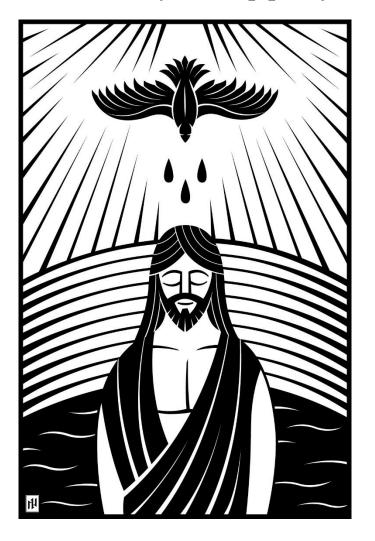


First Sunday after Epiphany



The Baptism of Jesus



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"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'" Psalm 122:1



Today's 8:00 service will be recorded including the Service of the Sacrament. Individuals taking communion will not be visible in the recording.

Lord of Love Lutheran Church

January 7, 2024

GATHERING RITE ON HOLY BAPTISM

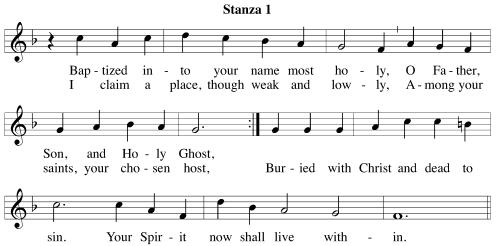
God's people long to gather together for strength from God and for mutual encouragement. This alternate beginning for worship is intended for use not only when there is a baptism but may be used on any occasion to remind God's people of Baptism's continuing blessings.

The minister conducts the gathering rite at the font.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (spoken) Amen.

Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy



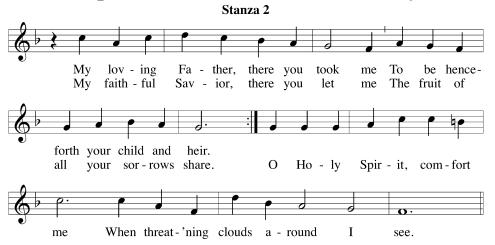
M: I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

C: Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. (John 3:5,6)

M: Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us. (*Psalm* 51:5)

C: But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. (1 Corinthians 6:11)

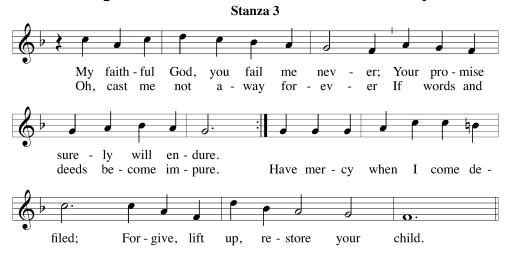
Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy



M: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy

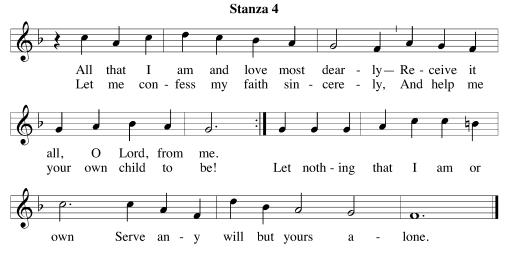


M: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless (*Ephesians 5:25-27*). Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (spoken) Amen.



Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children, and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (spoken) Amen.

BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 49:1-6

Listen to me, you coastlands.

Pay attention, you faraway peoples!

The LORD called me from the womb.

When I was inside my mother, he mentioned my name.

² He made my mouth like a sharpened sword.

He hid me in the shadow of his hand.

He made me a polished arrow.

He concealed me in his quiver.

³ He said to me, "You are my servant Israel, in whom I will display my glory."

⁴ But I said to myself, "I have labored in vain.

I spent my strength and came up empty, with nothing.

Yet a just verdict for me rests with the LORD, and my reward is with my God."

⁵ But now the LORD,

who formed me from the womb to be his servant,

to turn Jacob back to him,

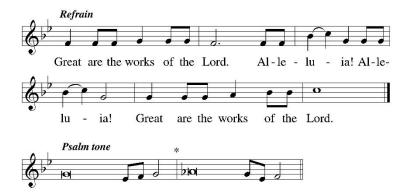
so that Israel might be gathered to him,

so that I will be honored in the eyes of the LORD,

because my God has been my strength—

⁶ the LORD said:

It is too small a thing that you should just be my servant to raise up only the tribes of Jacob and to restore the ones I have preserved in Israel, so I will appoint you to be a light for the nations,



Why do the nations <u>con</u>spire* and the peoples <u>plot</u> in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD* and against his Anointed One.

Refrain

The One enthroned in <u>heaven</u> laughs;* the Lord scoffs at them.

Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, <u>say</u>ing,* "I have installed my King on Zion, my <u>ho</u>ly hill."

I will proclaim the decree of the LORD:*
He said to me, "You are my Son;
today I have become your <u>Fa</u>ther."

