

Bethany stained glass in the back of the sanctuary depicting the baptism of Jesus

The Baptism of Our Lord

Divine Service 3

January 7, 2024

Scripture of the Day

Genesis 1:1–5 Romans 6:1–11 Mark 1:4–11

A Prayer before Worship

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

Prelude: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR ("Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"), R. Hobby

Please stand and face the Processional Cross.

Processional Hymn: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise LSB 394 sts. 1. 2. 5 1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise. 2 Man - i - fest Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King at su-preme; 5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word-Man - i - fest - ed by star То the sa - ges from a - far, the And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest; Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou; Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem: Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine; That we might be-come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest. An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest. And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest. Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–85, alt. Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816–93 Text and tune: Public domain



Confession and Absolution

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

- P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
- С

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

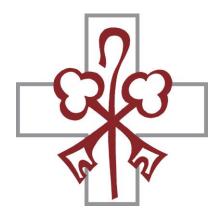
Psalm 124:8

Psalm 32:5

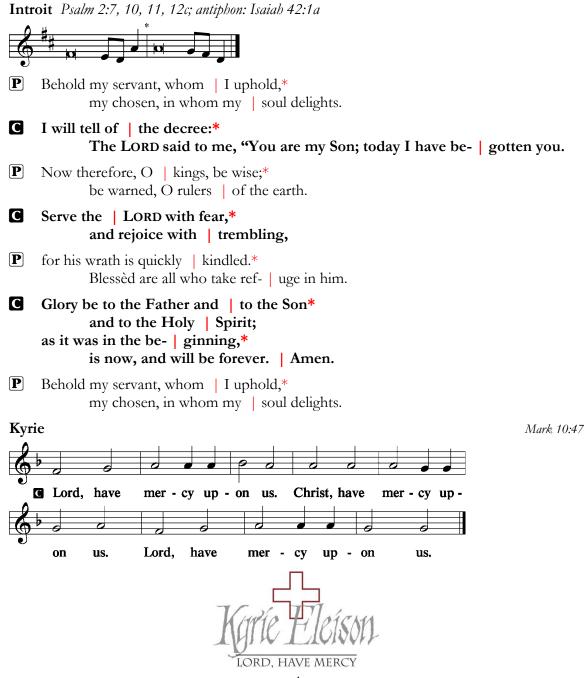
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. [Hebrews 10:22]
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- С who made heaven and earth.
 - P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
 - С and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- С I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- 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. [John 20:19-23]
- C Amen.

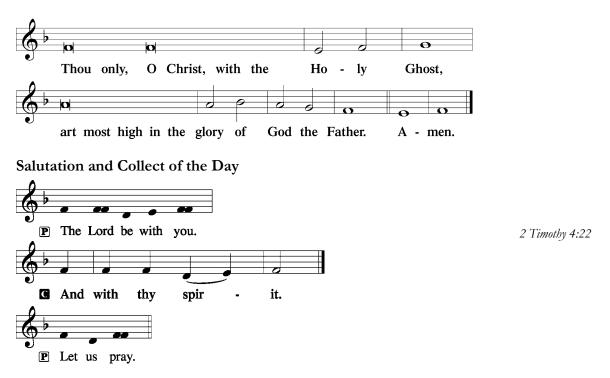


+ Service of the Word +



Gloria in Excelsis





▶ 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.





Genesis I:I

The Old Testament Reading Genesis 1:1–5

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The 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. ³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading 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.

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

Stand

Alleluia



The Holy Gospel Mark 1:4–11

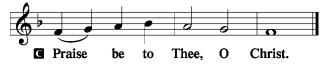
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

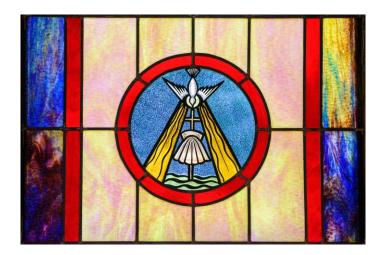


⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And 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. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.





