



JESUS
Is Baptized

ORDER OF THE SERVICE OF THE WORD FESTIVAL OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JANUARY 9, 2022 - 8:00 AM

A warm welcome to all worshiping with Resurrection Lutheran Church today. We celebrate our Savior's love in the faithful gathering of God's people, whether we are together in God's house or, as you watch online from the comfort of your home.

LESSONS AND LITURGY TODAY

At creation, God called forth into existence everything by the power of His Word; and everything was good. Sin brought disease and death. In our Baptism, God is at work restoring us in Christ by the power of His Mighty Word. Because of Jesus' Baptism, we go into baptism's living waters as dirty, marked with death, only to rise up clean and marked for new and everlasting life. Jesus' Baptism identified Him as the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world; our Baptism imparts to us the new identity as Children of God. Here God marks us and claims us: "You belong to Me."

❖ Denotes times when the congregation is invited to stand.

The congregation is encouraged to quietly and prayerfully prepare for worship during the prelude.

PRELUDE

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GREETING

❖ INVOCATION

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

- P Let us begin our worship in the Name of the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit;
the God into Whom we are baptized.
- C **We gather in the Name of our baptizing God. Amen.**
- P The Creator of all used a part of His creation – water, together with His Word – to bind us to Himself in love and forgiveness.
- C **In Him we are a new creation: beloved children of our Father in Heaven.**

- P The sign of the cross became our own as we were marked with the cross of Christ forever.
- C The Holy Spirit's anointing equips and inspires us to love and to serve others in Christ's Name.

❖ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

LSB 405

ALL 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.

Women 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.*

Choir 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.*

Men 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.”*

ALL 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.

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.

❖ CONFESSiON OF SINS AND GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESS *John 20:21-23*

- P Though washed clean by the cleansing waters, we fall back each day into the old ways – the ways of sin. Let us remember our sin, and rejoice in our Baptism...
- C **God, our Father, We remember this day that we are Yours, and yet we draw back into ourselves. Though we are bought with the price of the death of Your Son, we live as though we are on our own. Though we are washed clean of past sins, we cannot let go of our guilt. Though we have heard Your Words of love, we still manipulate and seek to control others.**
Forgive us, Lord. Remind us that we too are beloved by You. Bring us, this day, back to our Baptism. Washed in Your Love, let us leave this place today to live anew as Your people.
- P In His own Son, God reveals to us His mercy and love. As an ordained servant of the Word, I announce the Grace of God to all of you.
In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins; in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
God has announced that you are His beloved in whom He is well pleased.
You have been washed clean. Rejoice in this Gospel news.
- C **Amen.**

❖ PRAYER

- P Let us pray.
Father in Heaven, at His Baptism in the Jordan River, You proclaimed Jesus Your Beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit.
- C **Mercifully grant that all who are baptized in His Name may faithfully keep the covenant into which they have been called; boldly confess Jesus Christ as their Savior; and with Him be heirs of Eternal Life; through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY

Isaiah 43:1-7 [ESV]

(“I have called you by name”, says the Lord; “you are Mine.”)

¹But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

“Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 29 [ESV]

(Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His Name.)

L Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
C ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

L Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His Name;
C worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

L The Voice of the LORD is over the waters;
C the God of Glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

L The Voice of the LORD is powerful;
C the Voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

L The Voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
C the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

L He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.
C The Voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

⁴Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life.

⁵Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you.

⁶I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

- L The Voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
C the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- L The Voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare,
C and in His Temple all cry, “Glory!”
- L The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
C the LORD sits enthroned as King forever.
- L May the LORD give strength to His people!
C May the LORD bless His people with peace!
**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.**

EPISTLE

Romans 6:1-11 [ESV]

(By baptism we were united with Christ into His Death and Resurrection that we might walk in newness of life.)

- ¹What shall we say then?
Are we to continue in sin that grace may
abound?
- ²By no means!
How can we who died to sin still live in it?
- ³Do you not know that all of us who have
been baptized into Christ Jesus were
baptized into his death?
- ⁴We 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.
- ⁵For if we have been united with him in a
death like his, we shall certainly be united
with him in a resurrection like his.

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

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

❖ ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 205

The musical notation consists of three staves of music. The first staff shows the Alleluia chant: a continuous sequence of eighth notes on the G, A, and B lines, followed by a dotted half note on the A line, another eighth note on the G line, and so on. The second staff begins with a quarter note on the F line, followed by eighth notes on the E, D, C, and B lines. The third staff starts with a quarter note on the G line, followed by eighth notes on the A, B, and G lines. Below each staff are lyrics in a box:

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

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

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

The musical notation shows the Alleluia chant again, identical to the first staff of the previous section. The lyrics are:

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

❖ HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 3:15–22 [ESV]

(Jesus is baptized by John in the Jordan River)

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

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

¹⁵ As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶ John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸ So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people.

¹⁹ But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias,

his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done,²⁰ added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying,

the heavens were opened,²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, “*You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.*”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to You, Lord Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MaryAnn Unger, Director of Children and Family Ministry

HYMN

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

LSB 394

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
Manifested by the star To the sages from afar,
Branch of royal David's stem In Thy birth at Bethlehem:
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
2. Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
And at Cana wedding guest In Thy Godhead manifest;
Manifest in pow'r divine, Changing water into wine;
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
3. Manifest in making whole Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight, Quelling all the devil's might;
Manifest in gracious will, Ever bringing good from ill;
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
4. Sun and moon shall darkened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;
Christ will then like lightning shine, All will see His glorious sign;
All will then the trumpet hear, All will see the Judge appear;
Thou by all wilt be confessed, God in man made manifest.

