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The Baptism of Our Lord*

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*St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church exists by the grace of God to be the body of Christ in Holbrook. Therefore, we proclaim God's word to the world, teach the faithful, administer the sacraments, and show the love of Christ in care for our community. Welcome! Every person who comes to worship is a special gift from God. Thank you for being with us today!*

## Serving in God's house

Presiding Minister: Rev. George Kirkup  
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*Stand*

### O Christ, Our True and Only Light

*LSB 839:1-2*

- 1 O Christ, our true and only light, enlighten those who sit in night;  
Let those afar now hear Your voice and in Your fold with us rejoice.
- 2 Fill with the radiance of Your grace the souls now lost in error's maze;  
Enlighten those whose inmost minds some dark delusion haunts and blinds.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**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.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** 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 forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

*Psalm 2*

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

**I will tell of the decree:**

**The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.  
Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
and the ends of the earth your possession.**

**You shall break them with a rod of iron  
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."**

Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

**Serve the LORD with fear,  
and rejoice with trembling,**  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.



**G** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

**G** Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

**P** Glory be to God on High,

**G** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Let us pray...

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Genesis 1:1–5*

**A** The Old Testament Reading for the Baptism of Our Lord is from Genesis, chapter one.

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The 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.

And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God 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.**

PSALM

*Psalm 29*

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

**The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the LORD  
flashes forth flames of fire.

**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare,  
and in his temple all cry, “Glory!”

**The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

May the LORD give strength to his people!

May the LORD bless his people with peace!

**A** The Epistle is from Romans, chapter six.

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We 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.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We 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. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So 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

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HOLY GOSPEL

*Mark 1:4–11*

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

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And 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. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And 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. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him 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** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

*LSB 405:1-2*

- 1 To Jordan's river came our Lord, the Christ, whom heav'nly hosts adored,  
The God from God, the Light from Light, the Lord of glory, pow'r, and might.
- 2 The Savior came to be baptized—the Son of God in flesh disguised—  
To stand beneath the Father's will and all His righteousness fulfill.

SERMON

“My Heavens”

*Stand*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

(If you only continue to SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT)

LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Let us pray... through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
 The Lord life up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.  
**C** **Amen, amen, amen.**

## If Your Beloved Son, O God

LSB 568:3

I trust in Him with all my heart; now all my sorrow ceases.  
 His words abiding peace impart; His blood from guilt releases.  
 Free grace through Him I now obtain; He washes me from ev'ry stain,  
 And pure I stand before Him.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
 The Lord bless you. The Lord keep you. Alleluia. Amen

*In Holy Communion, our Lord invites us to eat and drink His true body and blood. In preparation for this sacrament, each communicant will examine himself and come to the Lord's Table seeking forgiveness of sins. As the catechism says, "a person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: 'Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.'" Therefore we expect all communicants to have been baptized, instructed in the Christian faith, repent of their sins, and believe that Jesus here offers His true body and blood for their forgiveness.*

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And with thy 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 meet and right so to do.**  
**P** It is truly meet right and salutary ... evermore praising God and saying:  
**C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;**  
**heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**  
**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

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We Praise You, Jesus, at Your Birth  
 The Only Son from Heaven

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- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** **and His mercy endureth forever.**

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