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beg<u>in</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say then? Shall we keep on sinning so that grace may increase? ² Absolutely not! We died to sin. How can we go on living in it any longer? ³ Or do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him by this baptism into his death, so that just as he was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too would also walk in a new life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in the likeness of his death, we will certainly also be united with him in the likeness of his resurrection.

⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him, to make our sinful body powerless, so that we would not continue to serve sin. ⁷ For the person who has died has been declared free from sin. ⁸ And since we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that since Christ has been raised from the dead, he will never die again. Death no longer has control over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died, he died to sin once and for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ In the same way also consider yourselves dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

M: Alleluia. You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia.

STAND

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:4-11

⁴ John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins .⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him. They were baptized by him in the Jordan River as they confessed their sins. ⁶ John was clothed in camel's hair, and he wore a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He preached, "One more powerful than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals! ⁸ I baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Just as Jesus came up out of the water, he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love. I am well pleased with you."

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,

and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BE SEATED

HYMN (CW 89)

To Jordan's River Came Our Lord



6 Now rise, faint hearts: be resolute! This man in Christ, our substitute! He was baptized in Jordan's stream, Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

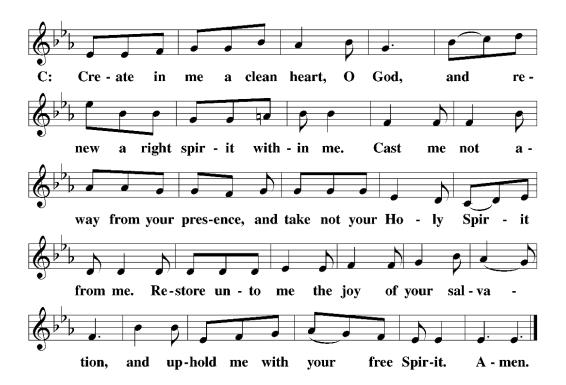
Text: James P. Tiefel, b. 1949. © 1993 James P. Tiefel. All rights reserved. Used by permission. Tune: Winchester New (LM) *Musicalisch Hand-Buch der Geistlichen Melodien*, Hamburg, 1690, alt.

SERMON Mark 1:9-11

Jesus is in the Water!

STAND

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



GATHERING OF THE THANK OFFERING

While the offering is gathered, please sign and pass the Friendship Register.

Thank you.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death.
- C: You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.
- M: Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:
- C: You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.
- M: Prince of peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:
- C: Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.
- M: Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:
- C: Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.
- **M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.



THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.

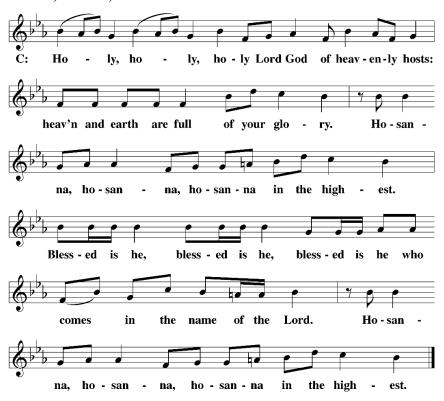


M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



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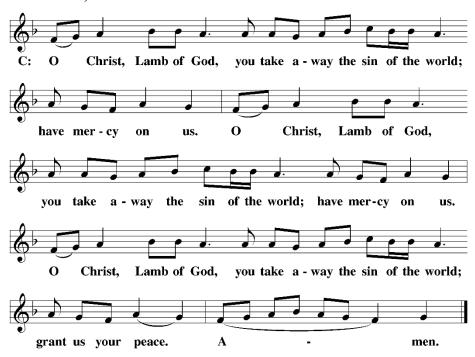
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

In accordance with the Scriptural practice of closed Communion, we invite to the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood the communicant members of this congregation. We invite also the communicant members of our sister congregations in our fellowship (the WELS and the ELS) who have made their intention known to one of our pastors. We ask other guests in attendance to refrain from taking the Sacrament with us today, and we invite you to speak with a pastor about how you may join our fellowship and commune with us in the future.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CWS 709) Christ, Your Footprints Through the Desert



DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 82)

3 Man

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



mak - ing

whole

4 Sun and moon shall dark - ened be: 5 Grant us grace to see you, Lord,

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Pal - sied limbs and shall fall, the Stars Mir - rored in your



you we raise, King su - preme, faint ing soul: heav'ns shall flee. ho ly Word.

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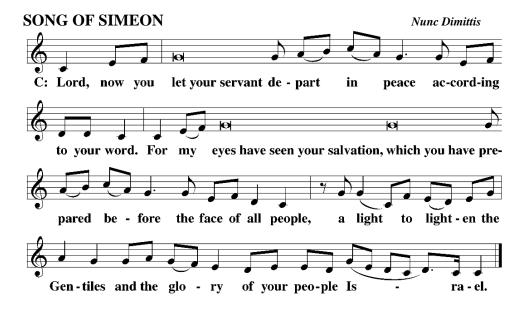


you ad-dressed, God in man made man-i-fest. An - thems be to you ad-dressed, in man made man-i-fest. An - thems be God to in man made man-i-fest. An - thems be to vou ad-dressed. God in man made man-i-fest. bv all will be con-fessed. God And may praise you, ev - er blest, God in man made man-i-fest.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–85, alt.
Tune: St. George's, Windsor (77 77 D) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.