**5. Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Present in Thy holy Word—
Grace to imitate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;
That we might become like Thee At Thy great epiphany
And may praise Thee, ever blest, God in man made manifest.**

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SERMON

Pastor Zach Sarrault

Let the Water Lead
Luke 3:15-22

❖ BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

- P God used the occasion of Jesus' Baptism to reveal to the world that He was, indeed, the Son of God.
So does our baptism bring us into God's Family and announce publicly that we are claimed by Him for a life of service in His Kingdom.
Holy Baptism is the means by which the Father creates new sons and daughters. In the water of Baptism, we are joined to the death and resurrection of our Lord. Born again by water and the Spirit, we are made members of the Body of Christ. Living in fellowship with Him and with His people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the Will of God.
- P Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?
C I do renounce them.
- P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth?
C Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth.
- P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
C Yes, I believe 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.

- P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- C **Yes, 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.**
- P As we grow in the baptismal life, God works through the Spirit to testify with our spirits that we are the Children of God. As the dearly loved, baptized Children of God, remember who you are, and Whose you are. Look for opportunities to remind each other of the love and grace God gives us as His Children.
- P We gather to remember that Baptism is not just an event. We affirm that we are on a journey of faith that continues today and for the rest of our lives. Regardless of age, we are all beloved Children of God.
- C **Help us, Lord, to continue our journey with You.**
- P Will you continue to be among God's people, to hear God's Word and share in God's Meal – Holy Communion?
- C **Yes, with the Help of God.**
- P Will you practice your faith when you rise and when you go to bed, when you are at home and when you are away?
- C **Yes, with the Help of God and support of this Christian community.**
- P Let us pray.
Gracious God, at the Baptism of Jesus You proclaimed Him Your Beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful in their calling to be Your Children.
- C **Help us to serve You, cherish Your Forgiveness and Grace, and always live to honor You. Amen.**

❖ GREETING OF PEACE

All are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (*Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3*)
Any gesture accompanying this greeting (wave, hand over heart with slight bow, or handshake) is welcome.

OFFERING

(The offerings of God's people will be received through electronic giving, by postal mail, and in baskets located in the Narthex.)

MUSICAL OFFERING

All Who Believe and Are Baptized – arr. J. S. Bach

Sanctuary Choir

*All who believe and are baptized shall see the Lord's Salvation;
Baptized into the Death of Christ, they are a new creation;
Through Christ's Redemption they will stand
Among the glorious Heavenly band of every tribe and nation.*

*With one accord, O God, we pray, grant us Your Holy Spirit;
Help us in our infirmity through Jesus' Blood and Merit;
Grant us to grow in grace each day
By Holy Baptism, that we may Eternal Life inherit.*

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❖ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P Father, Your Son came to the waters of the Jordan River to be baptized by John and thus fulfill all righteousness. Give us Your Holy Spirit that we may meet Him with faith in the waters of our own Baptism and live in the newness of Life which He gives to us there.
- C **Grant us every comfort from Your Word, that in time of trouble we may know that You have called us by name and will keep us as Your own dear children.**
- P Give wisdom to all who lead us in this land, at every level of government, and bless the world with peace, freedom, and justice in every place. Watch over those who extend Your protection to us here and throughout the world.
- C **Guide us that we may live out our new lives to the praise of Your Glory, honoring You with all that we say, think, and do; and serving You by caring for the poor, and boldly confessing Your Gospel.**

- P Rest Your Blessing upon Your Church, those whom You have called, gathered, and given new birth in Baptism and who have responded with faith.
- Bless all pastors, missionaries, and all church workers that they may serve You faithfully.
- C **Plant us fully in Your Kingdom that we may live in the world without being led astray or deceived by the things of the moment. Teach our hearts generosity and compassion that we may serve, give, and love humbly.**
- P Be the peace for the dying and the comfort for those grieving. Help us to be faithful here on earth and to be prepared for Your coming again when we shall be Yours forever in Heaven.

After each portion of the prayers:

- P Lord, in Your Mercy,
- C **Hear our prayer.**

- P Into Your Hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your Mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

- P Jesus, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

❖ **LORD'S PRAYER**

- C **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.**

❖ BENEDICTION

P The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His Face to shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✡ give you peace. (*Numbers 6:24-26*)
C Amen.

❖ HYMN

The Star Proclaims the King Is Here

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1. The star proclaims the King is here; But, Herod, why this senseless fear?
For He who offers heav'nly birth Seeks not the kingdoms of this earth.
2. The eastern sages saw from far And followed on His guiding star;
And, led by light, to light they trod And by their gifts confessed their God.
3. Within the Jordan's sacred flood The heav'nly Lamb in meekness stood
That He, of whom no sin was known, Might cleanse His people from their own.
4. And oh, what miracle divine, When water reddened into wine!
He spoke the word, and forth it flowed In streams that nature ne'er bestowed.
5. For this Thy glad epiphany All glory, Jesus, be to Thee,
Whom with the Father we adore, And Holy Spirit evermore.

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P Go in peace and serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

St. George's Windsor – F. Peeters

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