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Our Vision: Equipping Our Members to Take the Message of Jesus Where They Live, Work and Play

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD *Divine Service, Setting One*

January 7, 2024

AS WE GATHER

Light of Christ

A new season in the Church Year begins today. Following Advent hope and Christmas joy in the Savior born for us, we enter Epiphany, which can be summed up with words such as revealing, shining forth, and manifestation. The Word we hear today is fitting as epiphanies are things the Lord has done since the beginning of time. The first creation was light shining forth on the first day. From that day of creation to the fall into sin to the first promise of the Savior, God has shone His light and enabled His people to see and know what is needed. As the time was right for Jesus to begin His earthly ministry, it began with His Baptism. With John the Baptist in the Jordan River, the Lord reveals and shines forth the manifestation of the Word made flesh for us when He says: "You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased" (Mark 1:11).

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN "Baptized into Your Name Most Holy" **LSB 590**

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF OUR BAPTISM

- P** We remember our Baptism with the trinitarian invocation, recalling and confessing before heaven, earth, and hell all that God has given us in our Baptism: victory over death and the devil, forgiveness of sin, God's grace, the entire Christ, and the Holy Spirit with His gifts. How do we rightly use our Baptism?
- C** **We rightly use our Baptism when we live in repentance and faith in the triune God, who has made us His beloved children.**
- P** When Jesus was baptized by John in the water of the Jordan River, the Father declared Jesus as His Son with whom He is well pleased. In our Baptism, Paul wrote, we were joined to our Lord's death and resurrection, enabling us to walk in newness of life. We also learn in the small Catechism, all centered on God's Word, the lasting gifts received in Baptism including the forgiveness of sins, rescue from death and the devil, and eternal life to all who believe this. Let us reaffirm our faith in what God has done for us through Holy Baptism. 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.**
- P** Do you 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?
- C** **Yes, I believe.**
- P** Do you 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?
- C** **Yes, I believe.**

CONFESSION

- 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.**
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God, our Father. In today's Epistle from Romans, the apostle Paul asks, "Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?... How can we who died to sin still live in it?"
- C** **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 God with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.**

- P** "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."
- C** **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.**

ABSOLUTION

- P** 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.
- C** **For one who has died has been set free from sin.**
- P** The death Christ died He died to sin, once for all,
- C** **but the life He lives He lives to God.**
- P** So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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.

- C** **Amen.**
- P** The Almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has 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.**

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT

Psalm 2:7–11, 12c; *antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a*

- P** Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
- C** **my chosen, in whom my soul delights.**
- P** I will tell of the decree:
- C** **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,
- C** **and the ends of the earth your possession.**
- P** You shall break them with a rod of iron
- C** **and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."**
- P** Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
- C** **be warned, O rulers of the earth.**

- P** Serve the LORD with fear,
C and rejoice with trembling,
P for His wrath is quickly kindled.
C Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.

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,
C my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.



- C** And al - so 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** A - men.

OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 1:1–5 (Printed on the back)
(The beginning of creation.)

- R** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Romans 6:1–11 (Printed on the back)
(Baptism into Christ gives new life.)

- R** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE



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



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 1:4–11 (Printed on the back)
(The Baptism of Jesus)

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



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

(The Gospel is read.)

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



- C** Praise to You, O Christ.

CREED *Nicene Creed*

- C** I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living
and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" **LSB 398**

SERMON *Guest Pastor – Rev. Joshua Schultz*

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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.

Lord of all creation You spoke all creation into being, beginning with light. In this Epiphany season and all our days, grant us faith to see the light of Your providing hand, the guidance of the light of Your Word, and our Savior as the light of the world. Help us to shine Your light of truth and grace to this dark world, that others may know You and rejoice in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord of all grace, though our many sins and shortcomings weigh heavy on our hearts, You come to us in Your means of grace and give new life. Help us to daily remember our Baptism and to daily rejoice in our identity as Your own children and part of Your family. With Christ as the head, bless this family of believers within Your Church that through worship and fellowship all may be blessed with encouragement, support, service, and a zeal for growing in and sharing Your Word. Bless all families and homes that parents and children may remain steadfast in faith, trusting in You above all things. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord of all comfort, following the Baptism of Jesus He would seek the lost, heal the sick, and show compassion to all. Enable us in boldness and confidence to proclaim the wonders of Him who has called us out of darkness and into Your marvelous light. Use our words and actions to be a blessing to others. For those who are sick

and suffering, grant Your continued presence and healing according to Your will. Grant patience in trials, peace in afflictions, and hope in Your promises now and eternally. Lord, in Your mercy.

C hear our prayer.

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

C Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

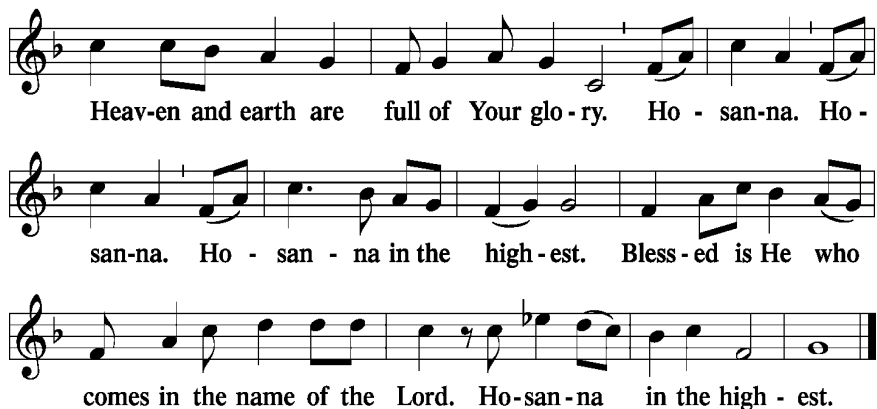
PROPER PREFACE

P 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. 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



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sins and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Through Your means of grace You have claimed us as Your own through water and the Word in Holy Baptism. Through body and blood—in, with, and under bread and wine—You forgive our sins and nourish our faith. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

G 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 WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



G A - men.

AGNUS DEI



G Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"All Christians Who Have Been Baptized"

LSB 596

"Once in the Blest Baptismal Waters"

LSB 598

"The Gifts Christ Freely Gives"

LSB 602


POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



G Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

CLOSING SENTENCES

P The death Christ died He died to sin, once for all,
C but the life He lives He lives to God.

P So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

BENEDICTION

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 A - men.

CLOSING HYMN "All who Believe and Are Baptized" **LSB 601**

✠ In the name of Jesus ✠

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