

The Baptism of Jesus



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Mark 1:7-8

January 10, 2021
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 Jesus

As We Gather

We remember our Baptism with the words “in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (**Matthew 28:19**) - the trinitarian invocation. When we use these words in the Divine Service or in our prayers (for example, Martin Luther’s Morning and Evening Prayers), we recall and confess before heaven, earth, and hell all that God has given us in our Baptism: “victory over death and the devil [**Romans 6:3-6**], forgiveness of sin [**Acts 2:38**], God’s grace [**Titus 3:5-6**], the entire Christ, and the Holy Spirit with His gifts [**1 Corinthians 6:11**]” (LC IV 41). Note: The trinitarian invocation may be accompanied by the sign of the cross, made at our Baptism upon our foreheads and hearts to mark us as “redeemed by Christ the crucified.” (Luther’s Small Catechism)

Prayer Before Worship

Heavenly Father, this morning — and all of history — is about you. Please help me worship you with an undistracted heart. You know how my mind wanders to my upcoming week, present worries, and thoughts of others and other things. Help me put those thoughts away and focus on you and your glory. Would your Spirit cause my heart, soul, mind, and strength to exalt your Holy Name in my singing, listening to Your Word, and interacting with your people. Amen.

Prelude

Rick Helderop, organist

Opening Hymn

Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound - that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.
3. The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Order of Service

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

C: Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism - 10:30

(Following the Baptism, our worship continues with the Old Testament Reading)

Child: Nicholas Michael Hopko

Parents: Alex and Melissa Hopko

Sponsors: Fred and Emily Schwarze

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.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

(The Beginning of Creation)

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he 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.

Epistle Reading

Romans 6:1-11

(Dead to Sin, Alive in 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

Assurance - Beck

Chancel Choir Quartet:

Michele Fredericks, Julie Noe, Max Trombley, Steve SeGraves

Gospel Announcement

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:4-11

(The Baptism of Jesus)

And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all

the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him 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 - 9:00 The Apostles' Creed

(At the 10:30 service, the statement of faith was spoken during the Baptism)

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 63 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;
Come, then, and hearken, for he brings glad tidings from the King of kings.

2. Then cleansed be ev'ry Christian breast and furnished for so great a Guest.

Yea, let us each our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.

3. For Thou art our Salvation, Lord, our Refuge, and our great Reward.

Without Thy grace our souls must fade and wither like a flow'r decayed.

Sermon

Text: Mark 1:4-11

"The Baptism of Jesus"

Rev. Randall J. Schlak

Prayer of the Church

Almighty and gracious God, Creator and Judge of all people, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we praise You for Your concern to establish justice on the earth. We thank You for sending Your Servant, our Lord Jesus Christ, to bring justice to all nations. We thank You for identifying Him as Your beloved Son by anointing Him with the Holy Spirit and power at His Baptism. For revealing Yourself as the Triune God at the baptism of our Lord, we give You humble and hearty thanks. Now we know for certain that He is Your Son whom You sent to redeem us from sin, death, and the power of Satan. As You anointed Your son with the Holy Spirit and power, help us to remember that through our Faith the Holy Spirit has given us the power to accept the baptized Christ as our Savior. Bless all those who call on you, and today we remember:
(petitions spoken by the pastor)

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

Lift High the Cross

(Favorite hymn of Alexandra Stephens, Katie Stephens, Mallory Glazier, Sara Pridmore, Sean McCauley, Nancy Kabacinski, Pat Raezler, Kris Held, Stephanie Dettlinger, Jeanne Bolcer, Jeanie Buechner, Robert Anderson, Denise McNaughton, Erin Speller, Leslie Whitfield, Shirley Pariseau, Gary Priskorn, Ellen Baker, Angela Mammel, Cindy Grove, Kristen Rolf, Kitty Sweitzer, Donna Hollis, Robin Swift, Brigitta Burgess, Jimmy Greenwalt, Rosemary Ging)

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
'Till all the world adore His sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain
2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. Refrain
3. All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. Refrain

Silent Prayer

Postlude

Rick Helderop, organist



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Audio/Video Operators

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

Acolytes

9:00 - Colin Amos and Ryan Cifolelli
10:30 - Giasella Lucas and Rayna Nadeau

Ushers

9:00 - Mike Grattan, captain; Rick McDonald, Andrew Tafel,
Bob Smith, Eric Rolf, Ron Lalone
10:30 - Family Ushering

Thank you to our altar guild team members, usher team members, AV team members, acolytes, musicians, and all those who work so hard behind the scenes each week to make our services happen.