

The Baptism of Our Lord/  
First Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 8, 2023 10:30 a.m. Service

“This is  
*my* **S**ON,  
the  
Beloved,  
with whom  
I am  
well pleased.”  
*Matthew 3:17*

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## ***AS WE GATHER***

Today in honor of celebrating the baptism of our Lord, we will use a rite for baptismal renewal. We are using this to help us recall and remember the promises made to us and on our behalf in our own baptism. This rite in *no way* is to be considered a baptism or a 're-baptism' as baptism is done once for us according to the teachings of scripture.

We cannot add to the mercy and grace showered on us by God through the Holy Spirit at our baptism in the name of The Father and of The Son and of The Holy Spirit.

We are using this rite for *our* remembrance and our encouragement to live life in the faith into which we have gained entrance by having been baptized. May you be uplifted and renewed in God's promises once delivered to you and in which you continue daily to live!

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Divine Service – Setting Two  
January 8, 2023 10:30 a.m.

*Welcome & Announcements*

+ INVOCATION + *LSB 167*

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

**P** We begin in the name into which we are baptized; In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.** *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

*Opening Hymn* *LSB 404 sts. 1-4*  
*(to the tune of LSB 648)*

*“Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered”*



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 His true  
 Lamb of God!" Yet he dared not loose the san - dals Of the  
 un - der - go; This the crim - son cleans - ing need - ed So the  
 was Your path; You, by death, have con - se - crat - ed Wa - ter



worth and work were shown: Heav - en o - pened and the Spir - it  
 One God's love had shod. Oh, how fair the feet of Je - sus,  
 world God's love might know; This the mis - sion of Mes - si - ah  
 in this sav - ing bath: Dy - ing to the sin of Ad - am,



There de - scend - ed like a dove, As the Fa - ther's  
 Bring - ing news of peace to us, Christ, the her - ald  
 As He stepped from Jor - dan's stream, He, the cho - sen  
 Ris - ing to a life of grace; We are count - ed



voice re - sound - ed, "Hear My Son, the One I love."  
 of sal - va - tion, Preach - ing mer - cy from the cross:  
 and a - noint - ed Son of God, sent to re - deem.  
 with the righ - teous, Ov - er us the cross You trace.

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*Stand*

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*(Silence for self-examination and confession to God. Reflect on His Word and consider your life according to the Ten Commandments: This and whatever comes to mind, confess now, and receive God's total absolution.)*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not

**loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. *LSB 292*

**C** Amen.

**P** Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?

**C** Yes. *LSB 293*

**P** Let it be done for you as you believe.

**P** Almighty God in His *LSB 167*  
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.

**C** Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD + *LSB 168*

**Introit** *Ps. 2:7-11, 12c; antiphon: Is. 42:1a*

**P** Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my  
chosen, in whom my soul delights.

**C** I will tell of the decree: The LORD said  
to me, “You are my Son; today I have  
begotten you.

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

**C** You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.”

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

**C** Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling,

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

**P C** 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.

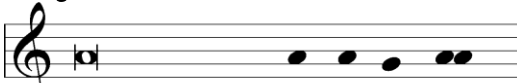
**Amen.**

**P** Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights.



# Kyrie

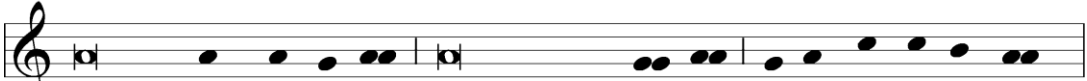
LSB 168



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



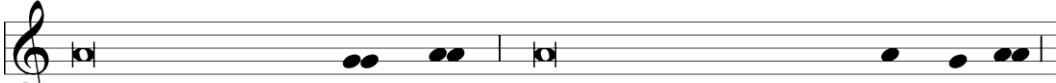
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



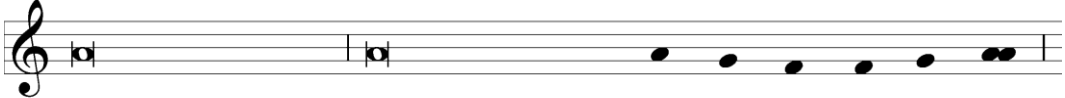
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



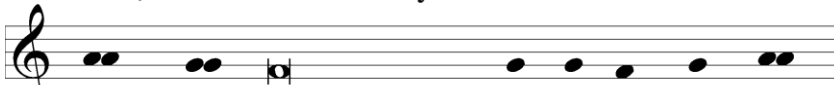
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

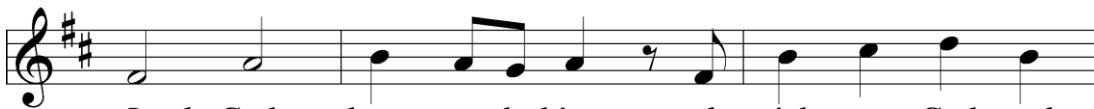


**C** A - men.

## *Hymn of Praise/Gloria in Excelsis*      *LSB 170*



**A** Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we



praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on

us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa-ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the

Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a-

lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day *LSB 172*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. 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.