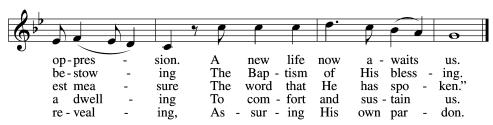
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| C I believe in one God, | Deuteronomy 6:4, Isaiah 44:6 |
| the Father Almighty, | Matthew 6:9; Exodus 6:3 |
| maker of heaven and earth | Genesis 1:1; John 1:1 |
| and of all things visible and invisible. | Colossians 1:16 |
| And in one Lord Jesus Christ, | Romans 10:9 |
| the only-begotten Son of God, | John 3:16; Matthew 16:16 |
| begotten of His Father before all worlds, | John 1:2 |
| God of God, Light of Light | John 17:22; John 8:12; John 1:1 |
| very God of very God, | Colossians 2:9 |
| begotten, not made, | John 1:2 |
| being of one substance with the Father, | John 10:30 |
| by whom all things were made; | Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3 |
| Who for us men and for our salvation | Matthew 20:28; Galatians 4:4-5 |
| came down from heaven | John 3:13, John 6:38 |
| and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary | Luke 1:34-35 |
| and was made man; | John 1:14 |
| and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. | Mark 15:25; John 19:16-18 |
| He suffered and was buried. | John 19:1-3; Luke 23:53 |
| And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures | 1 Corinthians 15:4; Luke 24:6 |
| and ascended into heaven | Acts 1:9 |
| and sits at the right hand of the Father. | Acts 7:55 |
| And He will come again with glory | Matthew 26:64 |
| to judge both the living and the dead, | Acts 10:42; Matthew 3:12 |
| Whose kingdom will have no end. | 2 Peter 1:11 |
| And I believe in the Holy Spirit, | John 14:26; Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:38 |
| the Lord and giver of life, | Titus 3:5; 1 Corinthians 12:3 |
| Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, | John 15:26 |
| Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and | glorified, Mt. 3:16-17; Lk. 2:14 |
| Who spoke by the prophets. | - Ezekiel 11:5; 2 Peter 1:20-21 |
| And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, | 1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:19-22 |
| I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, | Ephesians 4:5, Acts 2:38 |
| And I look for the resurrection of the dead 1 Corinthian | 1s 15:35-49; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 |
| and the life $+$ of the world to come. | Isaiah 65:17-19; Revelation 21:1-4 |
| Amen. | Psalm 106:48 |
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Please remain standing for the Hymn of the Day.

Hymn of the Day: To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord





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Sermon Rev. Seth Clemmer

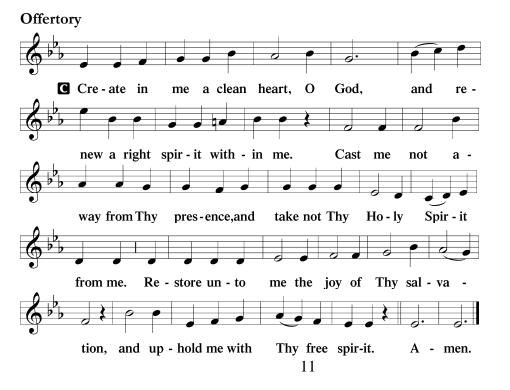
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Prayer of the Church

P Lord, in your mercy. **C** Hear our prayer.

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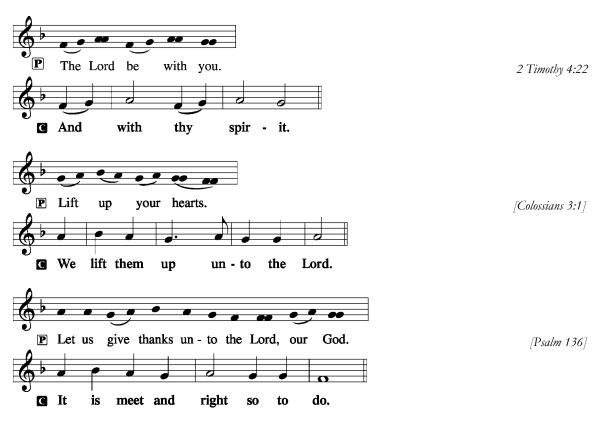
Psalm 51:10-12



