



+ Baptism of our Lord
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+ Baptism of our Lord Order for Worship

Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.

A few notes on precautions and protocols, which apply to everyone regardless of vaccination status, for worship in the sanctuary:

- Face masks that fully cover both your mouth and nose are required at all times for everyone over the age of two (2) – the only exception being the brief moment of moving mask aside to partake in Holy Communion.
- Outside food and drink are thus not permissible during worship.
- Physical distancing of at least six (6) feet will be observed at all times for people not from your household.
- We invite the congregation to voice responses and prayers during worship. A cantor will sing the hymns with a mask on, and the rest of the congregation is encouraged to follow along quietly.
- We ask that everyone use hand sanitizer, either your own or from the bottles throughout the sanctuary, especially prior to Holy Communion.

***Worship Services are live streamed to multiple online platforms.
By attending worship, you agree that your image and voice may be broadcast.***

Welcome

Prelude

Gathering

Please rise as you are able.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.

P: We praise you, O God, for water – the Allegheny, Monongahela, and Ohio Rivers,
the rain that nourishes animals and plants,
the water for drinking and bathing.

We praise you, O God, for water:

C: We praise you, O God, for water.

P: We praise you, O God, for the waters of Jesus –
baptized in the Jordan River,
calming the Sea of Galilee,
drinking from Jacob's Well,
healing at the pool of Bethesda,
washing the disciples' feet.

We praise you, O God, for water:

C: We praise you, O God, for water.

P: We praise you, O God, for this font,
for you breathe into this water to wash away our sin
and birth us each day into your peace and joy.

We praise you, O God, for Baptism:

C: We praise you, O God, for Baptism.

P: O God, you are Ocean, sustaining this earth.
O God, you are River, saving us from death.
O God, you are Fountain, granting us health and well-being.
We praise you, O Triune God,
today, tomorrow, forever.

Amen and Amen.

C: Amen and Amen.

*We ask that those present in the church sanctuary refrain from singing the hymns aloud.
The assembly gathered from afar is encouraged to sing!*

Gathering Hymn

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

ELW 310

v. 1

1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar,
branch of royal David's stem
in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885, alt., Music: SALZBURG Jacob Hintze, 1622-1702; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750.

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God,

you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son.

Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service,

that we may rejoice to be called children of God,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

Word

First Reading – Isaiah 43: 1-7

¹But now thus says the LORD,
the one who created you, O Jacob,
the one who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, 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,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
⁴Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
⁵Do not fear, 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 them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
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."

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

C: Alleluia. A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." Alleluia.

Gospel – Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

P: The holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Please rise as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

**Down Galilee's Slow Roadways
v. 2**

ACS 916

2 Arising from the river he saw the heavens torn;
it seemed the sky so open revealed the Spirit's form.
The holy dove descended amid a glorious voice:
"You are my own beloved, my child, my heart, my choice."

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The service continues with the prayers of intercession.

Prayers of the People

P: Guided by the Christ made known to the nations,
we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

After each petition

P: God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: With great hope and faith in your promises, O God,
we lift these prayers to you, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

We offer ourselves, our gifts, and our faithful service to God.

An offering plate is available at the back of the sanctuary

for those who would like to offer gifts as you leave worship today.

Please be seated as the table is prepared for Holy Communion

Meal

Please rise as you are able.

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God,

C: sovereign of the universe.

**You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey.
Lead us to your table, nourish us with your heavenly food,
and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world,
in the name of Christ our light.**

Amen.

Dialogue

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also 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 our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

... and join their unending hymn.

Sanctus

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God, ...

Do this for the remembrance of me.

As often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Pour out your Holy Spirit ...

... now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

Fraction and Invitation

Agnus Dei / Lamb of God

C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please be seated.

Holy Communion

- *Please use hand sanitizer prior to receiving Communion.*
- *We will not be kneeling at the altar rail due to the need for physical distancing.*

- *Worshippers from the pulpit side will proceed forward first, followed by the center section, and then the lectern side.*
- *The Communion wafers (regular and gluten-free) have been thoughtfully prepared using the gifts of the congregation by a member of St. Andrew's altar care team, with a drop of wine or grape juice on each. The presiding minister will distribute one to each communicant from the ciborium using sanitary tongs.*
- *When you reach the presiding minister, please indicate if you would like grape juice or a gluten-free wafer.*
- *A blessing will be provided for anyone who does not yet receive the sacrament, following physical distancing guidelines.*
- *Everyone is asked to wait until you return to your pew to consume the elements, and then promptly replace your mask.*

Hymns during Holy Communion (Instrumental)

Crashing Waters at Creation

ELW 455

O Holy Spirit, Root of Life

ELW 399

When all have returned to their places, please rise as you are able.

Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Prayer

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, gracious God,
that we have feasted on the abundance of your gifts.

Send us to bring good news
and to proclaim your favor to all,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Sending

Benediction

P: God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,
who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name,

✠ bless your going out and your coming in,
today and always.

C: Amen.

Dismissal

P: Go in Christ's peace into the world. Share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God!

Abbreviations

P: Pastor/Presiding Minister

L: Lector

C: Congregation

ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal

Those serving in worship today

Piano

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Lector

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Presiding Minister

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