**C Amen.**

*Sit*

**Old Testament Reading**      *Isaiah 42:1-9*

42 “Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. 2 He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. 3 A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; 4 he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on

earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope.”

5 This is what God the Lord says – the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: 6 “I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, 7 to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

8 “I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols. 9 See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual**

*Ps. 117:1-2a; 96:8*

**A** **C** Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

*Hymn of Praise*

*LSB 605 sts. 1-3*

*“Father Welcomes”*

*Refrain*

Fa - ther wel - comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly  
through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,  
Life for - ev - er has been won.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'Fa - ther wel - comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly'. The second staff continues with 'through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,'. The third staff concludes with 'Life for - ev - er has been won.' The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a final double bar line at the end of the third staff.



1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom  
2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,  
3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly



is of these. Life and love I have to give,  
be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve  
rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,



Mer - cy for your sin.  
Shall be born a - gain.  
Live in the peace of God.

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## Epistle Reading

*Romans 6:1-11*

6 What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? 2 By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? 3 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were therefore buried with him through

baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin – 7 because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. 8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. 10 The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. 11 In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.



**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia

*LSB 173*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains the melody for 'Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?'. The second staff continues the melody for 'You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.' and ends with a double bar line.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 3:13-17*

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

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains the melody for 'Glo - ry to You, O Lord.' The staff ends with a double bar line.

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. 14 But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

15 Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

LSB 596 sts. 1-6

*“All Christians Who Have Been Baptized”*



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-merged 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-destroyed 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!

Sermon

“Baptism is a Battle for Life”

Pastor Tom Rhodes

*Stand*

## **A Rite For Baptismal Renewal**

**P** Dear friends, we were buried into Christ by baptism into His death, and raised with Him to newness of life. I call upon you to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced the devil and all his works and ways and were made members of the Holy Christian Church. Therefore I ask you do you renounce the devil?

**C** **I do renounce him.**

**P** Do you renounce all his works and all his ways?

**C** **I do renounce them.**

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

**C** Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

**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 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.**

**P** Is it your purpose to continue steadfast in this faith and in the promise of your Baptism and, as a member of the Church, to be diligent in the use of the means of grace and prayer?

**C** **Yes, with the help of God.**

**P** Come then, trace the sign of the cross upon you with water, recalling your baptism into Christ, and renewing your pledge and promise to live in this baptismal identity and promise as long as you live.

*(The congregation comes forward down the center aisle, dipping their fingers in the font, making the sign of the cross, and returning to their seats by the side aisles.)*

*(After all have returned from the font)*

**P** Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has once, in your baptism, given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.

**C** Amen.

**P** May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our ✠ Lord Jesus Christ.

*[Philippians 1:6, adapt]*

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

# Offering

LSB 176

*In quiet devotion and responding in personal stewardship of God's abundant provision to you, please use the offering plate in the back as you enter or exit. (This is just as it says: An offering to God through His church. As a reassurance to those in worship today, especially our guests - this is not an obligation - the good news of Jesus is free to all!)*

## Offertory Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19; LSB 176

What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.



*Sit*

## ***Installation of Congregational Officers/ Council Members***

*Stand*

### **Prayer of the Church**

*LSB 175*

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Brief silence*

**P** For all the baptized, that having been united to Christ's death and resurrection through water and the Word, the people of God may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit and equipped with His gifts to live the new life given to them by God's gracious act, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the Church, that in every place where God's people are called and gathered by His Spirit, including especially here at Zion Lutheran Church, they may be enlightened by His Word and sanctified by His grace for holy living and a life of good works to glorify Him, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the nation and those who govern, that our leaders may be people of integrity and that we may be good citizens together, wisely using all the resources God has supplied, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those who have been marked with God's name in baptism but have fallen away from the faith, that we may speak with courage and compassion the saving Word of

God to them, and that they may be restored to faith and life within the Church, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the poor, the hungry and the homeless, that we may remember them in prayer, support them with the resources God has supplied us, and encourage them to remain faithful in every adversity of life, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the sick and suffering, that God would grant healing for their bodies and relief to their hearts and minds according to His will and strength to bear the infirmities they suffer, especially those on our prayer list and cards, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those who mourn, that God would grant them comfort in their time of sorrow and encourage them with the hope of everlasting life with those whom they loved who have departed this life in faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** O merciful Lord, grant that we may have confidence in the promise given to us in our Baptism into Christ and trust You to provide answer to the prayers we bring to You this day. And when the Last Day comes, bring us into the joy of Your everlasting light and life through the merits and mercies of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**     *Matthew 6:9-13, LSB 179*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom  
and teach us to pray:

**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

*Numbers 6:24-26, LSB 183*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

*Closing Hymn*

*LSB 590 sts. 1-4*

*“Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”*



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.

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