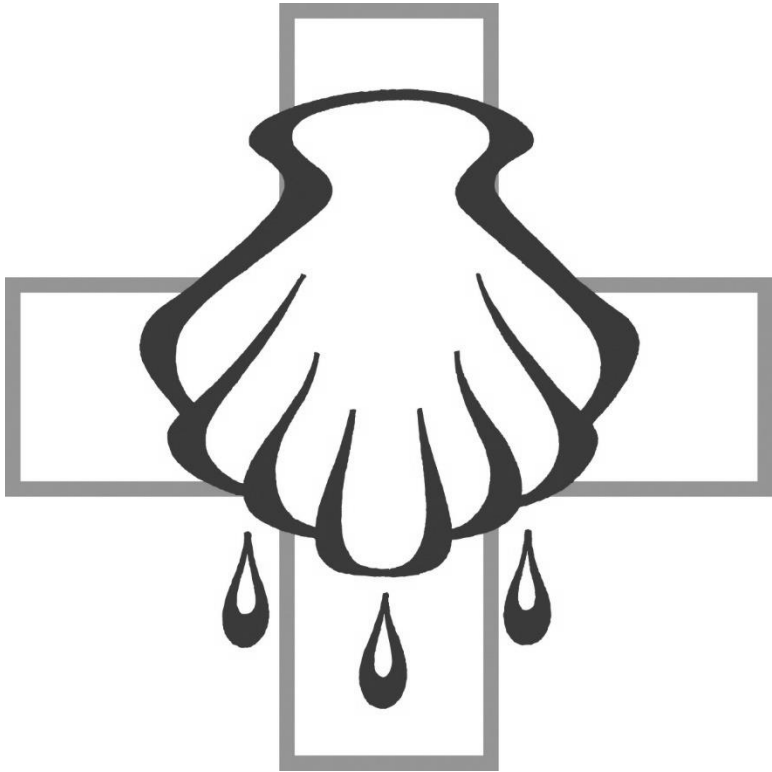


The Lutheran Church of the Savior

A Community of Faith: *Centered in Christ – Called to Serve*



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Luke 3:21b–22

Order of Worship

January 9, 2022 10:45 AM

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Introit

Isaiah 42:1a; Psalm 2:7-11, 12c

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.

Communion Theology and Practice

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is intended for those:

- who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God,
- who have faith in Jesus Christ as God the Son in the flesh and their personal Savior from sin, death, and the devil;
- who believe that they have sin that needs forgiving, hurt that needs healing, and faith that needs strengthening;
- who are committed to amending their sinful ways; and
- who believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine they receive the true body and blood of the risen Christ, together with the forgiveness of all their sins.

*If you are a visitor with us this morning and wish to receive the
Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor before the service.*

Thank you.

The Baptism of Our Lord

Divine Service

Invocation for the Epiphany Season

P This is the day the Lord has made;

C **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Psalm 118:24

P Arise! Shine! For your light has come.

Isaiah 60:1

C **We have seen His star and have come
to worship Him!**

Matthew 2:2

P Arise! Shine! For your light has come.

C **And the glory of the Lord has risen upon us!**

Isaiah 60:1

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

Matthew 28:19

C **Amen.**

Opening Song

The God of My Refuge

Mann, Fenton

Chorus, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Verse, Tag



The God of my ref - uge is here, _____ a



pres-enthelp in time...of trou - ble. So when the storm comes, _____



I will not fear; _____ the God of my ref - uge is here, _____ the



God of my ref - uge is here. _____

He's a

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tow - er, a strong, might - y for - tress, my De -

liv - er - er, my Prince of peace. He's my

Shel - ter when the storm winds are rag - ing. The

God of my ref - uge is here, the

God of my ref - uge is here.

