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✠ BAPTISM OF OUR LORD ✠

ORDER OF WORSHIP • JANUARY 12, 2025 • 9:00 AM

✠ *Indicates the congregation should stand as able.*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

✠ OPENING HYMN

ON JORDAN'S BANKS  
THE BAPTIST'S CRY  
LBW #36

✠ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

WL: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our creator, our protector,  
our wellspring of life.

All: **Amen.**

WL: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our  
hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence for reflection*

WL: Merciful God,

All: **you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**

**Forgive us for the ways we act  
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**

**We ignore the needs of our neighbors;  
we resist your call to oppose injustice;**

**we give in to scarcity and fear;  
we assume the worst about one another.**

**Cleanse us from our faults  
and release us from their grasp.**

**Show us your lovingkindness.**

**Restore our hearts and repair your world,  
that we may live in Christ's ways.**

WL: God proclaims these words of assurance:

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine."

In ✠ Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,  
live anew as beloved children of God.

All: **Amen!**

## ✠ PRAYER OF THE DAY

WL: Let us pray.

WL: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 43:1-7

R: The First lesson for this Baptism of Our Lord Sunday is from the 43<sup>rd</sup> chapter of the prophet Isaiah.

But now, this is what the Lord says—

he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you.

When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned;

the flames will not set you ablaze.

For I am the Lord your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;

I give Egypt for your ransom,

Cush and Seba in your stead.

Since you are precious and honored in my sight,

and because I love you,

I will give people in exchange for you,

nations in exchange for your life.

Do not be afraid, for I am with you;

I will bring your children from the east

and gather you from the west.

I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’

and to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’

Bring my sons from afar

and my daughters from the ends of the earth—

everyone who is called by my name,

whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*By David Ludwig, Jr.*



**Cantor** 1. I have called you by name, you are my  
**All** 2. In the midst of the storm, I am your  
 3. Though the wa - ters may rage, I am your  
 4. You have called me to die, I am your



own. I'll walk be - side you, I'll live with-  
 own. Your hands have shaped me, Your breath has  
 own. I am your ves - sel, to bear the  
 own. You rose be - fore me, You live with-



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 in me. You have called me to die, I am your



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 night, that's the dawn.

## EPISTLE LESSON

ROMANS 6:1-11

R: The Epistle is from Paul's letter to the Romans, the sixth chapter.

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## ✠ HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 3:15-22

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

**All: Glory to your, O Lord!**

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of his marriage to Herodias, his brother's wife, and all the other evil things he had done, Herod added this to them all: He locked John up in prison.

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

## TODAY'S MESSAGE

### ✝ MESSAGE HYMN

DON'T BE AFRAID

*together with* JESUS LOVES ME

*Listen as the Parish Choir sings this song twice, then sing with the choir.*

**Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,  
My love is stronger than your fear.  
Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,  
And I have promised, promised to be always near.**

*All sing together:*

**Jesus loves me, this I know  
Knows my needs and tells me so  
Always near, right by my side  
As my Savior and my guide  
Yes, Jesus loves me  
Yes, Jesus loves me  
Yes, Jesus loves me  
My Savior and my guide.**

### ✝ PROFESSION OF FAITH

*Apostles' Creed*

WL: Let us boldly confess our faith, with the words of the Apostles' Creed:

All: **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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will 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. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

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## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### ✠ PREFACE

WL: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

WL: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

WL: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### ✠ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### ✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

WL: As Jesus taught His disciples to pray, so we pray today:

**All: 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.**

### ✠ PAX DOMINI

WL: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: Amen.**

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