THANKSGIVING

STAND



M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



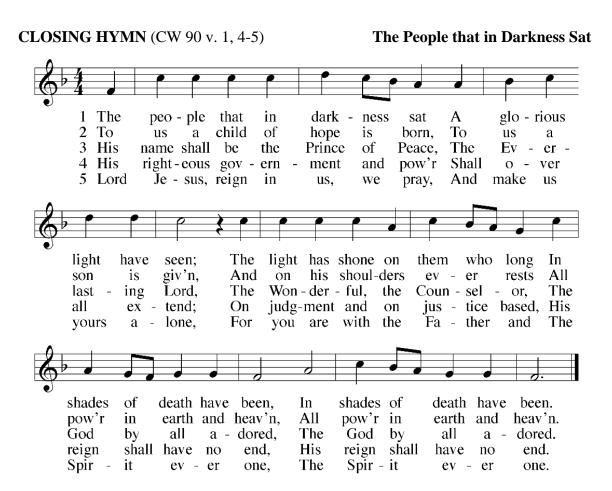
M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



BE SEATED



Text: John Morison, 1750–98, abr., alt.

Tune: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN (86 866) Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561.

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Personal Prayers for Worship

Before Communion:

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communion:

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

Gluten Free communion wafers: Gluten free communion wafers are available each Sunday during the Lord's Supper. They are placed on the baptismal font at the start of communion. If you would prefer this wafer, please pick it up as you approach the altar.

Thank you! Jeff & Noelle Kirsch would like to thank the members in our congregation who provided meals for them in November and December while Jeff was recovering from surgery. Having a prepared evening meal a few nights a week was a big help. Jeff is doing well and continues his recovery. Thank you for your kind generosity.

Weekly Bible Studies

Sunday 9:15 am: Baptism, sanctuary

Tuesday 9:00 am: The Gospel of John, downstairs

Wednesday 6:30 pm: New topic starting this week, downstairs

Friday 6:00 am (Breakfast 6:00, Bible study 6:45): Matthew DeForest Family Restaurant (505 W. North Street, DeForest)

Red Cross Blood Drive January 11: 12 - 5 pm

This Thursday we are hosting a blood drive here at church. We are still in need of a few volunteers to help with registration from 2:30-5:30 pm. Some computer skills are needed. To help, see the signup sheet.

All blood donors can enjoy a meal after, including homemade soup, subs, sides and cookies made by the DeForest Handy Helpers 4-H Club. Appointments are suggested. To sign up to give blood, you can go to the church website for the link or go to:



https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Love
You can also contact Jen in the church office and she will assist in finding a time.



Quarterly Open Forum and Voter's Meeting Sunday January 28

Lunch 11:35 am

Come join us for lunch and stay for the meeting after.

Sunday January 7: Baptism of our Lord Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible study, Teen class and Sunday school

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Pianist: Kristin Huebner
- Councilman: 8:00 Ryan Jaeger, 10:30 Jim Miller
- Ushers 8:00: Sef Fox, Steven Fox, Ben Olson and Dave Olson
- Ushers 10:30: The Holzman Family
- Counters: Roger LaGrange and Greg Zeman
- Altar Guild: Ava Ehlenbach and Karie Ehlenbach
- A/V & Recording: Devin Anderson
- Refreshments: The Myhre Family

Sunday January 14: Second Sunday after Epiphany Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible Study, Teen Group and Sunday School

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Jennifer Boll
- Councilman/Elder: TBA
- Ushers 8:00 am: Bob Degnan, Gene Freund, Kayden Zech and Kourtney Zech
- Ushers 10:30 am: The Heath Family
- Counters: Kim Bauer and additional counter needed
- A/V & Recording: Julie Doyle
- Altar Guild: Ava Ehlenbach and Karie Ehlenbach
- Refreshments: The Weinheimer Family

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Angela Bakken (1/7), Willa Craney (1/8), Joshua Hodkiewicz (1/10), Charles Fellin (1/12) and Judy Wells (1/12) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

In Our Prayers: Fred Bakken, Joyce Hamburg (sister-in-law of Karen Tobison), Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Marilyn Lund, Rose Lund, Peg Schroeder and Steve Tobison who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Shannon & Matthew Garrett and John J. Schueman (son of Bonnie & John Schueman).

Looking ahead:

- January 11, 2024: Red Cross Blood Drive at Lord of Love, 12:00 5:00 pm
- January 15: Church council meeting, 6:30 pm
- January 20: Ladies Coffee/breakfast at M-N-M's Coffee House in Waunakee, 8 am
- January 27: Euchre Card night, 6:00 pm
- January 28: Lunch followed by open forum and voter's meeting, 11:35 am
- February 14: Ash Wednesday Worship, 12:30 and 6:30 pm. Potluck dinner 5:30