

**First Sunday after Epiphany/The Baptism of Our Lord**  
**January 10, 2021 10:30 a.m. Service**



As he was  
coming up  
out of the water,  
he saw the ... Spirit  
descending  
like a dove  
on him.

Mark 1:10

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## ***AS WE GATHER***

Today we recall an “old” event in history, the Baptism of Our Lord. God's Word teaches us that it is also a “current” event producing a new creation and new life for each person who is baptized into Jesus Christ. In the beginning God was pleased with His new creation - light (*Genesis 1:4*); at Jesus' Baptism the Father was pleased with Jesus, His Son (*Mark 1:11*); and at our Baptism into Christ we are pleasing to God and therefore are able to “walk in newness of life” (*Romans 6:4*).

## **THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

Divine Service – Setting Two

January 10, 2021    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

Opening Hymn

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-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-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!

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## *Stand*

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION + *LSB 167*

**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 reflection on God's Word and for self-examination in light of the Ten Commandments.)*

**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,

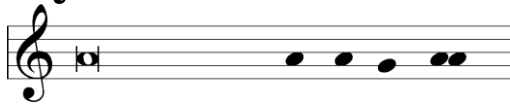
**P** for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

**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

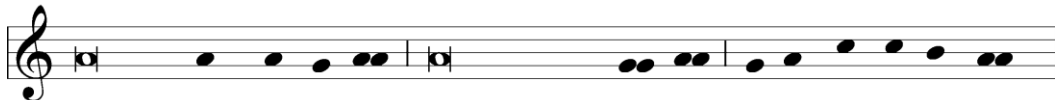
*LSB 168*



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



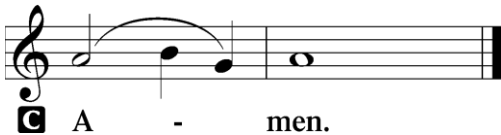
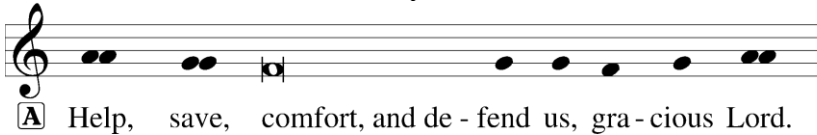
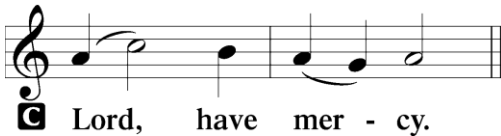
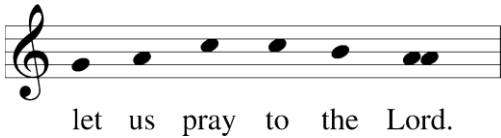
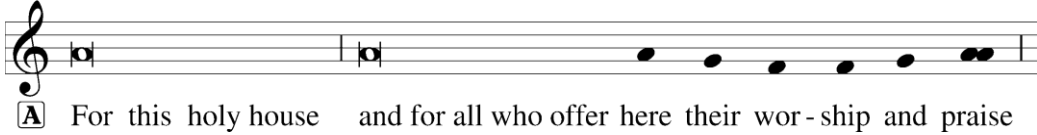
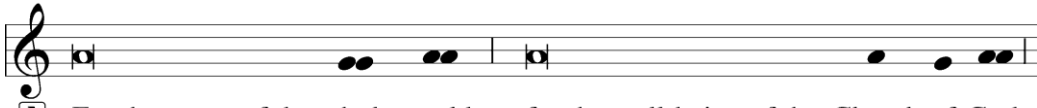
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



# 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.



**G** 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



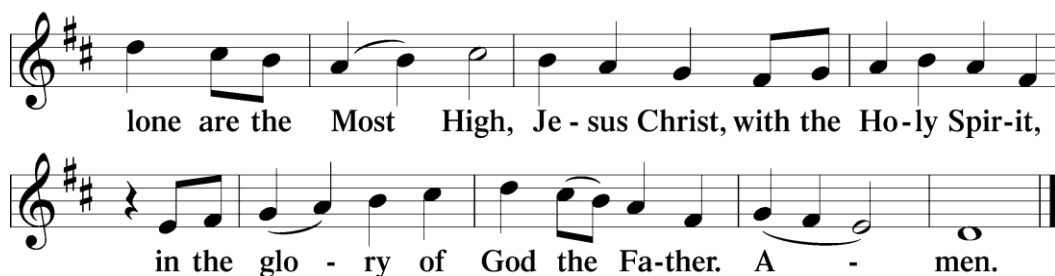
us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the



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



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



## 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

*Genesis 1:1-5*

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. 3 And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. 4 God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

**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!

## 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.

*Hymn of Praise*

*LSB 394 sts. 1-2, 5*

*“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”*



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;  
5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest-ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,  
And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest;  
Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - them's be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
An - them's be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

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*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 173*



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 1:4-11*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St.  
Mark, the first chapter.



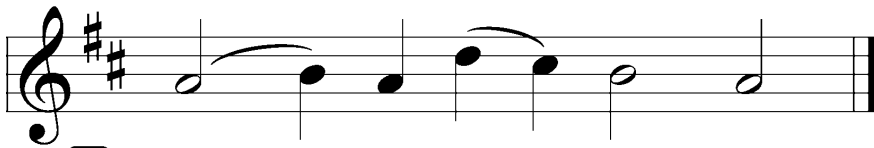
**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

4 And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 The whole Judean

countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. 6 John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7 And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. 8 I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

9 At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. 11 And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

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



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

*Sit*

*Hymn of the Day*

*LSB 404 sts. 1-4*

*(to the tune of LSB 540)*

*“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  
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 sa - ving bath: Dy - ing to the



and the Spir - it There de - scend - ed like a dove, As the  
feet of Je - sus Bring - ing news of peace to us, Christ, the  
of Mes - si - ah As He stepped from Jor - dan's stream, He, the  
sin of Ad - am, Ris - ing to a life of grace; We are



Fa - ther's voice re - sound - ed, "Hear My Son, the One I love."  
her - ald of sal - va - tion, Preach - ing mer - cy from the cross:  
cho - sen and a - noint - ed Son of God, sent to re - deem.  
count - ed with the righ - teous, O - ver us the cross You trace.

