

The Baptism of our Lord

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Hymn #507 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Remembering our Baptism from Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, Romans 6:3-4, Matthew 28:19 and Luther’s Small Catechism

P: “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: There is a time to be born and a time to die”

C: “Don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?”

P: 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.”

Daily – in the morning when you arise, and in the evening when you go to bed – remember that you have died and been reborn through baptism. Make the sign of the holy cross and say:

All: In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P: 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.

Hymn #590 v. 1 “Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”

Baptized into Your name most holy,
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,
Among Your saints, Your chosen host.
Buried with Christ and dead to sin,
Your Spirit now shall live within.

The Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

The Response The Children – Middle School and younger – will ask us questions . . .

P: “You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.” Galatians 3:26-27

Elder: What is Baptism?

**C: Baptism is not just plain water,
but it is the water included in God’s command
and combined with God’s Word**

Elder: *What is that Word of God?*

C: Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew:

**“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”** Matthew 28:19-20

Hymn #590 v. 2 “Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”

My loving Father, here You take me
To be henceforth Your child and heir.
My faithful Savior, here You make me
The fruit of all Your sorrows share.
O Holy Spirit, comfort me
When threat'ning clouds around I see.

The Epistle Lesson

Romans 6:1-11

What 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

The Response

P: “Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

C: For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.” Colossians 3:1, 3

Elder: *How can water do such great things?*

C: Certainly not just water,

**but the Word of God in and with the water does these things,
along with the faith that trusts this Word of God in the water.
For without God’s Word the water is plain water and no Baptism.
But with the Word of God it is a Baptism,
that is a life-giving water, rich in grace,
and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit.**

P: “God saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, Whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior,

**C: so that, having been justified by His grace,
we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.”** Titus 3:5-7

Hymn #590 v. 3 “Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”

My faithful God, You fail me never;
Your promise surely will endure.
O cast me not away forever
If words and deeds become impure.
Have mercy when I come defiled;
Forgive, lift up, restore Your child.

The Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:4-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And 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

The Response

Elder: *What does baptizing with water indicate?*

C: It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

P: "We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do Put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness."

Ephesians 3:10 & 4:22-24

Hymn #590 v. 4 “Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”

All that I am and love most dearly —
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely;
Help me Your faithful child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own
Serve any will but Yours alone.

Renewal of Our Baptismal Vows

P: Because you have been called by the Gospel and instructed in the faith, it is right and good that you should now confess with the Church what God works in and through Baptism. Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

C: I do renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

C: **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

C: **Yes, I believe 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.**

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C: **Yes, 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.**

Hymn #605 “Father Welcomes”

Sermon

Offering

Prayer of the Church

The 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.**

The Blessing

Jude 24-25

P: “To Him Who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy —

C: to the only God our Savior be
glory,
majesty,
power
and authority,

P: through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages,

C: now and forevermore! Amen.”

Hymn #803 “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