+ Service of the Sacrament +

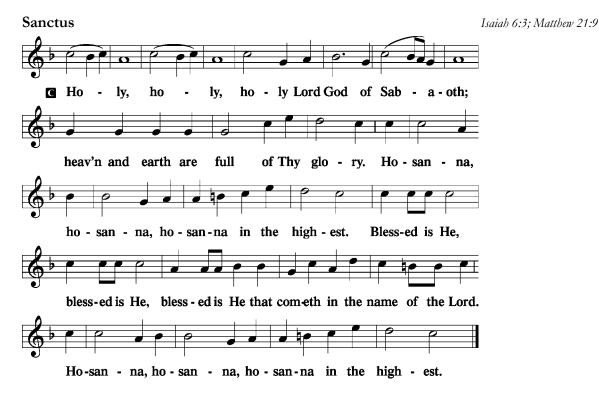
About Receiving the Lord's Supper at Bethany

As we receive the Lord's Holy Supper according to His institution, we receive the salvation, forgiveness, and life eternal won for us on the cross. Also, we believe that when a person communes at an altar, one confesses unity with the teachings of that church. Therefore, if you are not in fellowship with the teaching of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, we ask that you refrain from communion until you have had opportunity to speak with one of the pastors about Christ's bodily presence and the forgiveness of sins given in this meal. However, all are welcome to receive a blessing, for the forgiveness of Jesus is still yours. Please indicate this as your intention by crossing your arms over your chest when the pastor comes by.



Preface

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



Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

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.



The Words of Our Lord *Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

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

John 20:19



Distribution Hymn: O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright



Continue with stanzas 5 and 6 on the next page.

5 O let the harps break forth in sound! Our joy be all with music crowned, Our voices gladly blending! For Christ goes with us all the way— Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day! His love is never ending! Sing out! Ring out! Jubilation! Exultation! Tell the story! Great is He, the King of Glory!

6 What joy to know, when life is past, The Lord we love is first and last, The end and the beginning! He will one day, oh, glorious grace, Transport us to that happy place Beyond all tears and sinning! Amen! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! Crown of gladness! We are yearning For the day of Your returning!

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Distribution Hymn: Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered

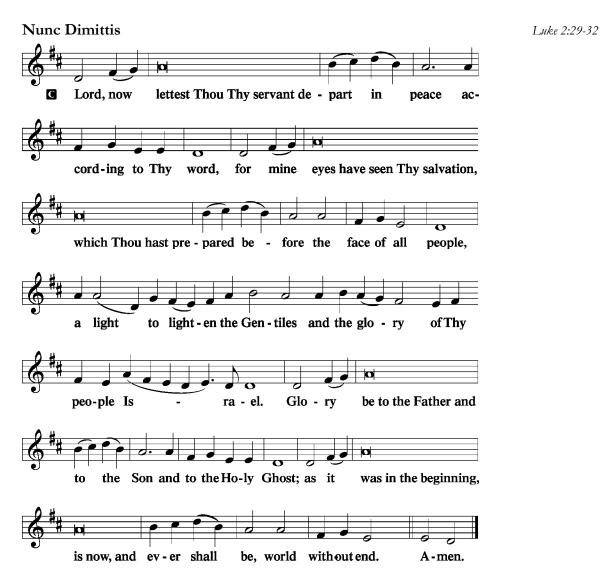


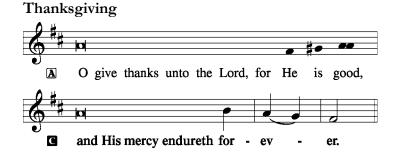
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Stand

Dismissal

C Amen.





Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

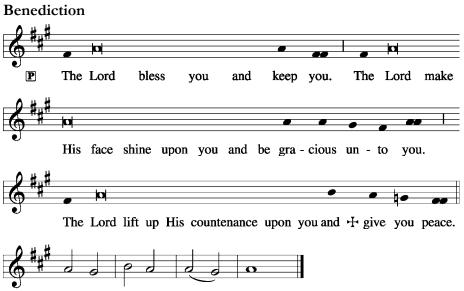


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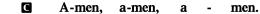


2 Timothy 4:22

[Psalm 103:1]



Numbers 6:24-26





Hymn to Depart: O Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly



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Postlude: FREUET EUCH, IHR CHRISTEN ("O Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly"), D. Rotermund

