

# THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD (DIVINE SERVICE 4)

JANUARY 14, 2024  
8:00 AND 11:00

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## PRAYER UPON ENTERING

Dear Heavenly Father, at the baptism of Your Son Jesus You showed me that all He did during His ministry was for me and for my good. He had no need of baptism for the remission of His sin, but He was washed in my place. Remind me constantly that what You have said concerning Jesus' baptism, "You are my beloved Son, with You I am well pleased", is also said over me at my baptism. Increase my appreciation of Your precious gifts, for I ask this in the name of your anointed Son. Amen.

*The Lord Will Answer / A Daily Prayer Catechism.*

**THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD** Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan River. We are reminded by Scripture that one of the clearest revelations of the Triune (Three-in-one) God is at the baptism of Jesus (Matthew 3:13-17; Luke 3:21-22; John 1:29-34). Here Isaiah 43:1-4 is fulfilled. The Father speaks and the Holy Spirit descends in the form of a dove. With His baptism, Jesus begins His public ministry of proclaiming the Word of God and establishing the sacraments as He secures the redemption of a world bent on its own destruction.

*Burnell F. Eckardt, Jr. - Every Day I Will Bless Thee / Meditations for the Daily Office.*

## PRELUDE

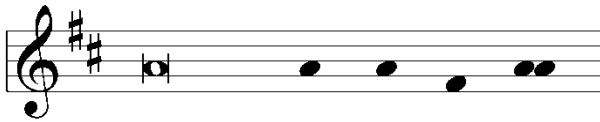
## OPENING VERSE

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made.

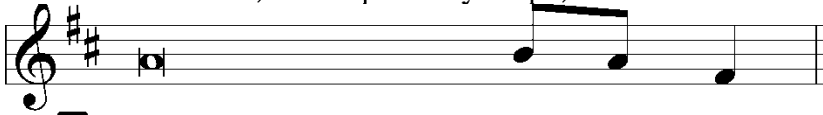
**Cong.: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*(Psalm 118:24)*

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

## HYMN OF THE MONTH

*The congregation is invited to stand and face the processional cross as it enters the sanctuary*

### “Within the Father’s House” [LSB hymn 410]



1 With - in the Fa - ther's house The Son has found His home,  
2 The doc - tors of the Law Gaze on the won - drous child  
3 Yet not to them is giv'n The might - y truth to know,  
4 The se - cret of the Lord Es - capes each hu - man eye,



And to His tem - ple sud - den - ly The Lord of life has come.  
And mar - vel at His gra - cious words Of wis - dom un - de - filed.  
To lift the earth - ly veil that hides In - car - nate God be - low.  
And faith - ful pon - d'ring hearts a - wait The full e - piph - a - ny.

5 Lord, visit Thou our souls  
And teach us by Thy grace  
Each dim revealing of Thyself  
With loving awe to trace

6 Till we behold Thy face  
And know as we are known  
Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Coequal Three in One.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Cong.: Amen.**

(Matthew 28:19b)

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**Cong.: who made heaven and earth.**

(Psalm 124:8)

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**Cong.: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

(Psalm 130:3-4)

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. (Luke 18:13b)

**Cong.: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Cong.: Amen.** (John 20:19-23)

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠ INTROIT

(Psalm 2:7-11, 12c; *antiphon*: Isaiah 42:1a)

Pastor: Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me,

"You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

**Cong.: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
and the ends of the earth your possession.**

Pastor: You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

**Cong.: Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.**

Pastor: Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling,

**Cong.: for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.**

**All: 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.**

Pastor: Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen in whom my soul delights.

## KYRIE

(Mark 10:47)



**☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.**

# GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

(Luke 2:14; John 1:29)



1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## SALUTATION

(2 Timothy 4:22)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Cong.: And with your spirit.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

**Cong.: Amen.**

## READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

*Sit*

Elder: The Lord be with you.

**Cong.: And also with you.**

## Old Testament Reading (page 1 in the pew Bibles)

**Genesis 1:1-5**

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Cong: Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle (page 942 in the pew Bibles)

**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.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Cong: Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**ALLELUIA**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

(John 20:31)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

**Cong: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**Holy Gospel** (page 836 in the pew Bibles)

**Mark 1:4-11**

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of Our Lord.

