

Baptism of our Lord

Prelude

Praeludium in C—V. Lübeck

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn

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Jesus, once with sinners numbered, Had no blemish of His own;
In the waters of the Jordan His true worth and work were shown:
Heaven opened and the Spirit There descended like a dove,
As the Father's voice resounded, "Hear My Son, the One I love."

John confessed Him as the Savior— "Look, the sinless Lamb of God!"
Yet he dared not loose the sandals Of the One God's love had shod.
Oh, how fair the feet of Jesus, Bringing news of peace to us,
Christ, the herald of salvation, Preaching mercy from the cross:

This the baptism that our Savior Greatly longed to undergo;
This the crimson cleansing needed So the world God's love might know;
This the mission of Messiah As He stepped from Jordan's stream,
He, the chosen and anointed Son of God, sent to redeem.

Jesus, once with sinners numbered, Full obedience was Your path;
You, by death, have consecrated Water in this saving bath:
Dying to the sin of Adam, Rising to a life of grace;
We are counted with the righteous, Over us the cross You trace.

Baptismal Remembrance Service

please stand

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

P There is one body and one Spirit.

G There is one hope in God's call to us.

P One Lord, one faith, one Baptism.

G One God and Father of us all.

P As Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father,

G even so we also should walk in the newness of life.

Baptismal Hymn

please remain standing 601

All who believe and are baptized Shall see the Lord's salvation;
Baptized into the death of Christ, They are a new creation.
Through Christ's redemption they shall stand
Among the glorious, heav'nly band Of ev'ry tribe and nation.

With one accord, O God, we pray: Grant us Your Holy Spirit.
Help us in our infirmity Through Jesus' blood and merit.
Grant us to grow in grace each day
That by this sacrament we may Eternal life inherit.

Scripture Reading

Romans 6:1-11

[Paul writes:] What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How

can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 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.

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. 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. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P In Holy Baptism we are forgiven our sins and granted a new life in Christ, our Lord. We solemnly renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways; we confess the gift of faith in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

I ask you anew: 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?

C Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

C Yes, I 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.

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C Yes, 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.

P Is it your earnest purpose to continue steadfast in this faith and in the promise of your Baptism and, as a member of the Church, to be diligent in the use of the means of grace and prayer?

C Yes, with the help of God.

P Almighty God, the 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.

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 into 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 Amen.

please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And there

was evening and there was morning, the first day.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

please stand and speak together

G Alleluia. You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:4-11

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

G Glory to You, O Lord.

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes He who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when He came up out of the water, immediately He saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on Him 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.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

please be seated

Little Sermon

Hymn of the Day

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To Jordan's river came our Lord, The Christ, whom heav'nly hosts adored,
The God from God, the Light from Light, The Lord of glory, pow'r, and might.

The Savior came to be baptized— The Son of God in flesh disguised—
To stand beneath the Father's will And all His righteousness fulfill.

As Jesus in the Jordan stood And John baptized the Lamb of God,
The Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove, Descended on Him from above.

Then from God's throne with thund'rous sound Came God's own voice with words profound:
"This is My Son," was His decree, "The one I love, who pleases Me."

The Father's word, the Spirit's flight Anointed Christ in glorious sight
As God's own choice, from Adam's fall To save the world and free us all.

Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute; This man is Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan's stream, Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

Sermon

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You—John the Baptist

Mark 1:4-11

Hymn of Response

334 stanza 1

**O Lord, how shall I meet You, How welcome You aright?
Your people long to greet You, My hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy, Your lamp within my breast
To do in spirit lowly All that may please You best.**

Confession of Sins

please stand (LSB 292)

P Let us pray. Father of mercies and God of all consolation, come to the aid of Your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone. Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit that we may attend to Your Word, confess our sins, receive Your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer.

C Amen.

P As the baptized children of God, let us come before our heavenly Father seeking His forgiveness.

C I, a poor sinner, plead guilty of all sins. I have lived as if You did not matter and as if I mattered most. Your name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let Your love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin. I am sorry for all of this and ask for grace. I want to do better. Amen.

P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

C Amen.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Prayers

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

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P The Lord be with you.

C (sung) And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C (sung) We lift them unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C (sung) It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

C (sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

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 (sung) For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

P Our Lord Jesus Christ...

