

# *The Baptism of our Lord*



*When you go through deep waters, I will be with you.  
Isaiah 43:2*

January 9, 2022  
9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.

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

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**January 9, 2022 – 9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.**  
**First Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**Theme: The Baptism of Our Lord**

**As We Gather**

If you ever feel like God has forgotten you, you need only to remember what He did for you through Christ on the cross. God will always remember you because He will never forget His Son. When we question God's memory, we are really doubting His goodness. But we cannot define God's character based on our situation.

**Prayer Before Worship**

Dear God, I hate to say it, but I have been guilty of grumbling and griping about all my problems and trials. I have failed to be thankful and to remember that You are at work in my life, even through all the troubles. Please forgive me, God. I want to be a person who keeps my eyes on You and praises You, no matter what may come my way. So, thank you God for these blessings (name them) and these challenges (name them). I know You are in control of all things. I know You love me and work all things together for my good. I choose to trust You, Lord. Teach me to be a "praiser" who always finds the good...and not a complainer who always finds the bad. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**Prelude**

Rick Helderop, organist

**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 - 10:30**

#### **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 43:1-7

(Israel's only Savior)

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.”

**Epistle Reading**

Romans 6:1-11

(We have died with Christ)

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.

**Response:** Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**Anthem**The Journey – Larson  
Chancel Choir**Gospel Announcement****Response:** Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**Gospel Reading**

Luke 3:15-22

(The Baptism of Jesus)

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."

**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 134**                      Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
Manifested by the star to the sages from afar,  
Branch of royal David's stem, in Thy birth at Bethlehem.  
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
2. Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme,  
And at Cana, wedding guest, in Thy Godhead manifest;  
Manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine.  
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

3. Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, mirrored in Thy holy Word;  
May we imitate Thee now and be pure as pure art Thou  
That we like to Thee may be at Thy great Epiphany  
And may praise Thee, ever blest, God in man made manifest.

### **Sermon**

Text: Isaiah 43:1-7

“When We Feel Forgotten By God”

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.

### **Offering**

#### **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**

#### **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**

Lord of the Dance

(Favorite hymn of Kris Held, Sean McCauley, Pat Raezler, David Peterson,  
Barbara Peterson, Leslie Whitfield, Jeanne Hollis, Donna Hollis,  
Debi Hollis, Rosemary Ging)

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain:

Dance, then wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He,  
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.

2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
But they would not dance and they would not follow Me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;  
They came to me and the dance went on. Refrain

3. I danced on the sabbath when I cured the lame,  
The holy people said it was a shame;  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung Me high;  
And they left Me there on a cross to die. Refrain

4. They cut me down and I leapt up high,  
I am the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in Me;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He. Refrain

**Silent Prayer**

**Postlude**

Rick Helderop, organist



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Ushers

9:00 - Mike Grattan, captain; Rick McDonald, Andrew Tafel,  
Bob Smith, Eric Rolf, Ron Lalone  
10:30 - Karl Bushuiakovish, captain; Greg Bloom, John Mills,  
Walt Sweitzer, Scott Kamm, Brian May

Altar Guild

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

Audio/Video Operators

9:00 - Jim Perryman  
10:30 - Don Meier and Brian Tyler

Acolytes

9:00 - Janae Gallo and Max McCulloch  
10:30 - Giasella Lucas and Clark Belanger

Reader

10:30 - Keira Pratt