**Cong: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God, begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again  
according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the  
right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living  
and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

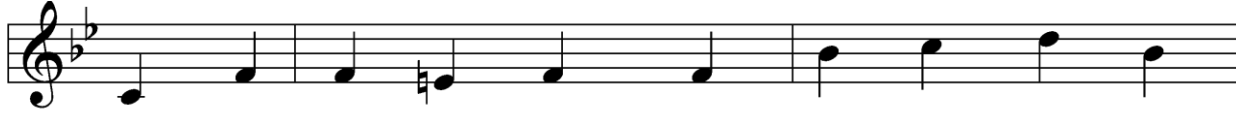
**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds  
from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son  
together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the  
resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord” [LSB hymn 405]



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The Christ, whom  
 2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The Son of  
 3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And John bap -  
 4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came God's own



heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The God from God, the  
 God in flesh dis - guised— To stand be - neath the  
 tized the Lamb of God, The Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 voice with words pro - found: “This is My Son,” was



Light from Light, The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.  
 Fa - ther's will And all His righ - teous - ness ful - fill.  
 heav'n - ly dove, De - scend - ed on Him from a - bove.  
 His de - cree, “The one I love, who pleas - es 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.

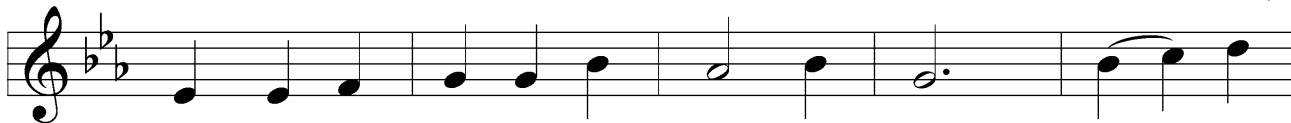
6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;  
 This man is Christ, our substitute!  
 He was baptized in Jordan's stream,  
 Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

## SERMON

(Pastor Tom Miller)

## OFFERTORY

(Psalm 51:10-12)



**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -

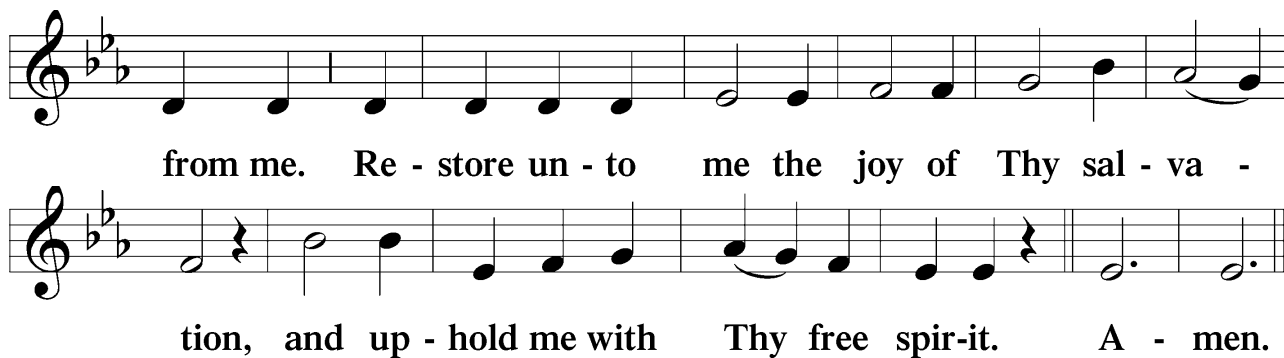


new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it

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## OFFERING

*You may place your offering in the plate as you exit the service.*

*Stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(1 Timothy 2:1- 4)

