



Wednesday
January 15th, 2025
7:00pm Worship

BAPTISM

of the Lord

and the holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Luke 3:22



MESSIAH LUTHERAN

Show Us the Glory of Thy Face

THE WELCOME

! THE HYMN OF INVOCATION

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" LSB 344



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the
3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge
4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,
way for God with - in, And let us all our
and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we
fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry
sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.
we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

THE INVOCATION

P: We worship tonight in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Praise the LORD, all nations!

C: Extol Him, all peoples!

P: For great is His steadfast love toward us,

C: And the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

P: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

C: Bring an offering, and come into His courts!

THE AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

P: We remember our Baptism with the trinitarian invocation, recalling and confessing before heaven, earth, and hell all that God has given us in our Baptism: victory over death and the devil, forgiveness of sin, God's grace, the entire Christ, and the Holy Spirit with His gifts. How do we rightly use our Baptism?

C: We rightly use our Baptism when we live in repentance and faith in the triune God, who has made us His beloved children.

P: When Jesus was baptized by John in the water of the Jordan River, the Father declared Jesus as His Son with whom He is well pleased. In our Baptism, Paul wrote that we were joined to our Lord's death and resurrection, enabling us to walk in newness of life. We also learn in the Small Catechism, all centered on God's Word, the lasting gifts received in Baptism including the forgiveness of sins: rescue from death and the devil, and eternal life to all who believe this. Let us reaffirm our faith in what God has done for us through Holy Baptism. 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, maker of heaven and earth?

C: Yes, I believe.

P: Do you 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?

C: Yes, I believe.

P: Do you 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?

C: Yes, I believe.

P: In Holy Baptism, each of us was baptized into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and we were united with Christ. Yet, we have often lived as if we were entirely independent and autonomous. We have lived as if our identity were not in Jesus, but in our own selfish desires. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to turn back to Him and ask for His forgiveness.

¶ *[You are invited to kneel.]*

C: Heavenly Father, we confess that we are by nature sinful and have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. On account of Jesus, forgive us, renew us, and unite us to Your name.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you. In Baptism, you were united to Christ in both His death and resurrection. You were buried with Him, but also raised to walk in newness of life. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. We are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

THE COLLECT

P: Let us pray together. 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.

C: 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. Amen.

℣ WE PREPARE TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

"Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens" LSB 589

Speak, O Lord, Your servant listens, let Your Word to me come near;
Newborn life and spirit give me, let each promise still my fear.
Death's dread pow'r, its inward strife, wars against Your Word of life;
Fill me, Lord, with love's strong fervor that I cling to You forever!

Lord, Your words are waters living when my thirsting spirit pleads.
Lord, Your words are bread life-giving; on Your words my spirit feeds.
Lord, Your words will be my light through death's cold and dreary night;
Yes, they are my sword prevailing and my cup of joy unfailing!

℣ THE BAPTISM OF JESUS Luke 3:15-22

¹⁵ As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶ 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 fire.

¹⁷ 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." ¹⁸ So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹ But 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, ²⁰ added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²² 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: **Thanks be to God.**

‡ **THE SERMON HYMN** *"To Jordan's River Came Our Lord" LSB 405*

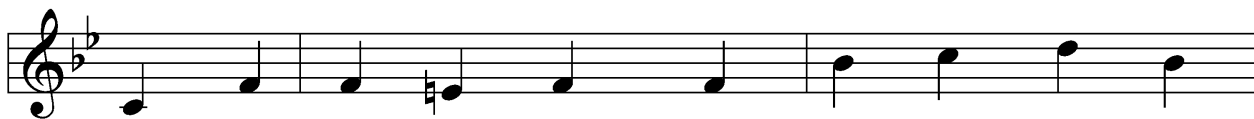
Luther's magnificent baptismal hymn, our Hymn of the Day,

"To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord," is noteworthy for its skillful weaving together the event of Jesus' Baptism with its meaning for our own Baptism.

Let us sing it as we hear the Gospel and remember our Baptism.



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The Christ, whom
3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And John bap -
4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came God's own
6 Now rise, faint hearts, be res - o - lute; This man is



heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The God from God, the
tized the Lamb of God, The Ho - ly Spir - it,
voice with words pro - found: "This is My Son," was
Christ, our sub - sti - tute! He was bap - tized in



Light from Light, The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.
heav'n - ly dove, De - scend - ed on Him from a - bove.
His de - cree, "The one I love, who pleas - es Me."
Jor - dan's stream, Pro - claimed Re - deem - er, Lord su - preme.

