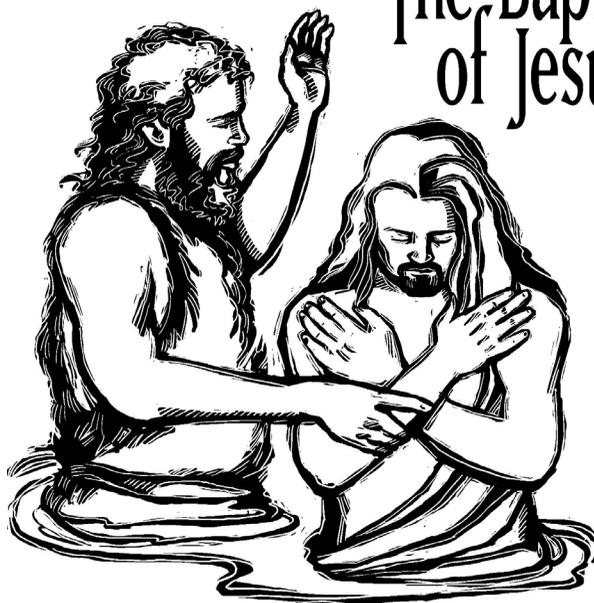


# The Baptism of Jesus



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☞ WELCOME ☛

Welcome to all in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit!  
If you are a guest today, we welcome you and invite you to worship with us again. Please sign our guest register.

☞ ORDER OF WORSHIP ☛

OPENING PRAYER

P: O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

HYMN 242, vv. 1-4

*Baptized into Thy Name Most Holy*

CONFESSION OF SIN

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

THE KYRIE ELEISON *(Lord, have mercy)*

**C: [sing, p. 42] O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us.  
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O God the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us.**

## THE ABSOLUTION

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.

## THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO *(Glory to God in the Highest)*

P: Glory be to God in the highest.

C: [sing p. 44] **And on earth peace, good will toward men.  
All glory be to God on high Who hath our race befriended!  
To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended;  
God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall dwell on earth again;  
O thank Him for His Goodness!**

## THE SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: [sing, p. 45] **And with your spirit.**

## THE COLLECT *(Prayer of the Day)*

C: **Father in heaven, as at our Lord’s baptism in the Jordan River You once proclaimed Jesus Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit, grant that all who are baptized in His name may faithfully keep the covenant into which they have been called, boldly confess their Savior, and with Him be heirs of life eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.**  
[sing, p. 45] **Amen.**

## READINGS

## HISTORIC LECTIONARY

### OLD TESTAMENT — Isaiah 42:1-9

*The Servant of the LORD*

“Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles. He will not cry out, nor raise His voice, Nor cause His voice

to be heard in the street. A bruised reed He will not break, And smoking flax He will not quench; He will bring forth justice for truth. He will not fail nor be discouraged, Till He has established justice in the earth; And the coastlands shall wait for His law." Thus says God the LORD, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it, Who gives breath to the people on it, And spirit to those who walk on it: "I, the LORD, have called You in righteousness, And will hold Your hand; I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people, As a light to the Gentiles, To open blind eyes, To bring out prisoners from the prison, Those who sit in darkness from the prison house. I am the LORD, that is My name; And My glory I will not give to another, Nor My praise to carved images. Behold, the former things have come to pass, And new things I declare; Before they spring forth I tell you of them." NKJV

## GRADUAL

P: You are the God who does wonders,

**C: You have declared Your strength among the peoples.**

P: You have with Your arm redeemed Your people,

**C: The sons of Jacob and Joseph.**

P: Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all You lands!

**C: Serve the LORD with gladness, come before His presence with thanksgiving.**

P: Christ has humbled Himself and become obedient unto death,

**C: Even the death of the Cross.**

## EPISTLE — 1 Peter 3:18-22

*"Baptism Now Saves You"*

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone

into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him. <sup>NKJV</sup>

## HOLY GOSPEL — Matthew 3:13-17

### *The Baptism of Jesus*

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?" But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him. When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

<sup>NKJV</sup>

## RESPONSE

P: Here end the Scripture readings.

C: [sing, p. 46] **God be prais-éd for His glad tidings.**

## THE CREED

P: Having heard God's Word, we confess our Christian faith using the words of the Apostles Creed.

C: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**

**Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;**

**From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.**

C: [sing, p. 46] Amen.

**HYMN 246**

*God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It*

**THE SERMON**

*"The Heavens Were Opened"*

Matthew 3:13-17

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**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 APOSTOLIC BENEDICTION**

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

**OFFERING**

**HYMN VERSE**

**C: [sing] We give Thee but Thine own, Whate're the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

**HYMN 172**

*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

**THE COLLECT**

P: Lord God, our heavenly Father, we thank You, that of Your great mercy You have given us Your holy and blessed Word, by which You gather

Your people into Your Christian Church. We humbly ask, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we receive Your Word with thankful hearts, and live according to it, and ever increase in Christian faith, and hope, and love, and finally obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: [sing p. 58] **Amen.**

## THE 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 on you with favor and give you His peace.

C: [sing p. 59] **Amen, amen, amen.**

## HYMN 248

*Now Christ, the Sinless Son of God*

## THE CLOSING PRAYER

P: O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. Amen.

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Organist: Darek Hartwig



If you are planning to bring a grandchild or a Sunday School age child and would like them to attend Sunday School, please text or call Linda @ 608-566-7654 before 7:00 a.m. Sunday morning.



Jeff Hougan  
Al Kroll  
Dean Boettcher

# ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING

Next Sunday, January 19

11:00 a.m.

*The Annual Meeting is a good time to update your mailing address, phone number(s) and email address.*