Pastor: Heavenly Father, You revealed Your Son in the wondrous Epiphany in the Jordan. So also You have revealed Your name and blessing to us in Holy Baptism, declaring us Your beloved heirs. Grant that we may daily die to sin and rise to newness of life, living with joy as Your baptized children. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong.: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O Lord, bless all places where Your people teach and learn. Guide teachers and students, that together we would marvel at Your creation and appreciate the depth of Your wisdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong.: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord God, grant that all those baptized into Christ would receive the boldness of Your servant John to lead faithful and pure lives in this world, ever mindful of our promised heavenly inheritance. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong.: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Almighty Lord, Your Son, Jesus, is the Christ and the true King of this world. Grant great humility to the rulers of the nations, that they would submit to the preaching of His Holy Word for the sake of their own souls and for the good of Your holy people. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong.: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Give comfort and relief to those who are sick, depressed, tired, confused or in any need *especially....* Watch over all expectant mothers and their children, that they may have a safe delivery and be brought also to the life-giving waters of Holy Baptism. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong.: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O Lord, in Holy Baptism You have opened the heavens to Your children. Grant that all those baptized into Your Son would worthily receive the heavenly feast of His body and blood for their salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong.: hear our prayer.**

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Pastor: Eternal God, You have made us Your own people by Baptism and granted us Your Holy Spirit to confess Christ in word and deed. We remember with thanksgiving those who went before us, who passed the faith on to us and who now rest in Christ from all their labors. Since we have died with Christ through Baptism, grant that we would be raised with Him also. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong.: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Almighty Father, as Your Holy Spirit hovered over the face of the deep, You uttered Your Word and the world was created. In the waters of Holy Baptism, You have spoken our names and declared us righteous. You have drawn us to Jesus, the light of life, and saved us. Let His light now shine through us, that others may see our good works and give glory to You; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Cong.: Amen.**

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠ PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Cong.: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**Cong.: We lift them to the Lord.**

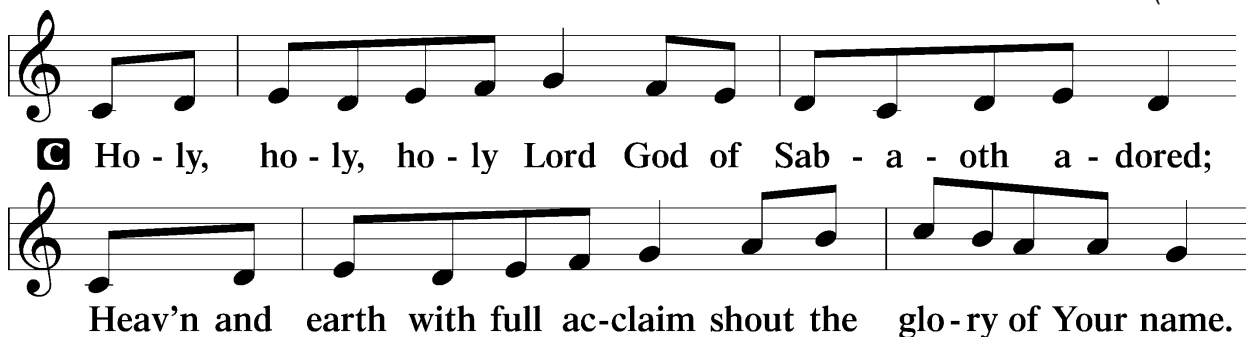
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Cong.: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