Prayer of Confession

- P** Heavenly Father, as we come in the name of Jesus, confident that with you there is forgiveness, we ask you to hear the confession of our sins.
- C** **Often we do not follow the guiding light of your Word, but turn to the artificial lights of sin which Satan has placed on our path.**
- P** Many times our thoughts and words, our intentions and our actions have been sinful.
- C** **We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. In our sin, we have fallen short of the glory of God, and have no power to free ourselves from our sinful condition.**

We pause for silent confession and reflection

- P** For all our sins – those known to us and others, and those known only to you,
- C** **We ask you Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Absolution

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen!**

Psalm

Psalm 29

Spoken responsively, whole verse by whole verse

¹Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over many waters.

**⁴The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**⁶He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD
flashes forth flames of fire.

**⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth
and strips the forests bare,
and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

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

**11 May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Song of Praise

Good Good Father

Brown, Barrett

Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus x2, Bridge x2,

Verse 3, Chorus x2, Bridge x2, Bridge, Chorus

1. Oh, I've heard a
thou - sand sto - ries of what they think You're like. But
I've heard the ten - der whis - per of love in the
dead of night. And You tell me
that You're pleased and that I'm nev - er a - lone.
You're a good, good Fa - ther, it's who You are,
it's who You are, it's who You are. And I'm loved by
You, it's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.



2. Oh, and I've seen man - y search-ing for an - swers



far and wide. But I know we're all search-ing for an -




- swers on-ly You pro - vide. 'Cause You know just




what we need be-fore we say a word. You're a good, good



Fa - ther, it's who You are, it's who You are,



it's who You are. And I'm loved by You, it's who I am,



it's who I am, it's who I am. You're a good, good



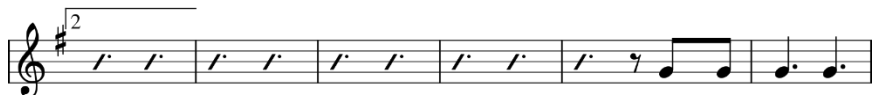
Be-cause You are per - fect in all of Your ways.



You are per - fect in all of Your ways. You are



per - fect in all of Your ways. to us. Oh, You are



per - fect in all of Your ways. to us. Oh, You are

3. Oh, this love so
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un - de - ni - a - ble I, I can hard - ly speak.

Peace so un - ex - plain - a - ble I, I can

hard - ly think. As You call me deep - er still, as You

call me deep - er still, as You call me

deep - er still in - to love, love, love. You're a good, good

Oh, You are per - fect in all of Your ways, so

per - fect in all of Your ways. You are

per - fect in all of Your ways to us. You're a good, good

Fa - ther, it's who You are, it's who You are,

it's who You are. And I'm loved by

You, it's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.

Prayer



Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:1–7

¹But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
³For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.
⁴Because you are precious in my eyes,
and honored, and I love you,
I give men in return for you,
peoples in exchange for your life.
⁵Fear not, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you.
⁶I will say to the north, Give up,
and to the south, Do not withhold;
bring my sons from afar
and my daughters from the end of the earth,
⁷everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 6:1–11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We 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.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We 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. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So 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.**



Holy Gospel

Luke 3:15–22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, 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 to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C 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.**



Sermon Song

Faithful to Lead Us On

Baloche, Kerr

Chorus x2, Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus x2

CHORUS

A/E Bm/E A A/D D E A/E Bm/E

You are faith - ful to lead us on, more than

A A/D D E E/D

a - ble to keep us strong; Walk - ing be - fore us You

A/C# D 1.3. Bm7 Esus E A A/E Bm/E

light our way, faith - ful to lead us on. You are

2.4. Bm7 Esus E A

faith - ful to lead us on.

VERSE

E D A D/A A D

1. You've brought us out of the wil - der - ness,
 2. Called out of dark - ness in - to your light,

E D A2

guid - ing us home by Your hand;
cho - sen to lift up Your name;

G D/F# A B/D#

Now You're pre - par - ing a place for us, we'll go, we'll
We'll see Your king - dom es - tab - lished here, come rule, come

Esus A/E Bm/E 5. Bm7 Esus E A Fine

stand. You are faith - ful to lead us on.
reign.

