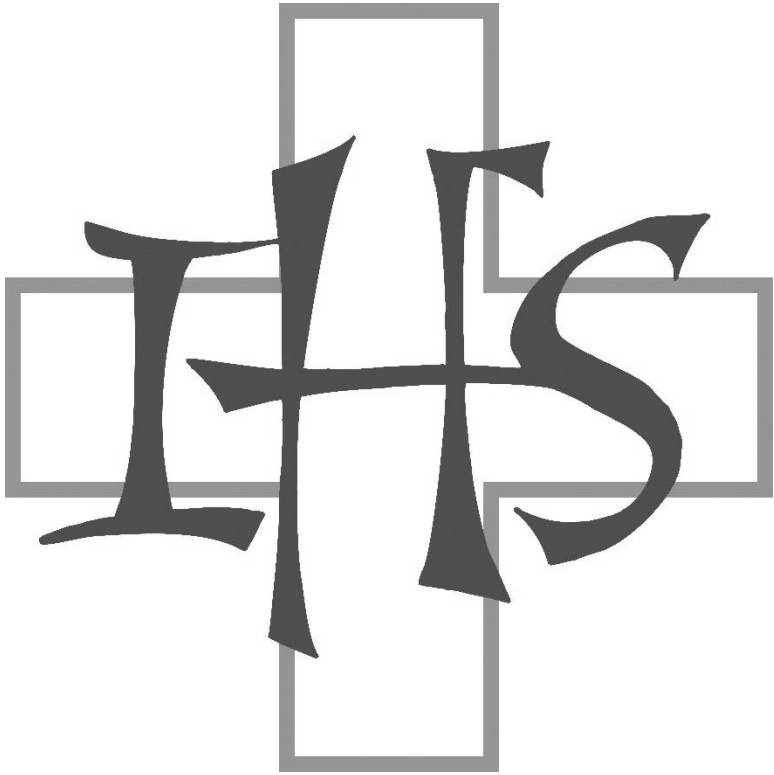


# The Lutheran Church of the Savior

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



Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, and 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."

*Luke 3:21–22*

## Order of Worship

*January 12, 2025 10:45 AM*

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## Introit

*Psalm 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a*

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.

Blessèd 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

Welcome

### Invocation for the Epiphany Season

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**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*

### Opening Song

#### Give Us Clean Hands

*Hall*

*Verse, Chorus 1, Verse, Chorus 2, Bridge, Chorus 2*

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of seven staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "We bow our hearts, we bend our knees; Oh, Spir - it, come make us hum - ble. We turn our eyes from e - vil things; Oh Lord, we cast down our i - dols. Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts; Let us not lift our souls to an - oth - er. Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts; Let us not".

*continued on next page*

13 lift our souls to an - oth - er. Oh God, let us be

17 a gen - er - a - tion that seeks, who seeks Your face,

19 O God of Ja - cob.

22 cob O God let us be a gen - er - a - tion that seeks,

24 who seeks Your face, O God of Ja - cob.

27 Give us clean hands; Give us pure hearts;

31 Give us clean hands O God we cry out

36 Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts; Let us not

39 lift our souls to an - oth - er. Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts;

42 Let us not lift our souls to an - oth - er. Oh God, let us be

45 a gen - er - a - tion that seeks, who seeks Your face, O God of Ja -

48 cob. O God, let us be a gen - er - a - tion that seeks,

50 who seeks Your face, O God of Ja - cob.

## 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.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination*

- 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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen!**

## Psalm

*Psalm 29*

*Spoken responsively*

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

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

<sup>3</sup>The 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.**

<sup>5</sup>The 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.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD  
flashes forth flames of fire.

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

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

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

<sup>11</sup>May the LORD give strength to his people!  
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

## Song of Praise

## 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.

15 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 daughters, 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.

53  
 You have saved us. You have saved us.

## Prayer

- P** Let us pray. Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 43:1–7*

- <sup>1</sup>But 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.  
<sup>2</sup>When 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.  
<sup>3</sup>For 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.  
<sup>4</sup>Because 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.  
<sup>5</sup>Fear not, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you.  
<sup>6</sup>I 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,  
<sup>7</sup>everyone 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*

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

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

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 3:15–22*

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

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

<sup>15</sup>As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup>John 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. <sup>17</sup>His 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."

<sup>18</sup>So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But 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, <sup>20</sup>added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, <sup>22</sup>and 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.**

## Nicene Creed

**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.**

**Song****Speak, O Lord***Getty, Townend*

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re -  
 2. Teach us Lord full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly  
 3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us



ceive the food of Your ho - ly word. Take Your truth, plant it  
 rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our  
 grasp the heights of Your plans for us. Truths un - changed from the



deep in us; Shape and fash - ion us in Your like - ness, that the  
 at - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ance of Your pu - ri - ty. Cause our  
 dawn of time, that will e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to - day in our acts of love and our  
 faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au -  
 grace we'll stand on Your prom - is - es; And by faith we'll walk as You



deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us all Your  
 thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail; Let their  
 walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the



pur - pos - es, for Your glo - ry.  
 truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.  
 earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

**Sermon**

## Prayers of the Church Family and the Lord's Prayer

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Response after each petition*

**P** Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **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 directed us to 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.

**C** **Amen.**

- P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**C** **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

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.

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# Resources for Meditation this Week

## THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

12 January 2025

### 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.