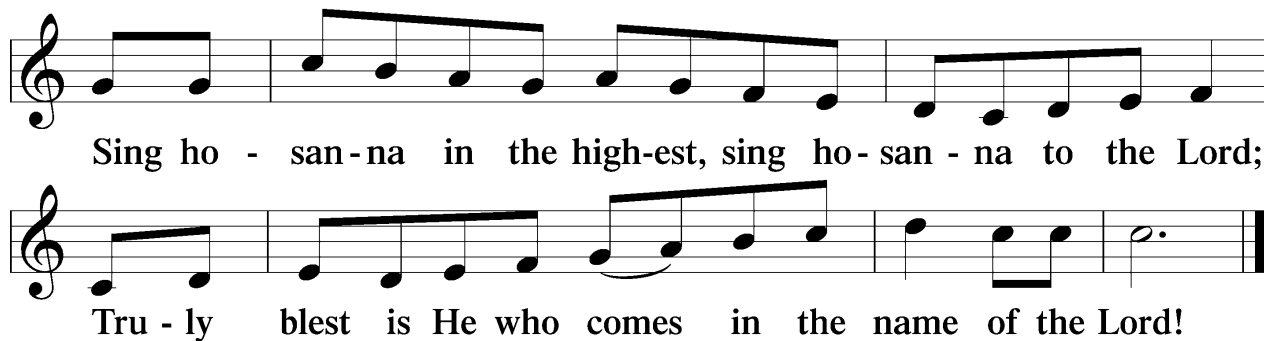
### SANCTUS

(Isaiah 6:3; Mathew 21:9)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.

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## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

## LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6: 9-13)

Pastor: Remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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 evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

# WORDS OF OUR LORD

(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✝}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✝}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## PAX DOMINI

(John 20:19)

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Cong.: Amen.

## AGNUS DEI

(John 1: 29)

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this altar in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.*

*Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, are in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor of this congregation. For further study, see Matthew 5:23ff, 10:32ff, 18:15-35, 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.*

### ***What actually is the Lord's Supper?***

The Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) should be received, after proper instruction and preparation, in the sure and certain confidence that Jesus Christ is truly present in, with and under the bread and wine to forgive the sin of all who receive him in repentance (according to 1Corinthians 10:14-17; 11:17-33; Matthew 26:17-30; Mark 14:12-26; Luke 22:7-30). Please review the questions on pages 326-27 and 329-330 in the front part of "Lutheran Service Book" for a proper understanding of this holy meal.

### ***Who may properly come to the Lord's Supper?***

You are invited to receive Christ's true body and blood if you:

- ☐ have been Baptized into the name of the Triune God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit);
- ☐ repent of your sin against God and recognize your need to forgive others as God has forgiven you;
- ☐ put your trust in Jesus Christ alone for your salvation;
- ☐ are old enough to examine your own faith and life (according to 1Corinthians 11:27-32);
- ☐ believe in the words of Jesus himself when he declares that his Body and Blood are truly present in, with and under the bread and wine, offering life, salvation and the forgiveness of sins;
- ☐ sincerely intend to live a God-pleasing life in accordance with God's will as revealed in the Bible;
- ☐ have received instruction about the Supper at a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod congregation.

*I now come to the Lord's Table having read, understood and agreed with these beliefs.*

## **PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNING**

*Almighty Lord Jesus Christ,  
as often as I shall come  
to Your holy table to refresh my spirit,  
I pray You to make me,  
unworthy as I am, worthy through Your grace;  
impure as I am, to make me clean;  
naked as I am, to clothe me,  
so that Your body, so full of divine power,  
and Your most precious blood may not become for me, Your servant,  
the occasion for judgment or punishment,  
but a memorial of the death You underwent for me,  
a strengthening of my faith,  
a proof of the taking away of my sins,  
a bond of closer union with You and Your people,  
an increase of holiness,  
the basis of a glad resurrection,  
and a pledge of everlasting life. Amen.*

# DISTRIBUTION

## “All Christians Who Have Been Baptized” [LSB hymn 596]



1 All Chris-tians who have been bap-tized, Who know the God of  
 2 You were be-fore your day of birth, In-deed, from your con-  
 3 But all of that was washed a-way— Im-mersed and drowned for-  
 4 In Bap-tism we now put on Christ— Our shame is ful-ly



heav-en, And in whose dai-ly life is prized The name of  
 cep-tion, Con-demned and lost with all the earth, None good, with-  
 ev-er. The wa-ter of your Bap-tism day Re-stored a-  
 cov-ered With all that He once sac-ri-ficed And free-ly



Christ once giv-en: Con-sid-er now what God has done, The  
 out-ex-cep-tion. For like your par-ents' flesh and blood, Turned  
 gain what-ev-er Old Ad-am and his sin de-stroyed And  
 for us suf-fered. For here the flood of His own blood Now



gifts He gives to ev-'ry-one Bap-tized in-to Christ Je-sus!  
 in-ward from the high-est good, You con-stant-ly de-nied Him.  
 all our sin-ful selves em-ployed Ac-cord-ing to our na-ture.  
 makes us ho-ly, right, and good Be-fore our heav'n-ly Fa-ther.