Prayers of the Church Family and the Lord's Prayer

- P** Heavenly Father, You have fulfilled all righteousness in the Baptism of Your beloved Son. As we have received this righteousness by our Baptism into Him, make us bold in faith and fervent in love, that we may live out heavenly lives even in this world.

Response after each petition

- P** Lord, in your mercy,
G **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God, heavenly Father, You manifested Yourself with the Holy Spirit in the fullness of grace at the Baptism of Your dear Son. With Your voice, You affirmed the person and work of the One who has borne our sins, that we may receive grace and forgiveness. Keep us, we implore You, in the true faith. Since we have been baptized in accordance with Your command and the example of Your Son, strengthen our faith by Your Holy Spirit and lead us to everlasting life and salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- G** **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- G** **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

P The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

Song

You Have Saved Us

Baloche, Gowell

Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus, Chorus, Chorus

[4] VERSE

1. Who am I that You would know me,
2. Turn your hearts from earth - ly i - dols,

4 who are we to You, Lord? You have shown Your
turn our eyes to You, Lord. On - ly You can

7 love and mer - cy, we are stran - gers no more. We are
heal what's bro - ken, on - ly You can re - store.

10 daugh - ters, we are sons all be - cause of what You've done.

13 CHORUS
You have saved us, You have raised

16 us up with You. You have saved us,

19 called us out and made us new, yeah.

22 1 - Repeat to Verse 2 [3] 2 - to Instrumental
You have saved us, yeah.

26 [7]
We are daugh - ters, we are sons all be -

30 CHORUS

cause of what You've done. — You have saved us,

34

You have raised us up with You. — You have saved us,

38

called us out and made us new. — You have saved us,

42

You have raised us up with You. — You have saved us,

46

called us out and made us new, — yeah. —

49

You have saved us.

52

You have saved us. — You have saved us.



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Resources for Meditation this Week

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD / FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

9 January 2022

Readings

Isaiah 43:1–7

Romans 6:1–11

Luke 3:15–22

The Triune God Opens Heaven to You in Holy Baptism

The Baptism of our Lord is an “Epiphany” of the one true God in the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ. In divine mercy, He takes His place with sinners and takes their sin upon Himself. *“When all the people were baptized,”* Jesus submitted Himself to a Baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Luke 3:21). He had no sins of His own, but He took the sins of the world upon Himself and so was baptized into His own death. Therefore, *“when you pass through the waters,”* He is with you (Is. 43:2). He created you for His glory, and He has redeemed you with His blood, that you may be His own and live with Him in His kingdom (Is. 43:1, 7). As you are baptized with a Baptism like His, so also are you united with Him in His death and resurrection that you *“might walk in newness of life”* (Rom. 6:4). For all who are baptized into Christ Jesus receive His anointing of the Holy Spirit and are named by His Father as beloved and well-pleasing sons and daughters.



Readings

Isaiah 62:1–5

1 Corinthians 12:1–11

John 2:1–11

The Divine Glory Is Manifested in the Signs of Christ

When Jesus turned water into wine at the wedding in Cana, it was *“the first of his signs”* by which He *“manifested his glory”* (John 2:11). It pointed to His coming *“hour,”* when He was lifted up on the cross for the forgiveness of sins and the life of the world (John 2:4; 12:23–32). The glory of the cross is incomprehensible apart from the Word and Spirit of God, but disciples of Jesus recognize that glory in the signs of His Gospel, and so they believe in Him. Jesus does not wait for His disciples to discover Him on their own, but He seeks out the forsaken and the desolate and unites them to Himself. He adorns them with His own beautiful righteousness and delights in them *“as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride”* (Is. 62:4–5). Purified by the washing of water with His Word in Holy Baptism, His disciples confess that *“Jesus is Lord,”* and they return thanks to Him *“in the Holy Spirit”* (1 Cor. 12:3) as they drink the good wine that He pours out for them, which is the new testament in His blood.

