

# FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY: THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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## Worship Focus

“Now Appearing”... The Anointed One



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Order of Service for  
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**Common Service**

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**✠ Gathering ✠**

**OPENING HYMN**

90 – The People that in Darkness Sat



1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious  
 2 To us a child of hope is born, To us a  
 3 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Ev - er -  
 4 His right - ous gov - ern - ment and pow'r Shall o - ver  
 5 Lord Je - sus, reign in us, we pray, And make us



light have seen; The light has shone on them who long In  
 son is giv'n, And on his shoul - ders ev - er rests All  
 last - ing Lord, The Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, The  
 all ex - tend; On judg - ment and on jus - tice based, His  
 yours a - lone, For you are with the Fa - ther and The



shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.  
 pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.  
 God by all a - dored, The God by all a - dored.  
 reign shall have no end, His reign shall have no end.  
 Spir - it ev - er one, The Spir - it ev - er one.

Text: John Morison, 1750–98, abr., alt.  
 Tune: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN (86 866) Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561.

**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.

**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.

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

*Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-85, alt.  
Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816-93*

**1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord, to you we raise,  
Manifested by the star  
To the Magi from afar,  
Branch of royal David's stem,  
In your birth at Bethlehem.  
Anthems be to you addressed,  
God in man made manifest.**

**2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme,  
And at Cana, Wedding Guest,  
In your Godhead manifest;  
Manifest in pow'r divine,  
Changing water into wine.  
Anthems be to you addressed,  
God in man made manifest. (82:1,2)**

## 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. <sup>2</sup> He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. <sup>3</sup> A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not

snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; <sup>4</sup> he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his law the islands will put their hope.”

<sup>5</sup> 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: <sup>6</sup> “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, <sup>7</sup> 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



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!  
 Robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
 Bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, Tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er;  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o - ra - tion



Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.  
 He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.  
 Than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 Now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Münsterisch Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677, abr.; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904.  
 Tune: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU (557 558) Silesian folk tune, 19th century, alt.

## 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 <sup>35</sup>but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right. <sup>36</sup>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. <sup>37</sup>You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— <sup>38</sup>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

*Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, abr., alt.*

*Tune: Henry T. Smart, 1813-79*

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Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, Wor-ship Christ, the new-born King!

## 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. <sup>14</sup>But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

<sup>15</sup>Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

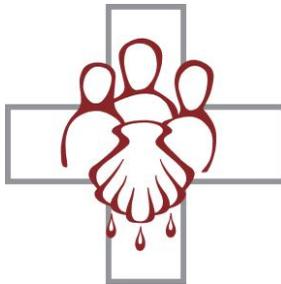
<sup>16</sup>As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

## 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.**



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 ✘

Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus Takes Office

✘ Praise and Prayers ✘

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

*Brief silence*

For all the baptized, that having been united to Christ's death and resurrection through water and the Word, the people of God may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit and equipped with His gifts to live the new life given to them by God's gracious act, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church, that in every place where God's people are called and gathered by His Spirit, they may be enlightened by His Word and sanctified by His grace for holy living and a life of good works to glorify Him, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For this community of faith and our unity of confession, witness and mercy work, that the Lord may bless us with faithful pastors to preach God's Word and faithful parish leaders to guide us in the fulfillment of all that God has given us to do, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the nation and those who govern, that our leaders may be people of integrity and that we may be good citizens together, wisely using all the resources God has supplied for purposes consistent with His Word and purpose in Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have been marked with God's name in Baptism but have fallen away from the faith, that we may speak with courage and compassion the saving Word of God to them, and that they may be restored to faith and life within this assembly and kept blameless until Christ's return in glory, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the hungry and the homeless, that we may remember them in prayer, support them with the resources God has supplied us, and encourage them to remain faithful in every adversity of life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all noble vocations and worthy callings, that we may use the talents and skills supplied to us by the Lord in ways that honor Him, serve our neighbor and glorify His holy name, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who suffer depression and illness of the mind, that they may be comforted in their anxiety, given peace and comfort in their fears, and be renewed in hope through the Good News of Christ crucified and risen, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick, that God would grant healing for their bodies according to His will and strength to bear the infirmities they suffer, [*especially \_\_\_\_\_.*] let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who mourn, that God would grant them comfort in their time of sorrow and encourage them with the hope of everlasting life with those whom they loved who have departed this life in faith, [*especially \_\_\_\_\_.*] let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

O merciful Lord, grant that we may have confidence in the promise given to us in our Baptism into Christ and trust You to provide answer to the prayers we bring to You this day. And when the Last Day comes, bring us into the joy of Your everlasting light and life through the merits and mercies of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **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.**

OUR FATHER,  
WHO ART IN  
heaven.



