



The Baptism of Our Lord  
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DIVINE SERVICE

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Lutheran Service Book

## **The Triune God Opens Heaven to You in Holy Baptism**

The Baptism of our Lord is an “Epiphany” of the one true God in the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ. In divine mercy, He takes His place with sinners and takes their sin upon Himself. “When all the people were baptized,” Jesus submitted Himself to a Baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Luke 3:21). He had no sins of His own, but He took the sins of the world upon Himself and so was baptized into His own death. Therefore, “when you pass through the waters,” He is with you (Is. 43:2). He created you for His glory, and He has redeemed you with His blood, that you may be His own and live with Him in His kingdom (Is. 43:1, 7). As you are baptized with a Baptism like His, so also are you united with Him in His death and resurrection that you “might walk in newness of life” (Rom. 6:4). For all who are baptized into Christ Jesus receive His anointing of the Holy Spirit and are named by His Father as beloved and well-pleasing sons and daughters.

*Ringing of the Bells*

*Welcome*

## Confession and Absolution

### **399 The Star Proclaims the King Is Here**

*Stand*

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

### Invocation

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

### Exhortation

*LSB 151*

- 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.*

### Confession of Sins

*LSB 151*

- 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.**

### Declaration of Grace

*LSB 151*

- P** 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.  
**C** **Amen.**

## Service of the 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** **Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.**  
**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,  
**C** **my chosen, in whom my soul delights.**

**Kyrie***LSB 152*

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



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation 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 unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



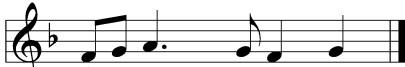
- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



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

- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

### This Is the Feast

LSB 155



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Salutation and Collect 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.

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 43:1–7*

**A** The Old Testament Reading for The Baptism of Our Lord is from the forty-third chapter of the prophecy of Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>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.  
<sup>2</sup>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.  
<sup>3</sup>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.  
<sup>4</sup>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.  
<sup>5</sup>Fear not, for I am with you;  
 I will bring your offspring from the east,  
 and from the west I will gather you.  
<sup>6</sup>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,  
<sup>7</sup>everyone 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.**

## Epistle

*Romans 6:1–11*

**A** The Second Reading is from the sixth chapter of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans.

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So 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.**

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**

*LSB 156*



**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**

*Luke 3:15–22*

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



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

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

<sup>18</sup>So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reprovved by him for Herodias, his brother’s wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, <sup>20</sup>added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, <sup>22</sup>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.”

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



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

*Sit*

## 405 To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord

### Sermon

Rev Jason Zirbel  
Grace Lutheran Church  
Greenwood, Arkansas

*Stand*

### Apostles’ Creed

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**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.**

*Sit*

### **Gathering of Tithes & Offerings**

*If you are submitting a prayer request on a prayer card, kindly hand it directly to the usher. Do not place it into the offering plate.*

*Stand*

### **Offertory**

LSB 159

**C** 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.

### **Prayer of the Church**

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**P** ... Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

**Lord's Prayer**

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**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**

**Concluding Collect**

**P** Visit our dwellings, O Lord, and drive from them all the snares of the enemy; let Your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let Your blessing be on us always; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**Benediction**

LSB 166

**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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



**C** A - men.

**595 O Blessed Spring**

*Silent Prayer*

*Announcements*

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# The Glad Spirit

## St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

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### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

#### ST. PAUL'S FAMILY

Kayla Van Mynen, Family Noelle  
 Warren & Chris Van Mynen  
 Mary Viehweg, Family Catherine  
 Shirley Wahl  
 Bert & Judy Wilmington, Family Joy

#### BIRTHDAYS

Jennifer Lovett, 1/18  
 Henry Sella, 1/18

#### BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Coral Middleton, 1/13  
 Jennifer Olson, 1/17  
 Bill Sommer, 1/17

#### SPECIAL CONCERNS

**Pray for** Norma Allen, Janice Abel, Sondra Budde, Jay Carey,  
 Pastor and Pam Collins, Carmen Dampier, Judy Diekleman,  
 Shirley Emerick, Latricia Harris, Ed Hoeksema Jr., Doris Leifert,  
 Chester Orendorff, Violet Rich, Dolly Tagenhorst, Warren Van Mynen,  
 Gene Wiltjer, Ray Zander.

