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# ✠ BAPTISM OF OUR LORD ✠

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✠ *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 42:1-9

R: The First lesson for this Baptism of Our Lord Sunday is from the 42<sup>nd</sup> chapter of the prophet Isaiah.

“Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen one in whom I delight;  
I will put my Spirit on him,  
and he will bring justice to the nations.  
He will not shout or cry out,  
or raise his voice in the streets.  
A bruised reed he will not break,  
and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.  
In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;  
he will not falter or be discouraged  
till he establishes justice on earth.  
In his teaching the islands will put their hope.”

This is what God the Lord says—  
the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out,  
who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it,  
who gives breath to its people,  
and life to those who walk on it:  
“I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness;  
I will take hold of your hand.  
I will keep you and will make you  
to be a covenant for the people  
and a light for the Gentiles,  
to open eyes that are blind,  
to free captives from prison  
and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

"I am the Lord; that is my name!  
 I will not yield my glory to another  
 or my praise to idols.

See, the former things have taken place,  
 and new things I declare;  
 before they spring into being  
 I announce them to you."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## SONG

## I HAVE CALLED YOU BY NAME

*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-



in you. I have called you by name, you are my  
 filled me. In the midst of the storm, I am your  
 gos - pel. Though the wa - ters may rage, I am your  
 in me. You have called me to die, I am your



own, to bear my light in - to the  
 own, to bear your light in - to the  
 own, to bear your light in - to the  
 own, to bear your light in dark - est



night, till the dawn.  
 night, till the dawn.  
 night, till the dawn.  
 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.**

## PARISH CHOIR ANTHEM

CHRIST IS WITH ME

## ✝ HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 3:13-17

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

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

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## TODAY'S MESSAGE

### ✝ MESSAGE HYMN

BAPTIZED INTO YOUR NAME  
MOST HOLY  
LBW #192

### ✝ 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.**

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### COMMUNION HYMN SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER

**Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?**

#### *REFRAIN*

**Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.**

**On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,  
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. *REFRAIN***

**Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. *REFRAIN***

**Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. *REFRAIN***

## ✠ THE DISMISSAL

WL: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

All: **Amen.**

## ✝ CLOSING PRAYER

WL: Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

All: **Amen.**

## ✝ BLESSING

WL: May the love of God uphold you; the light of ✝ Christ guide you; and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit fill you with joy, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

✝ SENDING HYMN      WE KNOW THAT CHRIST IS RAISED  
LBW #189

## ✝ SENDING

WL: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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#### **I HAVE CALLED YOU BY NAME**

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