- 5 O Christian, firmly hold this gift  
 And give God thanks forever!  
 It gives the power to uplift  
 In all that you endeavor.  
 When nothing else revives your soul,  
 Your Baptism stands and makes you whole  
 And then in death completes you.
- 6 So use it well! You are made new—  
 In Christ a new creation!  
 As faithful Christians, live and do  
 Within your own vocation,  
 Until that day when you possess  
 His glorious robe of righteousness  
 Bestowed on you forever!

# “Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered” [LSB hymn 404]



1 Je - sus, once with sin - ners num - bered, Had no blem - ish  
 2 John con - fessed Him as the Sav - ior— “Look, the sin - less  
 3 This the bap - tism that our Sav - ior Great - ly longed to  
 4 Je - sus, once with sin - ners num - bered, Full o - be - dience



of His own; In the wa - ters of the Jor - dan  
 Lamb of God!” Yet he dared not loose the san - dals  
 un - der - go; This the crim - son cleans - ing need - ed  
 was Your path; You, by death, have con - se - crat - ed



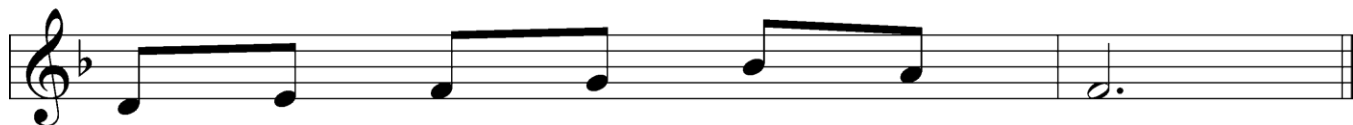
His true worth and work were shown: Heav - en o - pened  
 Of the One God’s love had shod. Oh, how fair the  
 So the world God’s love might know; This the mis - sion  
 Wa - ter in this sav - ing bath: Dy - ing to the



and the Spir - it There de - scend - ed like a  
 feet of Je - sus, Bring - ing news of peace to  
 of Mes - si - ah As He stepped from Jor - dan’s  
 sin of Ad - am, Ris - ing to a life of



dove, As the Fa - ther’s voice re - sound - ed,  
 us, Christ, the her - ald of sal - va - tion,  
 stream, He, the cho - sen and a - noint - ed  
 grace; We are count - ed with the righ - teous,



“Hear My Son, the One I love.”  
 Preach - ing mer - cy from the cross:  
 Son of God, sent to re - deem.  
 O - ver us the cross You trace.

# “O Living Bread from Heaven” [LSB hymn 642]



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, How well You  
 2 My Lord, You here have led me To this most  
 3 You gave me all I want - ed; This food can  
 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened With heav'n - ly



feed Your guest! The gifts that You have giv - en  
 ho - ly place And with Your - self have fed me  
 death de - stroy. And You have free - ly grant - ed  
 food, while here My course on earth is length - ened,



Have filled my heart with rest. Oh, won - drous food of  
 The trea - sures of Your grace; For You have free - ly  
 The cup of end - less joy. My Lord, I do not  
 To serve with ho - ly fear. And when You call my



bless - ing, Oh, cup that heals our woes! My heart, this  
 giv - en What earth could nev - er buy, The bread of  
 mer - it The fa - vor You have shown, And all my  
 spir - it To leave this world be - low, I en - ter,



gift pos - sess - ing, With prais - es o - ver - flows.  
 life from heav - en, That now I shall not die.  
 soul and spir - it Bow down be - fore Your throne.  
 through Your mer - it, Where joys un - min - gled flow.

Stand

## NUNC DIMITTIS

(Luke 2:29-32)

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong.: Amen.

## BENEDICAMUS

(Psalm 103:1)

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.



# BENEDICTION

(Numbers 6:24-26)

Pastor: May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you His peace.

