

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 13, 2019

11:00 am



AS WE GATHER

Have you ever thought about how powerful fear and worry are in our lives? Fear takes hold. It ties us in knots and refuses to let us go. On our own, we're powerless to undo these "fear knots." Only Jesus has the power to release us from their captivity. "Fear not," He says to His redeemed people! "You are Mine," He refreshingly reminds us. Our worship on this Baptism of Our Lord Sunday brings us with Jesus to the baptismal waters, enabling us to hear the living voice of our God as He washes us clean and makes us His own. Fear may take its hold for a moment, but Jesus' hold is eternal. "Fear knots" may have their day. "Fear not" are saving words forever.

PRE-SERVICE "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

Instrumental



WELCOME

✘ PREPARATION ✘

OPENING SONG "All Creatures of Our God and King"

Arr. Crowder/Milligan/Erfreuen

**All creatures of our God and King. Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him alleluia.**

**Thou burning sun with golden beam. Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him, O praise Him. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong. Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along
O praise Him alleluia.**

**Thou rising moon in praise rejoice. Ye lights of evening find a voice
O praise Him, O praise Him. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Let all things their Creator bless. And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him alleluia.**

**Praise praise the Father praise the Son. And praise the Spirit three in One
O praise Him, O praise Him. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Praise praise the Father praise the Son. And praise the Spirit three in One
O praise Him, O praise Him. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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INVOCATION

Pastor: At our Lord's Epiphany, we celebrate God in man made manifest.

Men: *Manifest to the Magi.*

Women: *Manifest to the Jews.*

Men: *Manifest to the Gentiles.*

Women: *Manifest to all nations.*

All: **Manifest to us! Manifest through us!**

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

People: Amen.



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 45:7, 17*

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

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8-9**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **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.**

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. *John 20:19-23*

People: Amen.

[OR]

Seminary Student: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. *John 1:12, Philippians 1:6*

People: Amen.

☩ WORD ☩

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River Your voice proclaimed Him to be Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit.

People: **Lead all who are baptized in His name to be faithful in the hearing of Your Word and in the living out of their callings as Your children;**

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please Be Seated)



OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 43:1-7* (The Lord calls His own by name.)

⁴³ But 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. ² When 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. ³ For 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. ⁴ Because 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. ⁵ Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. ⁶ I 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, ⁷ everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



EPISTLE *Romans 6:1-11* (We are baptized into Christ.)

⁶ What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 3:15-22* (Jesus is baptized in the Jordan River.)
The congregation is invited to read the words in bold

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

People: 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.”**

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.



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.

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CHILDREN'S TIME "This Little Gospel Light of Mine"

v. 1

**This little gospel light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little gospel light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little gospel light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine all the time let it shine.**

SONG OF THE DAY "Father Welcomes"

LSB 605

**Refrain: Father welcomes all His children to His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation, Life forever has been won.**

**Little children, come to Me, For My kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give, Mercy for your sin. Refrain**

**In the water, in the Word, in His promise be assured:
Those who are baptized and believe Shall be born again. Refrain**

**Let us daily die to sin; let us daily rise with Him,
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord, Live in the peace of God. Refrain**



SERMON

(Please Stand)



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For the calling of all people to faith, that the souls for whom Jesus Christ gave His life would be brought to repentance and saving faith through the proclamation of the Gospel throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Living Father, speak Your words of life!

Pastor: For all pastors, teachers, and other servant leaders in Christ's Church, that their lives be shaped by the One who laid down His life in selfless sacrifice for others, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Serving Father, speak Your words of life!

Pastor: For all who hear God's Word, receive His Sacrament, and live out their vocations in the church, home, workplace, and society, that their witness to Christ in word and action may touch countless hearts and lives, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Loving Father, speak Your words of life!

Pastor: For all who labor in positions of leadership in our government, along with all who serve in the armed forces and other public safety professions, that the living voice of our God speak over land, over water, and over all who trust in Him, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Protecting Father, speak Your words of life!

Pastor: For all who are ailing in body, mind, and spirit, [*especially . . .*], that the Lord would speak words and work wonders to deliver His healing and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Healing Father, speak Your words of life!

