

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY: THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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Worship Focus

Jesus IS the “Christ” – the Anointed One



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OPENING HYMN

91 – The Star Proclaims the King Is Here



1 The star pro - claims the King is here; But, Her - od,
2 The wis - er Ma - gi saw from far And fol - lowed
3 With - in the Jor - dan Riv - er stood The pure and
4 At Ca - na - mir - a - cle di - vine - When wa - ter
5 All glo - ry un - to Je - sus be And praise for



why this sense - less fear? For he who came from heav - en's
on his guid - ing star, And, led by light, to Light they
ho - ly Lamb of God; The Fa - ther's voice, the Spir - it -
red - dened in - to wine, The faith - ful saw his glo - ry
his e - piph - a - ny, Whom with the Fa - ther we a -



throne Does not de - sire an earth - ly crown.
pressed And by their gifts their God con - fessed.
dove, Con - firmed the Sav - ior from a - bove.
shown And put their trust in him a - lone.
dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

Text: Coelius Sedulius, 5th century, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-66, alt.
Tune: O HEILAND, REISS DIE HIMMEL AUF (LM) Rheinfeßsich Deutsches Catholisches Gesangbuch,
Augsburg, 1666.

INVOCATION

Minister

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



Congregation

A - men.

M Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.**

LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one flat). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us." The notes are quarter notes and half notes, with a final double bar line at the end of the second staff.

ABSOLUTION

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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: A - men.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in G major (one flat). The melody consists of a half note 'A', followed by a quarter note 'men.', and a final double bar line. The notes are quarter notes and half notes.

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

**Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit, Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory While eternal ages run!**

**Glory be to him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain;
Glory be to him who bought us, Made us kings with him to reign!
Glory, glory To the Lamb that once was slain!** (239:1,2)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

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: A - men.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 42:1-7

Isaiah prophesies the coming of the LORD's servant, the Messiah. God anointed Jesus with the Spirit from his birth. God proclaimed Jesus as his beloved Son at his baptism.

ISAIAH 42:1 "Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom I delight;
I will put my Spirit on him
and he will bring justice to the nations.

42:2 He will not shout or cry out,
or raise his voice in the streets.

42:3 A bruised reed he will not break,
and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.
In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;

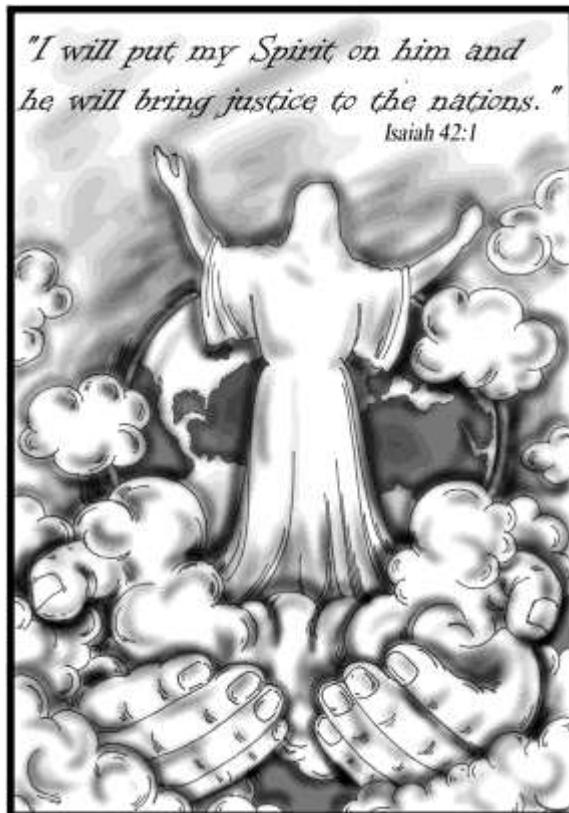
42:4 he will not falter or be discouraged
till he establishes justice on earth.
In his law the islands will put their hope."

42:5 This is what God the LORD says--

he who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and all that comes out of it,
who gives breath to its people,
and life to those who walk on it:

^{42:6} “I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness;
I will take hold of your hand.
I will keep you and will make you
to be a covenant for the people
and a light for the Gentiles,

^{42:7} to open eyes that are blind,
to free captives from prison
and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.



PSALM

Psalm 45

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Refrain

Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-
lu - ia! Great are the works of the Lord.

Psalm tone

My heart is stirred by a | noble theme*
as I recite my verses | for the King.

You are the most excel | lent of men,*
and your lips have been anoint | ed with grace.

Gird your sword upon your side, O | Mighty One;*
clothe yourself with splendor and | majesty.

In your majesty ride forth vic | toriously;*
let your right hand display | awesome deeds.

Refrain

Your throne, O God, will last for ever and | ever;*
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your | kingdom.

You love righteousness and hate | wickedness;*
therefore God has anointed you with the | oil of joy.

I will perpetuate your memory through all gener | ations;*
therefore the nations will praise you for ever and | ever.

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

Refrain

SECOND LESSON Acts 10:34-38

Peter proclaims “the good news of peace through Jesus Christ,” whom “God anointed...with the Holy Spirit and power.”