**Serving in the Military** – Austin Brandy, James Fluechtling,  
 Dakoda Gaut and Nathan Lopez.

**Serving as First Responders** – David Allen, Dave Bloom,  
 Nathan Conway, Brianne Giba, Melanie Hudson, Brian Orth,  
 Dana Tatgenhorst, Taylor VanDommelen and Dan Zander.

*Fear  
 Not,  
 For I  
 Have  
 Redeemed  
 You*

I have called you  
 by name,  
 you are mine.  
 When you pass  
 through the waters  
 I will be with you;  
 ...when you walk  
 through fire  
 you shall not  
 be burned, ...  
 For I am the  
 LORD  
 your God...  
 and I love you.

ISAIAH 43: 1-4

## NEWS UPDATE




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St. Paul Book Club will meet Wednesday February 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am, to review *Kat the Dog* by Alyson Sheldrake. We always welcome new members. We enjoy fellowship and lunch following the discussion.

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**Christ For You the week of January 12<sup>th</sup> on KFUO.org:** We continue our study of Isaiah on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT) with chapters 19-24. On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT), we wrap up John's first letter, and continue with 2nd and 3rd John. Don't forget to tune into Concord Matters this Saturday (1/18 at 10 a.m. CT) to learn about confessional subscription. What is it, and why do our churches practice it? Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfu.org](http://kfu.org) or on the KFUO Radio app!

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**The Week of January 12<sup>th</sup> Educating a New Generation of Lutherans...** Issues, Etc. is a podcast and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: The Bible & Other Religious Writings; The Small-Town Lutheran Church & Pastor; Church Discipline; Roman Catholic Indulgences and more. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

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**We'd love to see** you in worship. Our worship services are every Sunday at 9:30 AM. If you are unable to attend it can be viewed on Facebook live at [www.facebook.com/splcms/videos](http://www.facebook.com/splcms/videos). A previous recording is also available. Bulletins for the services are available for viewing or download on our website at [www.splcms.org/worship](http://www.splcms.org/worship).

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“From the moment you were being knitted together in your mother’s womb (Psalm 139:13), God’s began His careful construction of His chosen jewel of redemption.” Rev. Adam Osier, Dean, Free Lutheran Bible College, Plymouth, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

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# The Baptism of Jesus

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. Luke 3:21 (NIV)

Words are taken from Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (NIV).



L P Q S P I R I T O P P W G M  
 U B S O M N L L F E R O A V C  
 M U U L E K N L J L A U T M K  
 E Z Z V Y O E U E V Y S E P U  
 U L A Z O R G A S Q I P R B X  
 C E E T I R K P U W N V W M M  
 H Y R F U L W C S L G L B J N  
 S J Y Z D Q H D U Q V R X I F  
 H T O K U X J F O L A O E W R  
 A O M H O Y R H K Q H T I Z J  
 D A L B N E P V Z Q U U T C M  
 B O Z Y W I M C H R I S T F E  
 K V V O A S X S P E O P L E Q  
 K E P E X D O P E N E D P V S  
 B A P T I Z E U Z V F V L D S

Spirit  
 opened  
 people

John  
 Jesus  
 praying

voice  
 dove  
 heaven

Christ  
 powerful  
 Holy

fire  
 water  
 baptize

# GOD'S PEOPLE IN ACTION



## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

January 5<sup>th</sup> Attendance 26, 25 Communed, 5 Online

Envelopes	\$235.00	Weekly Missions	\$20.00
Basket	3,666.00	Luth. Church Charity	10.00
		Church Maint	20.00
		Social Ministry	35.00
<b>Budgeted Total</b>	<b>3,901.00</b>	<b>Non-budgeted Total</b>	<b>\$85.00</b>
Offering Needed	1,362.00		
	<b>2,539.00</b>		



## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

9:30 am Worship Service  
10:30 am Coffee &...

## SERVANT SCHEDULE

Sun, Jan 12, 9:30 AM

Sun, Jan 19, 9:30 AM

Pastor

Pastor Klein

Usher

Bill Sommer

Dave Bloom

Lay Reader

Tracy Middleton

Micci Orth



Food Pantry



General Fund



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