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A Prayer after Worship

Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Those Serving You Today

8:30

Preacher and Celebrant: Rev. Seth Clemmer Assisting Pastors: Rev. Stephen Schumacher, Rev. Emmett Bartens Organist: Kantor Jonathan Swett Live Stream Techs: James Blasius, Alayna Gavin Acolytes: Lucas Wilson, Greta Schafer Sacristans: David Brouch, Marty Franken, Tim Gavin, Rich Tatara Ushers: Dwight Bowman, James Franken, JR Wilson, Rich Witkowski Communion Care: Amy Darcy

11:00

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The flowers adorning our Lord's altar today are placed to the glory of our Triune God by Stephanie Teran in memory of her mother Linda Holt who was called to glory on January 24, 2023.



Prayers

For comfort, health, and recovery:

- Eric Burnell, for good test results
- Aiden Goldbeck, infant heart and neurological issues
- Betsy Goldbeck, recovering
- Paul Reimer, recovering from ulcer surgery
- Thamary Robert, ill health
- Mary Schiltz, breast cancer
- Stewart Simpson, healing
- John Baker, infant grandson to Dennis and Ina Johnson, continued healing
- Jeanne Crippin, friend to the Broggis, pancreatic cancer
- Linda Felton, friend to the Corderos, cancer and declining health
- Nancy Grudzien, sister-in-law to Shirley Grudzien, healing
- Joe LaMartina, husband to Maria LaMartina, back and knee healing
- Andy Vickers, friend to the Koopmans, to remain in remission for upcoming bone marrow transplant
- Ingrid Wesa, grandmother to Mike Dragoo, health and comfort
- The family to baby Bennett, whose parents are friends to the Hawleys, who passed away
- The family to Muriel Skarin, who was called to glory on January 3

Rejoicing in the birth of a girl, Charlotte Ann, to James and Amanda Bowman, son to Dwight & Pat Bowman

Those celebrating wedding anniversaries this month: Chuck and Monika Werner

Those who serve in the Armed Forces and their families:

Quinn Parlier, Jacob Wilson, Andrew Bear (nephew to Beth Hawley), Matthew and Michael Hinze (sons to Don Hinze), Peter Johnson (son to Dennis and Ina Johnson), Savanna Lugay (daughter to Joe and Bethany Lugay), Conor L. McGavern (nephew to Becky McBroom), Aaron Mock (nephew to Debbie Kokaska), Kyle G. Schmidt (nephew to Becky McBroom), Ryan Skarin (grandson to Muriel Skarin), Scott Slown (husband to Jennifer Slown), Nicholas Camm-Williams (friend to Nada Salvino)

Those who are shut in or in need of ongoing care:

John Coniglio, Roger and Charlene Fiene, Richard and Marilyn Groth, Bruce Janken, Alberta Kobialka, Solomon and Thamary Robert, Nancy Skibinski, Chuck and Monika Werner, David and Ann Zielke

Mothers with child:

Jaimie Bartens, Emily French, Susan Keller, Sarah Lieb, Brittany Linnemeyer (daughter-in-law to Donna Linnemeyer), Kelli Lynch (niece to Sue Sreniawski), Brooke Schmidt (niece to Becky McBroom)

This Week at Bethany

- January 8, 7:00pm Day School Policy Board
- January 9, 1:00pm Bible Reading Group
- January 9, 3:40pm Schola Cantorum Rehearsal
- January 9, 7:00pm Board of Finance
- January 10, 9:00am Women's LifeLight
- January 10, 11:00am Midweek Divine Service
- January 10, 7:30pm Praises Ring! Rehearsal
- January 11, 11:30am OWLS
- January 11, 7:00pm Evening LifeLight
- January 11, 7:00pm Proclaim Rehearsal
- January 12, 12:00pm Knitters and Crafts Group
- January 13, 9:00am Sanctuary Christmas Undecorating

Looking Further Ahead

- January 14, 8:30am and 11:00am Divine Service
- January 14, 10:00am Bible Study, Sunday School, and Confirmation Class
- January 17, 7:00pm Theology on Tap
- January 20, 8:00am Men's Bible Breakfast

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