**Cong.: Amen.**

## HYMN

*The congregation is invited to face the Processional Cross as it leaves the sanctuary*

### **“Baptized into Your Name Most Holy” [LSB hymn 590]**



1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and  
2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here You take me To be hence-forth Your  
3 My faith - ful God, You fail me nev - er; Your prom - ise sure - ly  
4 All that I am and love most dear-ly— Re - ceive it all, O



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,  
child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, here You make me  
will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er  
Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;



A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and  
The fruit of all Your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,  
If words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I  
Help me Your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I



dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.  
com - fort me When threat - ning clouds a - round I see.  
come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store Your child.  
am or own Serve an - y will but Yours a - lone.

*Sit*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DISMISSAL

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

**Cong.: Thanks be to God.**

(Psalm 103:1)

# POSTLUDE

## SERVING OUR LORD AND HIS PEOPLE TODAY

	<i>8:00 Service</i>	<i>11:00 Service</i>
Acolytes:	Will Barnes Thomas Keller Charles Barnes Hazel Barnes	Lucas Bissett Kacie Onak Matthew Witkamp Miriah Evans
Ushers:	Warren Woodbury Kevin Woodbury	Gary Yudin James Burns
Elders/Readers:	Adam Volkert Reinhard Stenzel	Roman Jurenka Manny Flores
Organist:	Matt Laub	
Altar Guild:	Chris Ohlendorf, Marie Jurenka, Margaret Button, Mary Tesmer	

### LAST SUNDAY WE PRAYED FOR:

HEALING Continued prayers for Larry Mickelson. Larry is in a lot of pain and still unable to walk.

SAFETY DURING TRAVEL Pastor Tom and Karen Miller on their vacation cruise.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS: Steven Dufau 1/14; Lorie Reilly 1/15; Nathan Treglia 1/15; Scott Prior 1/17; Margaret Button 1/18

THIS WEEK'S BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS: Janice Goodwin 1/14; Ulrich Stenzel 1/15; Nolan Dunlop 1/17

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# NEWS AND NOTES

JANUARY 14, 2024

## Opportunities This Week To Serve Our Lord And Our Neighbor

14 Sunday	<i>The Baptism of Our Lord</i>	
	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>8:00 &amp; 11:00 AM</b>
	Sunday School/Confirmation Classes	9:30 AM
	<b>Adult Bible Study “The Screwtape Letters”</b>	9:30 AM
	(in the Sanctuary with Karen Miller)	
	<b>NEW Information Class “A Simple Explanation of</b>	9:30 AM
	<b>Lutheranism”</b> (in the Music Room with Rick Ritchie)	
15 Monday	Church Office & Preschool Closed (Teacher in-service)	
	Al Anon	10:00 AM
	Boy Scouts	7:00 PM
	Celestial Ringers	7:00 PM
16 Tuesday	<b>Preschool Chapel</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
	Al Anon	6:00 PM
17 Wednesday		
18 Thursday		
19 Friday	<b>Preschool Chapel</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
20 Saturday	Oratio, Meditatio, Tentatio Prayer group	9:00 AM
	Sewing Group	9:30 AM-5:00 PM
	Faith, Hope, & Board Games	5:30-10:00 PM
21 Sunday	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	
	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>8:00 &amp; 11:00 AM</b>
	Sunday School/Confirmation Classes	9:30 AM
	<b>Adult Bible Study “The Screwtape Letters”</b>	9:30 AM
	(in the Sanctuary with Karen Miller)	
	<b>Information Class “A Simple Explanation of</b>	9:30 AM
	<b>Lutheranism”</b> (in the Music Room with Rick Ritchie)	
	Pizza and Salad will be provided for lunch before the meeting.	12:15 PM
	Voters Meeting	1:00 PM

**For Further Information Please Call the Church Office at 714-846-6330**

**Church Office Hours:** Tuesday – Friday 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM / 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

