

The Baptism of Our Lord
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Processional Hymn "All Christians Who Have Been Baptized" LSB 596
tune: ES IST DAS HEIL

All Christians who have been baptized, who know the God of heaven,
And in whose daily life is prized the name of Christ once given:
Consider now what God has done, the gifts He gives to ev'ryone
Baptized into Christ Jesus!

You were before your day of birth, indeed, from your conception,
Condemned and lost with all the earth, none good, without exception.
For like your parents' flesh and blood, turned inward from the highest good,
You constantly denied Him.

But all of that was washed away—immersed and drowned forever.
The water of your Baptism day restored again whatever
Old Adam and his sin destroyed and all our sinful selves employed
According to our nature.

In Baptism we now put on Christ—our shame is fully covered
With all that He once sacrificed and freely for us suffered.
For here the flood of His own blood now makes us holy, right, and good
Before our heav'nly Father.

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.

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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Collect of the Day

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. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Israel's Only Savior* Isaiah 43:1-7

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.

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.”

A This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8

Praise the LORD, all | nations!*

Extol him, all | peoples!

For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;*
bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

Epistle *Dead to Sin, Alive to God*

Romans 6:1-11

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.**

Verse

Luke 3:22

Alleluia. Alleluia.

You are my be- | loved Son;* with You I am | well pleased.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel *John the Baptist Prepares the Way*

Luke 3:15-22

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

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John 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 with fire. ¹⁷His 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.”

¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But 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, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²²and 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 be to Thee, O Christ.

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Hymn of the Day “To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord” LSB 407
st. 4 women and children, st. 5 men

Sermon “Free at last, free at last!” Romans 6:1-11

Offering

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Lord’s Prayer LSB 196

P *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.*

C **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Distribution

“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It” LSB 594

“Father Welcomes” LSB 605

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Recessional Hymn “All Who Believe and Are Baptized” LSB 601

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