(Special Petitions)

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

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GATHERING OF OFFERINGS "It's the Power of the Cross"

Townend/Getty

**Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day. Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men torn and beaten then. Nailed to a cross of wood.**

**CHORUS 1: This the pow'r of the cross. Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame bore the wrath. We stand forgiven at the cross.**

**Oh to see the pain written on Your face. Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought ev'ry evil deed. Crowning Your bloodstained brow. CHORUS 1**

**Now the daylight flees now the ground beneath. Quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two dead are raised to life. Finished the vict'ry cry. CHORUS 1**

**Oh to see my name written in the wounds. For through Your suff'ring I am free.
Death is crushed to death life is mine to live. Won through Your selfless love.**

**CHORUS 2: This the pow'r of the cross. Son of God slain for us.
What a love what a cost. We stand forgiven at the cross.**

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✠ SACRAMENT ✠

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Ascension in the confession that, as He says, our Lord gives 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 one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. All those who are not yet instructed, 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.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. [*2 Timothy 4:22*]

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. [*Colossians 3:1*]

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

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. [*Psalm 136*]

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

PROPER PREFACE

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, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. His living voice speaks over our baptismal waters and now brings to us the nourishment our bodies and souls receive in His precious body and blood. 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

LSB 161

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;*

1 Corinthians 11:23–25

LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

Pastor: Lord, 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.

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI “My Victory”

Mulligan/Crowder/Cash/Bentley

**Behold the Lamb of God Who takes away our sin Who takes away our sin
The holy Lamb of God Makes us alive again Makes us alive again X2**

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DISTRIBUTION SONGS “I Will Rise”

Giglio/Tomlin/Maher/Reeves

**There's a peace I've come to know Though my heart and flesh may fail
There's an anchor for my soul I can say it is well**

**Jesus has overcome and the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won He is risen from the dead**

**CHORUS: (And) I will rise when He calls my name
No more sorrow no more pain
I will rise on eagle's wings
Before my God fall on my knees and rise
I will rise**

**There's a day that's drawing near When this darkness breaks to light
And the shadows disappear And my faith shall be my eyes**

**Jesus has overcome and the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won He is risen from the dead CHORUS**

**And I hear the voice of many angels sing Worthy is the Lamb
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart Worthy is the Lamb
And I hear the voice of many angels sing Worthy is the Lamb
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart
Worthy is the Lamb Worthy is the Lamb CHORUS**

I will rise.

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“Blessed Assurance”

Knapp

**Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
Oh what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation purchase of God
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood**

**CHORUS: This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy whispers of love. CHORUS**

**Perfect submission all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest
Watching and waiting looking above
Filled with His goodness lost in His love. CHORUS**

Praising my Savior all the day long.

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BENEDICTION *Isaiah 60:1*

Pastor: Arise, shine, for your light has come,
People: **and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.**

Pastor: 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. *Numbers 6:24–26*

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG “The Way”

Peens/Dryden/Camp/Williams

**All creation cries out with longing
With groans only You can comprehend
And with wisdom You always answer
And give the words of life
So unfailing**

**And Your glory shines all around us
Your faithfulness shown for all to see
When we think of all of Your wonders
The beauty of Your plan that's been revealed
When we walk in Your light
When we walk in it**

**CHORUS 1: Shine bright. Let Your glory fill this land
Lift high the King of kings and great I AM
Jesus, You are the Way. You are the Way**

**We can see the works of Your loving hands
With the hope and peace not made by man
When You poured out Your grace and Your mercy
And You held out Your arms
So we could see You bled for all mankind
And set the captives free yeah CHORUS**

**CHORUS 1: Shine bright. Let Your glory fill this land
Lift high the King of kings and great I AM
Jesus, You are the Way. You are the Way**

**Na na na na na nah, Jesus.
Na na na na na nah You are the Way
Na na na na na nah, Jesus. Na na na na na nah**

**CHORUS 2: Shine bright. Let Your glory fill this land
Lift high the King of kings and great I AM
Shine bright. Let Your glory fill this land
Lift high the King of kings and great I AM
Jesus You are the Way. You are the Way**

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POSTLUDE *Instrumental Music*

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