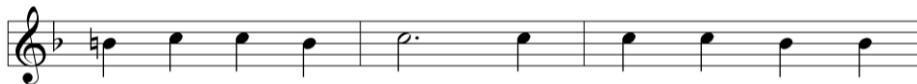
1 Hail to the Lord’s A - noint - ed, Great Da - vid’s great - er  
 2 He comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer  
 3 Kings shall bow down be - fore him And gold and in - cense  
 4 O’er ev - ’ry foe vic - to - rious, He on his throne shall



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.

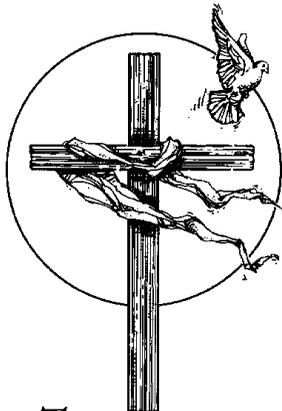
## ✠ Sending ✠

### 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.



*The Lord lift up  
His countenance  
upon you  
and give you peace.*

*-Numbers 6:26*

**CLOSING HYMN**

366 – O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild



1 O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild! For sin - ners  
 2 O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild! With God we  
 3 O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild! Joy fills the



you be - came a child. You came from heav - en  
 now are rec - on - ciled. You have for all the  
 world which sin de - filed. What - e'er we have be -



to ful - fill Your Fa - ther's just and ho - ly  
 ran - som paid, Your Fa - ther's right - eous an - ger  
 longs to you; Oh, keep us faith - ful, strong, and



will. O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild!  
 stayed. O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild!  
 true. O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild!

Text: Valentin Thilo, 1607–62, abr.; tr. Frieda Pietsch, alt.

Tune: O JESULEIN SÜSS (10 8 88 10) *Ausserlesene, Catholische, Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, Köln, 1623, alt.

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

## **THE SEASON AFTER “THE EPIPHANY”**

The season of the church year marked “After the Epiphany” is a time of revelation. “The Epiphany” isn’t a season, per se, but a one day event, traditionally celebrated on January 6<sup>th</sup> (the final of the Twelve Days of Christmas). It marks the visit of the Wisemen to Jesus in Bethlehem, in this way revealing for the first time that Jesus was born for *the world*, both Jew and Gentile (the Wisemen were non-Jews or Gentiles).

The Sundays after the Epiphany continue to explore the theme of “revelation”. For example, on the First Sunday after the Epiphany the congregation hears the Gospel lesson concerning Jesus’ baptism, the event which revealed Jesus as the Christ or Anointed One. Subsequent Sundays make known the mission of Jesus through his messages or through his miracles.

Each of the three years of the Church Year cycle emphasizes one of the synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) with readings from John interspersed throughout each of the years. The Church Year 2019/2020 follows the readings appointed for Year A (confer *Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal*, page 163) with Gospel lessons predominantly from Matthew.

## **OUR WORSHIP SERIES: “NOW APPEARING...”**

During our worship in this season after the Epiphany we will focus on the theme, “**Now Appearing...!**” Just like a movie marquee whets the cinematic appetite with the words “Now Appearing!”, so we anticipate finding out more and more during the Sundays after the Epiphany about who Jesus is and why the Son of God came to earth in the first place.

## **OUR THEME FOR TODAY:**

### **“NOW APPEARING...” THE ANOINTED ONE**

During Old Testament times the Israelites recognized three important “jobs” or “callings” which were initiated by an anointing. Oils or perfumes were poured over the heads of those individuals called to be prophets, priests and kings. The anointing left no doubts in the minds of the one called or among the people, who it was that would undertake the task of preaching, mediating or ruling. The ceremony was an epiphany to all who witnessed it!

Though a handful in Israel history had served in two of those three important offices at the same time, only Jesus came to fulfill all three – and, in a way that would have eternal results! For thousands of years the Israelites, in particular, and the world, in general, had anticipated the coming of the Anointed One (in Greek, “Anointed One” is “Christ” and in Hebrew it is “Messiah”). At Jesus’ baptism the world could finally see that the wait was over! Not with perfume, but with the water of John’s baptism and with the descending of the Holy Spirit, Jesus was anointed, in this way becoming “The Christ”. From his baptism onward, Jesus advanced, with intent and in public, his mission to serve as the substitute for sinners in life and in death.