



THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 8, 2023
9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
1800 W. Maple
Birmingham, Michigan 48009



ORDER OF WORSHIP

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First Sunday after the Epiphany

Theme: The Baptism of our Lord

As We Gather

As we find ourselves in the early stages of a new year, we are reminded of the new life that is ours as God's baptized children. Today we celebrate Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist, an important event that anointed Jesus into His earthly saving mission that would ultimately lead to the Cross. United to Jesus Christ through faith and Holy Baptism, we are reminded by the apostle Paul that, "as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life," [Romans 6:4]. May you receive in faith the gracious gifts of God given today in worship through His Holy Word; and may you celebrate in praise and thanksgiving His love for you in Christ.

Prayer Before Worship

O Lord God, today we remember that You had Your Son and our Savior stand in the Jordan River as You called Him for Your righteous purpose to give sight to our spiritual blindness through Holy Baptism. Through Your Word in Scripture and Sacrament You reassure us that You will not break 'the broken reed' nor quench 'the dimly glimmering wick' of our faith. You anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit as He came to rescue us from the devil's tyranny. Like a dove, may Your Spirit descend anew into our hearts, as we trust Jesus in Whom You delight. Help us to receive in faith Your gracious gifts given in worship today and bless our service of You in the week to come. Amen.

Mystery Prelude

Rick Helderop, organist

*(Sponsored by Greg and Kaki Merryman in thanks
for the music ministry of Rick Helderop and our new organ.)*

Opening Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art -
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

3. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

Order of Service

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.

P: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.

C: A broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Children's Message - 10:30am

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:1-3a, 5-7

(The Savior redeems us and calls us by name)

But now, this is what the Lord says – he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, 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; 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.”

Epistle Reading

Romans 6:3-8

(The power of Holy Baptism unites us to Christ's death and resurrection)

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. If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin - because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

Response: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Anthem

Assurance – Beck

Chancel Choir

Gospel Announcement

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Gospel Reading

John 1:29-34

(Jesus is baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan River)

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.” Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.”

Response: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sermon Hymn

O Breathe on me, O Breath of God

1. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
That I may love the things You love, and do what You would do.
2. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, until my heart is pure;
Until my will is one with Yours, to do and to endure.
3. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, so I shall never die,
But live with You the perfect life for all eternity.

Sermon

Text: John 1:29-34

“Mikveh”

Rev. Randall J. Schlak

Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;
And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Gathering of Offerings

At this time, please take a moment to record your attendance here with us today. There are two simple ways to do this:

1. Scan the QR code on the front page of the announcements and fill out the online attendance form.
2. Use the worship card folder found in your pew. ***(Take note that one side of the card is for visitors and the other for members.)***
Place your finished card in the left-hand sleeve and pass the entire folder to the person next to you.

This is also an opportune time for personal prayer and meditation. For help, see the prayers beginning on page 102 of the pew hymnal and the Psalms beginning on page 123.

Doxology

Tune: hymn 15

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,
Hallelujah, hallelujah.

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Benediction and Response: Amen, Amen, Amen

Closing Hymn 364 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds
(*Favorite hymn of Rosemary Ging*)

1. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
 In a believer's ear!
 It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
 And drives away his fear.

2. It makes the wounded spirit whole
 And calms the troubled breast;
 'Tis manna to the hungry soul
 And to the weary, rest.

3. Jesus, my Shepherd, Guardian, Friend,
 My Prophet, Priest, and King,
 My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
 Accept the praise I bring.

Silent Prayer

Postlude

Rick Helderop, organist

Sanctuary altar and lectern flowers were placed in honor of Pollyann Dux's 95th birthday today. The lectern flowers were given by the Basset boys, "Happy 95th Birthday, Pollyann!" From your pen pals, Tyler, Jack and Matthew Bassett.

Altar Guild

Beth Greenwalt, Karen Pridmore, Theresa Schulz,
Stacie Millichamp, Marilyn Staargaard, Colleen Tafel,
Laurie Krentz, Joanne Greenwalt

Ushers

9:00 - Keith Lewis, captain; Andrew Farah, Arnie Glesmann,
John Wagnitz, Dave Peterson, Rick Russ
10:30 - The Kamm Family

Audio and Video Operators

9:00 - Jim Wingo
10:30 - Mike Lapinski and David Kiehle

Acolytes

9:00 - Hannah Rass and Liam Farrugia
10:30 - Giasella Lucas and Luca Zuliani

Cross Bearers

9:00 - Liam Kerr

10:30 - Milo Becker and JD Kamm

Reader

9:00 - Keira Pratt

Greeters

10:30 - The Dobbs Family