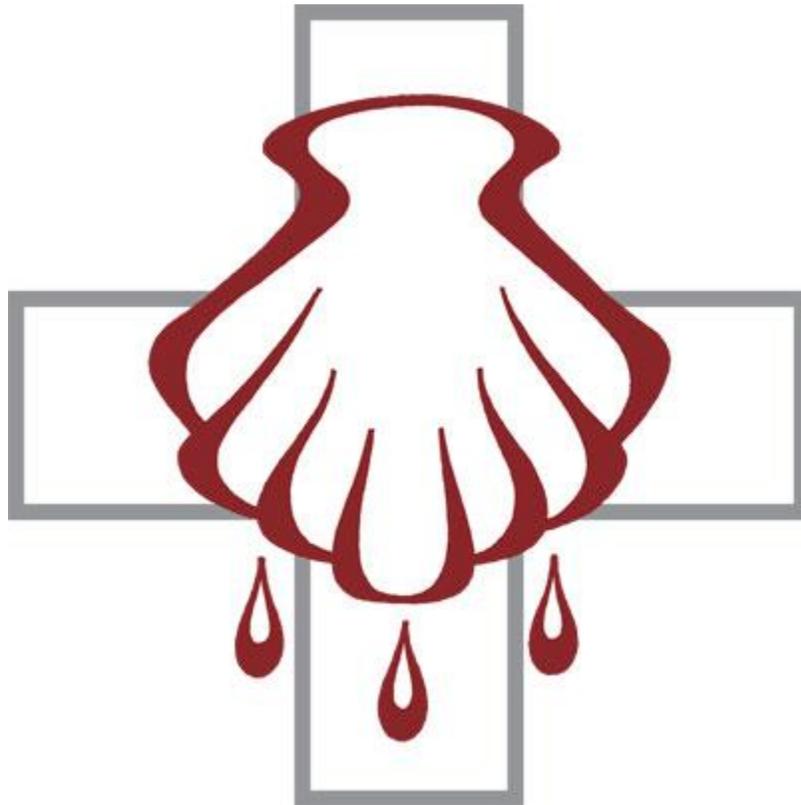


THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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WELCOME

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HYMN OF INVOCATION

“Amazing Grace”

LSB 744

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

Kneel

- C** **Merciful Lord, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We admit that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; we have done those things which we ought not to have done. We have not always shaped our lives around the Gospel and have not always shared our faith as opportunity was given to us. We have not always been generous in sharing the bounty You have given us. We sincerely repent of our sins and humbly ask Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, lead us to change what is sinful in our lives that each day we may grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name.**
- P** God has gathered His people from north and south, east and west, and to them says, “Fear not!” In His mercy He promises pardon, life, and salvation because of the atoning sacrifice of His beloved Son. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I announce to you the forgiveness of all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. As you believe, so may it be.
- C** Amen.

1. Healer of my heart, healer of my stubborn ways,
Healer of all brokenness; crippled with sin.
Come to this place, drink of God’s life,
Rest, fill your soul and be made whole.

4. Healer of my heart, healer of my stubborn ways,
Place Your seal upon my head, the old has passed away.
Come to this place, drink of God’s life,
“Go sin no more and be made whole.”

OPENING SEQUENCE *Job 26:7; Jeremiah 47:2; Ezekiel 1:4; Isaiah 49:11–12*

- P** The season of Epiphany is a time when the Lord Jesus Christ is more fully known, and we celebrate the expanding of the Gospel throughout the world. We rejoice that the Word of God has reached every corner of the world and that all people may share in the Good News of salvation.
- P** Today our compass points to the north as when we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. In describing the creation of the world, Job relates that the Lord “stretches out the north over the void and hangs the earth on nothing.” The prophet Jeremiah writes of waters rising out of the north, and Ezekiel’s vision of the glory of the Lord begins as “a stormy wind came out of the north.” The prophet Isaiah has words of encouragement about the redeemed people of God:
- C** **“And I will make all My mountains a road, and My highways shall be raised up. Behold, these shall come from afar, and behold, these from the north and from the west . . .”**

INTROIT

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

C Behold My servant, whom I uphold,
My chosen, in whom My soul delights.

I **Men:** *I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to Me, “You are My Son; today I have begotten You.*

*Ask of Me, and I will make the nations Your heritage,
and the ends of the earth Your possession.*

*You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”*

II **Women:** *Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.*

*Serve the Lord with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.*

for His wrath is quickly kindled.

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.
Behold My servant, whom I uphold,
My chosen, in whom My soul delights.**

“We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise”

BOTB 234

We bring the sacrifice of praise Into the house of the Lord
We bring the sacrifice of praise Into the house of the Lord
And we offer up to You The sacrifices of thanksgiving
And we offer up to You The sacrifices of joy

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SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- 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** Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

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.”

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

THE CHOIR ANTHEM

“I Have Called You by Your Name” (Eilers)

EPISTLE

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

GRADUAL AND VERSE

Psalm 117:1–2a, 96:8, Mark 1:11b

C Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples!

II *Women: For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.*

I *Men: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts!*

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

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 3:15–22

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 to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN

“The Water Flows” (Tune: O Waly Waly)

The water flows from heav'n above, and with it comes God's gift of love; And, like His Word, it does His will, His promised graces to fulfill.

Alone, the water sustains grain until the harvest comes again; But, with God's Word, it brings new life, and frees His foes from sin-filled strife.

The water flowed o'er Jesus' head when to the Jordan He was led. From heav'n the Father spoke above, "You are My Son, the One I love."

Alone, the water cleanses skin, but cannot touch the sin within; But with God's Word a baptism makes, forgiving us for Jesus' sake.

The water flows---oh, precious stream---in Jesus' death us to redeem. Lord, flow through us with holy love, until we join the saints above.

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SERMON “Great Expectations” *(based on the Gospel reading)*

Stand

CATECHISM *The Third Article; The Small Catechism: The Sacrament of Holy*

Baptism

- C** 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.
- P** The Word of God tells us that the Holy Spirit works through the Means of Grace, but we ask: “How can water used in Holy Baptism do such great things?”
- C** Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this Word of God in the water. For without God’s word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three, “He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.”

(Sit)

OFFERING

(Stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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** Amen.

HYMN TO DEPART

“Be Thou My Vision”

BOTB 20

1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.
3. Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.
4. High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor James Hageman

Organist: Steve Kohlmeier

Altar Guild: (8:00 a.m.; 10:45 a.m.;

6:30 p.m. Elaine Fortner

Attendance:

12/24/15	6:30 p.m.	51	12/27/15	8:00 a.m.	50
	11:00 p.m.	135		10:45 a.m.	68
12/25/15	9:00 a.m.	59	1/3/16	8:00 a.m.	64
				10:45 a.m.	78
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