**Preschool Office Hours:** Monday – Friday 7:00 AM – 5:30 PM

## BIBLE STUDIES

**“Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of Christ”** (Romans 10:17)

**SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

**“The Screwtape Letters”** (9:30 AM with Karen Miller in the Sanctuary)

## REDEEMER'S STEWARDSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 113

*God has given each of us gifts and calls us in 1 Peter 4:10,11 to  
"use them to serve one another that God may be glorified through Jesus Christ".*



Offerings for December: \$52,466.00

December Offering Goal: \$42,822.00

Expenses for December: \$40,663.00

January Offering Goal: \$44,193.00

**SPOTLIGHT ON STEWARDSHIP** Mark 1:7 "And [John] preached, saying, 'After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.'" John is right — Jesus is immensely greater than any of us, yet behold how He came to serve! That is the upside-down, outlandish grace of God: the innocent Jesus takes our sinner's place. This is the greatest act of giving the world has ever known or will know: the Father gives His Son to die in the place of sinners.

## AROUND REDEEMER

**WORSHIP SERVICES AT REDEEMER** are offered in our Sanctuary on Sundays at 8:00 and 11:00 AM and available online at 8:00 AM on [www.facebook.com/RedeemerLutheranHB/](https://www.facebook.com/RedeemerLutheranHB/) as a Facebook live stream, and accessible from [www.redeemer-lutheran.net](http://www.redeemer-lutheran.net). Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 AM for Sunday School.

**TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL** our students will hear how "**God Creates Adam and Eve,**" including providing them with perfect physical attributes and a lush garden in which to live. God created the world's many natural resources so it would be a wonderful place for His most treasured creation, human beings, to live. Parents might ask, "*How were Adam and Eve different from the rest of God's creation?*"

**IMPORTANT VOTERS MEETING** Redeemer members are encouraged to attend the Voters Assembly on January 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 PM. We will provide pizza and salad for lunch at 12:15 PM. Desserts will be available from the Youth Bake Sale.

**NEW INFORMATION CLASS** Starting January 7<sup>th</sup> for 6 weeks we will be having a class explaining **A Simple Explanation of Lutheranism** for anyone one who is interested in membership and knowing what we believe. Rick Ritchie will be leading the class on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM in the music room.

**PRAYER VIGIL** Join us for some or all of our Prayer Vigil on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM in the Redeemer Fellowship Hall. We will hear scripture, sing hymns and pray for all in need. If you would like to bring food to share, please call Pamella Clugston at 714-846-6330.

**GAME NIGHT** Come join us in faith, friendship and Tabletop Board gaming every month on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 5:30 to 10 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The Game Night page on our website, located under Events, has a link to the Faith, Hope and Board Games Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/298382040682962/> where the most current information can be found. This is a private group, but if you send a request to join, an Admin will respond. You can also contact Christopher Lundgren via the Church Office for more information.

PRIVATE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION AND COMMUNION are by appointment. Please call the church office to arrange a date and time.

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

**HELP A CHILD GO TO SCHOOL** The Redeemer Lutheran Preschool Board has established a Preschool Scholarship Fund. We have had families visit our school who simply cannot afford the tuition and were not approved for governmental assistance. We would like to offer these families a good Christian education for their children. To donate to this fund, please make your check payable to Redeemer Lutheran Church with "Preschool Scholarship Fund" on the memo line. Thank you for your continued support of Redeemer Lutheran Preschool.

## JANUARY HYMN OF THE MONTH

**WITHIN THE FATHER'S HOUSE - LSB 410** "Within the Father's House" is expressly suited to the Epiphany reading of the visit by the boy Jesus to the temple (Luke 2:46-47). The hymn's author, James Russell Woodford (1820-85), makes it clear that the mystery of the incarnate God escapes even the most learned until God should manifest Himself in Christ.

The same is true for the unlearned.

From beginning to doxology, the hymn confesses the sublime mystery. "The mighty truth" of stanza 3 and "the secret of the Lord" of stanza 4 refer to the inscrutable wonder that is God Himself: "Father, Son, and Holy Ghost" (stanza 6).

Doctors of the law, notwithstanding their scholarship or wisdom, can only marvel at the child Jesus. He is incomprehensible because He is God. The keenest human eye fails to see God hidden in the human flesh of Jesus. Humanity is helpless before the most vital question, "Who is God?"