ACTS 10:34 Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵ but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right. ³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷ You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached-- ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

VERSE OF THE DAY

**O mighty Father, in your Son You loved me ere you had begun
This ancient world's foundation.
Your Son has made a friend of me, And when in spirit him I see,
I joy in tribulation.
What bliss Is this! He is living, To me giving
Life forever; Nothing me from him can sever.**

(79:3)



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the announcement of the Gospel the congregation responds:



C: Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL Matthew 3:13-17

God the Father proclaims Jesus as God the Son by the words, “this is my Son...” The Holy Spirit descended (anointed) on Jesus to help him in his ministry.

MATTHEW 3:13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

^{3:15} Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

^{3:16} As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!





REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

M Holy Baptism is the means of grace by which our Father in heaven connects us with Christ in his life, death, and resurrection. The apostle Paul says: “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. If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been freed 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.”

In Holy Baptism, God takes away our sins and gives new life in Christ our Lord. We solemnly renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways; we confess the gift of faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

RENUNCIATION AND CONFESSION OF FAITH

M I ask you: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

C **Yes, and I ask God to help me.**

M Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

C **Yes, I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

M 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

M 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.**

M Do you intend to continue in this faith, to be diligent in the use of Word and sacrament and in faith and action remain true to God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—as long as you live?

C **Yes, and I ask God to help me.**

M Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with his grace to life everlasting.

C **Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

89 – To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The
 2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The
 3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And
 4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came
 5 The Fa - ther's word, the Spir - it's flight A -



Christ, whom heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The
 Son of God in flesh dis - guised— To
 John bap - tized the Lamb of God, The
 God's own voice with words pro - found: "This
 noint - ed Christ in glo - rious sight As



God from God, the Light from Light, The
 stand be - neath the Fa - ther's will And
 Ho - ly Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, De -
 is my Son," was his de - cree, "The
 God's own choice, from A - dam's fall To



Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.
 all his prom - is - es ful - fill.
 scend - ed on him from a - bove.
 one I love, who pleas - es me."
 save the world and free us all.

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

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 Tune: WINCHESTER NEW (LM) *Musicalisch Hand-Buch der Geistlichen Melodien*, Hamburg, 1690, alt.

SERMON

Isaiah 42:1-7

Inauguration Promises

1. The Christ promises to serve us with Gospel Justice
2. The Christ promises to serves us with Gospel Freedom

PRAISE AND PRAYER

RESPONSE TO THE WORD



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER and GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

INSTALLATION OF CALVARY'S ELECTED OFFICERS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

As people created, redeemed and called by the Lord in baptism to be His children, let us pray to Him as dear children ask their dear father.

Brief silence

Gracious Father, at the Jordan River, You called Jesus Your beloved Son in whom You are well-pleased. Assure us that because we, in Baptism, have put on Christ, You also call us Your beloved and are well-pleased with us. Renew us by the Holy Spirit as Your baptized children, so that we walk in newness of life, considering ourselves dead to sin and alive to You in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Father, Your Son humbled Himself to be baptized at the Jordan River. Give humility also to all pastors today and to our Synod and district leaders, so that they serve You faithfully. Open the lips of every preacher boldly to proclaim repentance and forgiveness of sins, as John did. And open the ears of each of us to hear and believe Your holy words. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Father, look in mercy on all those who govern our country and the nations around the world. Give them courage to defend what is right and correct what is wrong. Give them hearts that care for those who are vulnerable. Defend those who serve in the armed forces and all who labor to keep us safe. Allow commerce and the arts to flourish in ways that benefit all people. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Father, at His Baptism, Your Son took on Himself all our frailties and the results of our sinfulness. Comfort [... *and*] all who mourn. Extend Your healing hand to [... *and to*] all who need Your care. Assure them of Your promise that even when Your people walk through the fire, the flames will not consume them. Lead them to see that they need not fear, for You are with them. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, gracious Father, we commend ourselves and all those for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE 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.

SERMON HYMN

93 – Hail to the Lord’s Anointed



1 Hail to the Lord’s A - noint - ed, Great Da - vid’s great - er
 2 He comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer
 3 Kings shall bow down be - fore him And gold and in - cense
 4 O’er ev - ’ry foe vic - to - rious, He on his throne shall



Son! Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on
 wrong, To help the poor and need - y And bid the
 bring; All na - tions shall a - dore him; His praise all
 rest, From age to age more glo - rious, All bless - ing



earth be - gun! He comes to break op - pres - sion, To
 weak be strong, To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their
 peo - ple sing, To him shall prayer un - ceas - ing And
 and all - blest. The tide of time shall nev - er His



set the cap - tive free, To take a - way trans -
 dark - ness turn to light Whose souls, con - demned and
 dai - ly vows as - cend, His king - dom still in -
 cov - e - nant re - move; His name shall stand for -



gres - sion, And rule in eq - ui - ty.
 dy - ing, Are pre - cious in his sight.
 creas - ing, A king - dom with - out end.
 ev - er— That name to us is Love.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, abr., alt.
 Tune: FREUT EUCH, IHR LIEBEN CHRISTEN (76 76 D) Leonhart Schröter, c. 1532–c. 1601.

PRAYER AND BLESSING

M Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through 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.



CLOSING HYMN

439 – Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has three verses of lyrics. The second staff continues the lyrics. The third staff continues the lyrics. The fourth staff concludes the hymn with a double bar line.

1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,
Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.
For you, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.
I know that you will strength - en My steps toward home,
With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
And noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend!
So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.
For when your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.
So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

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Tune: SO NIMM DENN MEINE HÄNDE. (74 74 D) P. Friedrich Silcher, 1789–1860.

After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.