THE SERMON

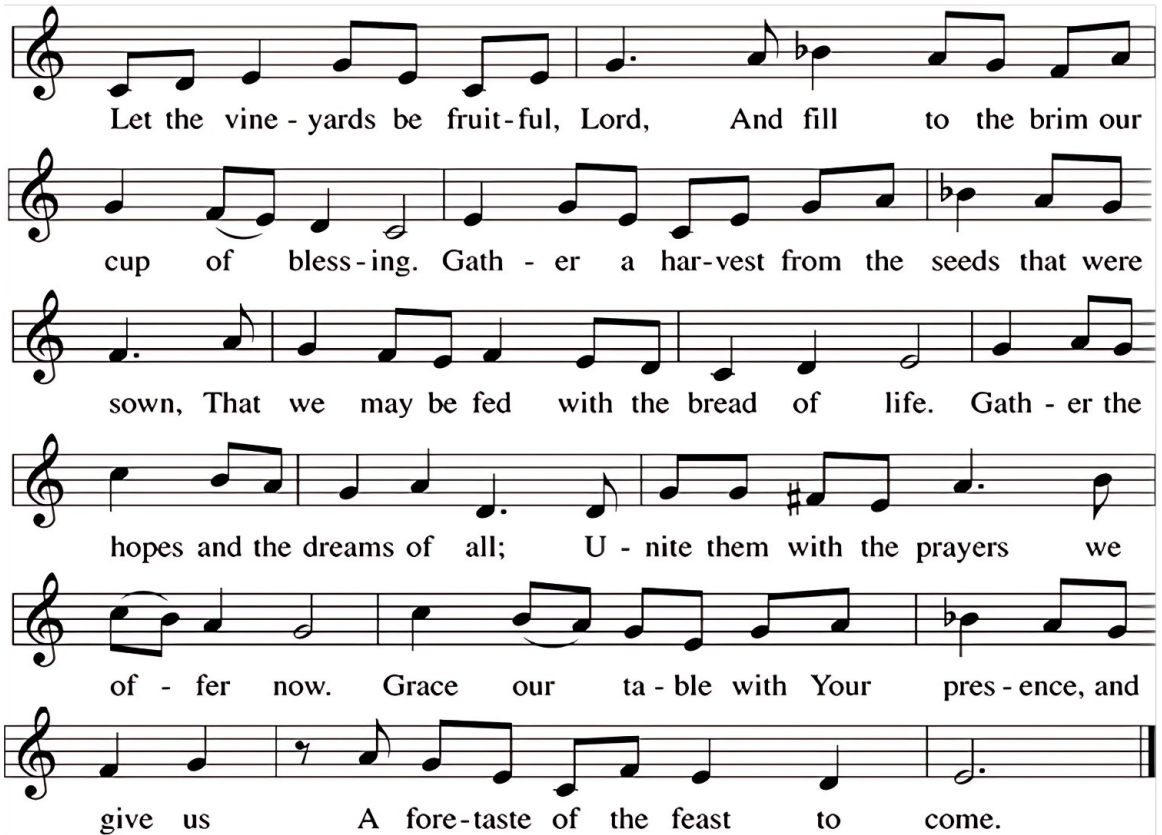
‡ **THE RESPONSE** *"Baptized in Water" [LSB 789]*

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our king;
Born of one Father, we are His children - Joyfully now God's praise we sing.

THE OFFERING PRAYER

⌋ THE OFFERING HYMN AND OFFERING

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord"



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

¡ THE PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord, You spoke all creation into being, beginning with light.

C: In this Epiphany season and all our days, grant us faith to see the light of Your providing hand, the guidance of the light of Your Word, and our Savior as the light of the world. Help us to shine Your light of truth and grace to this dark world, that others may know You and rejoice in Your name.

P: Lord of all grace, though our many sins and shortcomings weigh heavy on our hearts, You come to us in Your means of grace and give new life. Help us to daily remember our Baptism, rejoicing in our identity as Your own children and part of Your family.

C: With Christ as the head, bless this family of believers within Your Church that through worship and fellowship all may be blessed with encouragement, support, service, and a zeal for growing in and sharing Your Word. Bless all families and homes that parents and children may remain steadfast in faith, trusting in You above all things.

