Message

 **To Jordan's River Came Our Lord**

LSB 405 (VS 1-5)

**1 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.**

**2 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.**

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

**4 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."**

**5 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.**

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TODAY'S MESSAGE

Matthew 3:13-17

Announcements

Offerings of Thanksgiving

♪ Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart

Sung to LSB 878 "Abide with Me"

1. **Spirit of God descend upon my heart**
Wean it from earth thro' all its pulses move
Stoop to my weakness mighty as Thou art
And make me love Thee as I ought to love

3. **Hast Thou not bid us love Thee God and King**
All Thine Own soul heart and strength and mind
I see Thy Cross there teach my heart to cling
O let me seek Thee and O let me find

5. **Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love**
One holy passion filling all my frame
The baptism of the heav'n descended dove
My heart an altar and Thy love the flame

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Prayers and Petitions

After each petition:

...Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

...through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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 the evil one. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Before You, Lord, We Bow

LSB 966 (VS 1 & 3)

- 1 Before You, Lord, we bow,
Our God Who reigns above
And rules the world below,
Boundless in pow'r and love.
Our thanks we bring
In joy and praise,
Our hearts we raise
To You, our King!**

- 3 May ev'ry mountain height,
Each vale and forest green,
Shine in Your Word's pure light,
And its rich fruits be seen!
May ev'ry tongue
Be tuned to praise**

**And join to raise
A grateful song.**

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The Pastoral Encouragement

Praise be to the Lord, and bless His holy name forever, for by His Word He has comforted, taught, exhorted, and admonished us. May His Holy Spirit confirm the Word in our hearts, that we not be forgetful hearers, but daily increase in faith, hope, and love, and patience to the end, and obtain salvation through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

Rise and bow your hearts to God, and receive the blessing of God.

The Lord bless you, and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

♪ Before You, Lord, We Bow

LSB 966 (VS 5)

**5 And when in pow'r He comes,
Oh, may our native land
From all its rending tombs
Send forth a glorious band,
A countless throng,
With joy to sing**

To heav'n's high King Salvation's song!

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