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C (sung) Amen.

**☞(sung) O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

Distribution of the Sacrament

600 Mark how the Lamb of God's self-off'ring Our human sinfulness takes on
In the birthwaters of the Jordan As Jesus is baptized by John.
Hear how the voice from heaven thunders, "Lo, this is My belovèd Son."
See how in dovelike form the Spirit Descends on God's Anointed One.

From this assurance of God's favor Jesus goes to the wilderness,
There to endure a time of testing That readied Him to teach and bless.
So we, by water and the Spirit Baptized into Christ's ministry,
Are often led to paths of service Through mazes of adversity.

Grant us, O God, the strength and courage To live the faith our lips declare;
Bless us in our baptismal calling; Christ's royal priesthood help us share.
Turn us from ev'ry false allegiance, That we may trust in Christ alone:
Raise up in us a chosen people Transformed by love to be Your own.

602 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray That we may feast on You today;
Beneath these forms of bread and wine Enrich us with Your grace divine.

Give us, who share this wondrous food, Your body broken and Your blood,
The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n, The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.

By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the gift of love retold;
All that You are we here receive, And all we are to You we give.

One bread, one cup, one body, we, Rejoicing in our unity,
Proclaim Your love until You come To bring Your scattered loved ones home.

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray: O keep us steadfast till that day
When each will be Your welcomed guest In heaven's high and holy feast.

594 stanzas 1-4

God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it, Gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free Lasting to eternity!

Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!
I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me Since my Baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?

Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation, I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I've traveled, All your might has come unraveled,
And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!

Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ!
 When I die, I leave all sadness To inherit paradise!
 Though I lie in dust and ashes Faith's assurance brightly flashes:
 Baptism has the strength divine To make life immortal mine.

Communion Blessing

please stand

Nunc Dimittis

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G (sung) Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
 for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
 a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

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P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

G (sung) and His mercy endureth forever.

P Let us bless pray...now and forever.

G (sung) Amen.

Salutation and Benedicamus

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P The Lord be with you.

G (sung) And with thy spirit.

P Bless we the Lord.

G (sung) Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

G (sung) Amen, amen, amen.

Closing Hymn

594 stanza 5

There is nothing worth comparing To this lifelong comfort sure!
 Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure.
 Though my flesh awaits its raising,
 Still my soul continues praising:
 I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!

Postlude

Winchester New—M. Archer

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?—John the Baptist

When did Jesus and John the Baptist meet for the first time?

How did John the Baptist welcome Jesus at this first meeting?

On what occasion did Jesus and John the Baptist meet again thirty years later?

What does John the Baptist teach us about how to meet and welcome Jesus?

R_____.

B_____.

T_____.

LIVING THE SERMON... As you listen to the sermon today, consider how John the Baptist met and welcomed Jesus before he was born and at the Jordan River. What do you learn from John the Baptist's actions about how to rightly meet and welcome Jesus? What do you learn from John the Baptist's preaching about how to meet and welcome Jesus?

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH... Rejoice in the gift of baptism and all the blessings that are yours because you are baptized. Pray that you would heed the message of John the Baptist and acknowledge your sins and trust in Him who is the Lamb of God who takes away all your sins. Pray that God would give you many opportunities to witness that, like John the Baptist, you can point to Him who is our Savior and Lord.

Next Sunday's Readings—Second Sunday after Epiphany

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You—Philip and Nathanael

1 Samuel 3:1-10; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

Our Weekly Schedule

Worship Services

Sunday Worship Services at 8 and 10:45 AM

Wednesday Worship Service at 4:45 PM COVID-sensitive

Online Service posted by Thursday mornings at stpaulcolumbus.org

Radio worship service Sundays at 9:30 AM on WYGS 91.1

Lutheran Hour on Sundays at 7 PM on WYGS 91.1

Holy Communion Offered

All Sunday and Wednesday Services

By appointment at church or your house by contacting one of the pastors

Christian Education

Children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Study* Sundays at 9:30 AM

Bible Study Wednesdays at 9 AM and 6 PM

*Adult Bible Study is live-streamed on the St. Paul YouTube Channel each Sunday at 9:30 AM