P: Lord of all comfort, following the Baptism of Jesus He would seek the lost, heal the sick, and show compassion to all. Shower Your mercy, grace and comfort on those affected by the recent fires and storms, grieving the loss of loved ones, cherished possessions and property.

C: Protect and guide the first responders, as they minister in Your name.

P: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE PREFACE AND SANCTUS

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. At His Baptism in the Jordan River, He began His active ministry by the power of Your Spirit and Your mighty declaration that He is forever Your beloved Son. Sharing our own flesh and blood, He delivered us from sin and death by His sacrifice on the cross. Now by His resurrection from the dead, all who are baptized in Him will live forever. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 INSTITUTION

P: 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 this 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 is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

THE AGNUS DEI

C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the

sin of the world; grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION

If you are a guest with us this evening and would like to commune, please read the article on the back page before communing with us. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the communion rail.

THE COMMUNION HYMN "Feed Us Now"

Feed us now, Bread of life, In this ho - ly
 Piece of bread, glass of wine; Lord, this food is
 God is here, O so near; Near - er than our

meal; Let us know Your love a - new;
 good! Love and mer - cy come to us;
 thoughts, Stay with us where - 'er we go;

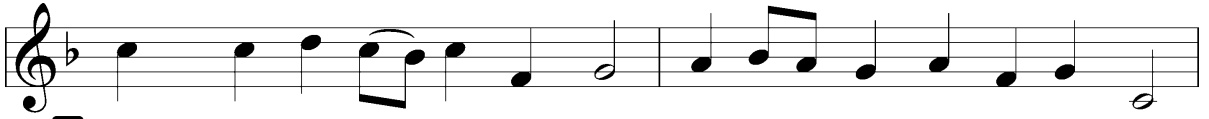
We hun - ger for You. Feed us now,
 Your prom - ise we trust. Piece of bread,
 Lord, help us to grow. God is here,

Bread of life, Come and live with - in;
 glass of wine; Who can un - der - stand.
 O so near, In this heav - en's meal.

Let Your peace be ours to - day,
 How His mer - cy works in these?
 May we al - ways feed on You -

Lord Je - sus, we pray.
 Yet, Lord, we be - lieve.
 On the bread that's true.

¡ THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

THE BENEDICTION

P: John said, "I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming

C: Will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."

P: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,

C: So that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

P: Blessed be His glorious name forever;

C: May the whole earth be filled with His glory!

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 His favor and give you His peace.

C: Amen. Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

THE SILENT PRAYER

Heavenly Father, at the Baptism of Jesus, You revealed Him as Your beloved Son.

Unite me to Christ, that I may daily die to sin and arise to newness of life,

so that I might share the truth of Your Gospel. Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN "Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing" LSB 924



1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's
3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling



joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion
pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;
In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day. Amen.

THE POSTLUDE



May the Lord bless you and keep you;
May the Lord make His face shine
upon you and be gracious to you;
May the Lord lift up His favor upon
you and give you His peace.



The Sacrament of Holy Communion

As You come to the Lord's Supper, you are affirming with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord, that with Lutheran Christians, you believe His Body and Blood are present and you desire to serve Him as a dynamic disciple in the fellowship of all believers. Our Holy Communion practice is called "CLOSE" communion, not "CLOSED" communion. "Close" communion invites all those who answer the following questions in the affirmative. We DO seek to help each visitor and member, to prepare for the celebration of the Sacrament. If you have not communed with us before, or if you cannot answer yes to the questions below, please speak to our Pastor or an Elder before communing.

1. Have I been baptized in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?
2. Do I believe that I am a sinful human being without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ?
3. Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my personal Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil?
4. Do I believe that Jesus Christ is personally present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion with His true Body and Blood?
5. Do I intend, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to live a Godly life?

At Messiah, Communion is distributed in a manner whereby the individual cup, followed by the common cup, are offered at the same table. Communicants seated on the left side of the Sanctuary proceed to the altar first, standing behind the usher. Then the communicants on the right side will proceed to the altar, also standing behind the usher. This will provide a prayerful setting surrounding the significance of receiving Christ's body and blood.

A light, alcohol-free wine is offered in clear glasses in the individual trays. Gluten-free wafers are available at the usher table in the back.

Those Serving Us in Worship Tonight

PREACHER	Rev. Matthew A. Lee
ELDER	Rob Lovgren, Joseph Schinnerer
ORGANIST	Teresa Logue
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