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## Sermon Pastor Tom Rhodes

### “Re-creation is You Baptized in Christ”

*Stand*

**Apostles' Creed**

*LSB 175*

**[P] [C] 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.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

*LSB 175*

**[P]** We come to You, holy Father, with great joy,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Him we  
beg You to accept and bless the prayers and

offerings we bring, even as You were pleased with the gold, frankincense and myrrh offered to Your Son by the Magi of old. This holy day we especially thank You for the Magi, the firstfruits of the Gentiles to kneel in worship before Your Son. Give us grace to walk before You with faith like theirs, and grant us a share in their heavenly fellowship.

**C Amen.**

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the baptized, that united with Christ in His death we may daily die to sin and rise with Him, set free from the dominion of sin and death, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the nations of the world still in darkness, that the Spirit would bring them life and light through the preaching of the Gospel and call

them to the waters of the new creation, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all of us serving in Christ's Church, that all our preaching and teaching, our fellowship and stewardship of all God's gifts to us may faithfully point to the Mightier One with zeal, as did St. John the Baptist, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all who make, administer, and judge the laws of our land, that they be given wisdom, integrity, and honor to protect life and serve the good of all according to God's good will, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the lonely and homebound; the grieving and dying; and all who are afflicted in body, mind or spirit, especially those on our prayer list and cards, that Christ would be their companion in

solitude, their comfort in sorrow, their health in sickness and their life in death, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the faithful departed who rest now in Christ, let us give God our thanks and praise, and ask Him to grant us our portion with the saints in light on the joyous day of Christ's appearing, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## **Offering**

*LSB 176*

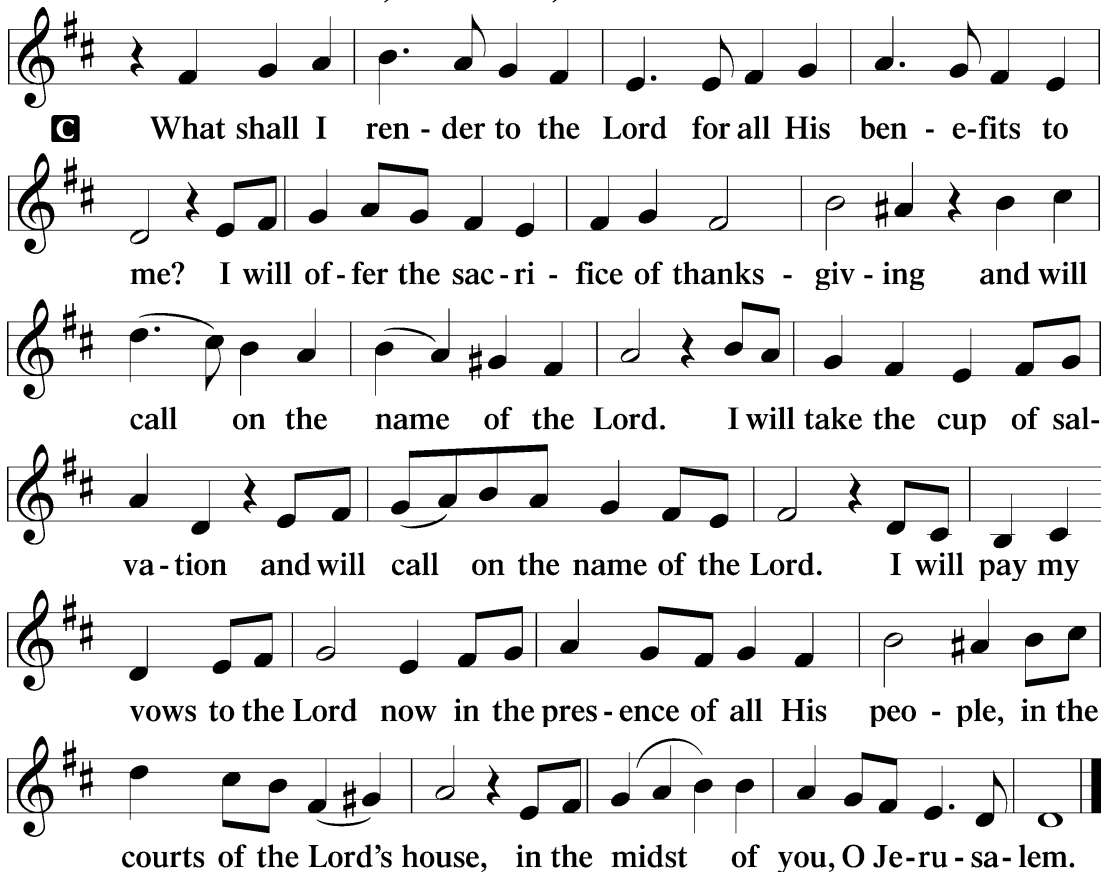
*In quiet devotion and responding in personal stewardship of God's abundant provision to you, please use the offering plates in the back as you enter or exit. (This is just as it says: An offering to*

*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.

## **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 on you and be gracious to

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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