The boy conversing with the teachers in God's house is the one true Son. In a reversal of what we expect of adolescents, Jesus does not seek autonomy. His home is with His Father. The Son's own manifestation of His Divine person and work begins with His expressed self-knowledge captured in the hymn's opening lines, "Within the Father's house the Son has found His home." Jesus knows Himself to be the Father's Son. Unity with His Father is definitive and indissoluble. Hence, Jesus asks what should be evident, "Did you not know that I must be in My Father's house?" (Luke 2:49).

"The secret of the Lord" (stanza 4) is disclosed in the "incarnate God" (stanza 3). To know the man Jesus is to know God. He is one and the same. Christ reveals Himself through His teaching, of which Jesus' "gracious words" (stanza 2) in the temple are a token. The first "dim revealing" stanza 5) is a cause for awe, as with the first shafts of morning light. To be visited by the Lord of life is like meeting the morning. It is not the watching or the waiting that cause the sun to rise, for it comes of itself. But in its sudden revelation is the promise of full daylight. In the same way, "the full epiphany" in stanza 4 is the appearance of Christ is unconcealed glory, which "faithful pondering hearts await. "Until then, Christ, though hidden by "the earthly veil" (stanza 3), still opens to each believer, whether cultured or common, the anticipation of knowing fully the mighty truth of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## MISSIONARIES WE SUPPORT

REV. DENNIS & DEACONESS LORNA MEEKER email at [4kenyaskids@gmail.com](mailto:4kenyaskids@gmail.com)

REV. DANIEL & KATHY CONRAD for information see <https://www.lcms.org/conrad>

For information on where you can send support, contact the church office.

## LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

Nothing and nobody comes into existence apart from the will and the Word of the Lord God Almighty (Genesis 1:3). This means God desires the survival of every human life from fertilization to forever. We court great danger if we go against this intent or counsel others to do so (Psalm 29:7-8). Instead let us receive neighbors as blessings and enjoy our Father's favor (Mark 1:11)!

## PORTALS OF PRAYER APP

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** No matter when or where you need it, Portals of Prayer inspires you to live each day in Jesus' name. Each daily devotion speaks Gospel truth through applicable, relatable meditations. Portals of Prayer app is available at <https://www.cph.org/portals/portals-of-prayer-app.aspx>. A yearly subscription to the app is \$9.99.

## LUTHERAN TELEVISION, RADIO, & ONLINE PROGRAMS

**DID YOU MISS A SUNDAY SERVICE OR BIBLE STUDY SESSION?** Visit our website [www.redeemer-lutheran.net](http://www.redeemer-lutheran.net) to find past services posted under Online Services/Video Services and Bible studies posted under Education/Bible Study Recordings. Archived sermons and Bible studies are located under the Resources tab.

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**TITUS BIBLE STUDY** The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon recently started a study on The Book of Titus. He will begin a study on the Book of Ruth on January 23. You can listen at your convenience at [thewordendures.org](http://thewordendures.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org:** Continue studying 2 Corinthians on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), finish studying Ephesians and begin Philippians on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and worship with us in Daily Chapel (weekdays at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) and the KFUE Radio app!

DAILY, CHRIST OFFERS HIS RICH BLESSINGS THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES. SUGGESTED READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 14, 2024:	
Sunday, January 14:	Ezekiel 36:33-37:14; Genesis 1:1-5; Romans 6:1-11; Mark 1:4-11
Monday, January 15:	Ezekiel 37:15-28 & Romans 6:1-23
Tuesday, January 16:	Ezekiel 38:1-23 & Romans 7:1-20
Wednesday, January 17:	Ezekiel 39:1-10, 17-29 & Romans 7:21-8:17
Thursday, January 18:	Ezekiel 40:1-4; 43:1-12 & Romans 8:18-39
Friday, January 19:	Ezekiel 44:1-16, 23-29 & Romans 9:1-18
Saturday, January 20:	Ezekiel 47:1-14, 21-23 & Romans 9:19-33
Sunday, January 21:	Joel 1:1-20; Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

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