

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY: THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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Worship Focus

This is Jesus – First Step: Baptized!



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THE ORDER OF SERVICE

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OPENING HYMN

87 – Hail, O Source of Every Blessing



1 Hail, O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Fa - ther of our
2 Once far off but now in - vit - ed, We ap - proach your
3 Hail, O all - in - vit - ing Sav - ior! Gen - tiles now their



hu - man race! Gen - tiles now, your grace pos - sess - ing,
sa - cred throne, In your cov - e - nant u - nit - ed,
of - f'ings bring, In your tem - ples seek your fa - vor,



In your courts ob - tain a place. Grate - ful now, we fall be -
Rec - on - ciled, re - deemed, made one. Now re - vealed to east - ern
Je - sus Christ, our Lord and King. May we, bod - y, soul, and



fore you, In your Church re - jice to live, See your glo -
sa - ges, See the star of mer - cy shine, Mys - t'ry hid
spir - it, Live de - vot - ed to your praise, Glo - rious realms



ry and a - dore you, Thank - ful for the grace you give,
in for - mer a - ges, Mys - t'ry great of love di - vine,
of bliss in - her - it, Grate - ful an - thems ev - er raise.

Text: Basil Woodd, 1760–1831, alt.

Tune: O DURCHBRECHER ALLER BANDE (87 87 D) Freylinghausen, *Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch*, Halle, 1704, alt.

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:

C Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on
earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. You are
seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re -

ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on

earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the

Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on

earth. Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

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.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON 1 Samuel 16:1-13

When David was anointed as King over Israel, God blessed David with an extra measure of the Holy Spirit's power.

¹ SAMUEL 16:1 The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king."

² But Samuel said, "How can I go? Saul will hear about it and kill me."

The LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'"³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate."

⁴ Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?"

⁵ Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed stands here before the LORD."

⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.” ⁹ Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, “Nor has the LORD chosen this one.” ¹⁰ Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The LORD has not chosen these.” ¹¹ So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?”

“There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered, “but he is tending the sheep.” Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.”

¹² So he sent and had him brought in. He was ruddy, with a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; he is the one.”

¹³ So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came upon David in power. Samuel then went to Ramah.



The LORD said,
**“Rise and anoint him;
for this is the one.”**

1 SAMUEL 16:12, NRSV

PSALM

Psalm 2

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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

Psalm tone *

Why do the nations | conspire*
and the peoples | plot in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers
gather together a | gainst the LORD*
and against his A | nointed One.

Refrain

The One enthroned in | heaven laughs;*
the Lord | scoffs at them.

Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, | saying,*
“I have installed my King on Zion, my | holy hill.”

I will proclaim the decree | of the LORD:*
He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have become your | Father.”

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 Titus 3:4-7

In baptism God generously pours out his Spirit on us, so that we might be justified by grace and become heirs of eternal life.

^{TITUS 3:4} But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he 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, ⁶ whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

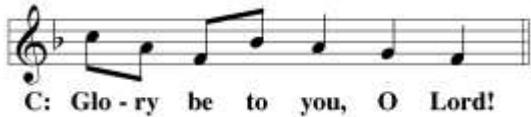


VERSE OF THE DAY

**Within the Jordan River stood
The pure and holy Lamb of God;
The Father's voice, the Spirit-dove,
Confirmed the Savior from above. (91:3)**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the announcement of the Gospel the congregation responds:



GOSPEL Luke 3:15-17, 21, 22

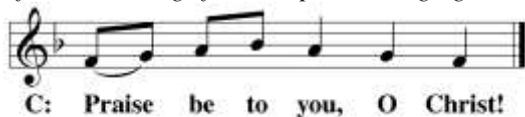
Jesus' first step into his "out-in-the-open" ministry came when he was anointed with water, with the Holy Spirit, and with power at his baptism.

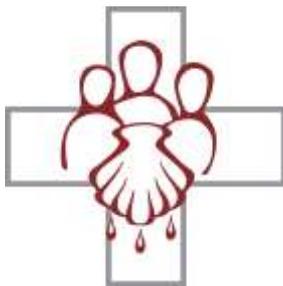
¹⁵LUKE 3:15 The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Christ. ¹⁶John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

²¹When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:





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

The choir will sing verses 3 and 5.



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

Luke 3:15-17, 21, 22

Jesus Knows How to Make a First Impression

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Created in Your image, formed for Your glory, called by Your name and washed clean in Baptism, we come this day as the people of Your promise with the intercessions and prayers for all people as they have need.

Blessed Lord, You foreshadowed the promise of Baptism in the rescue of Noah from the flood, in the passing of Your people through the Red Sea, and in the ceremonial washings of Your law. In Christ and by His Baptism, You have kept Your Word and made Baptism to be the water of new life. Give us Your Holy Spirit, that we may become the new and holy people You have declared us to be. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, bless Your Church; our Pastor Schroeder, president of our church body; Pastor Patterson, president of our South Central District; Pastor Seager, our circuit pastor; our called workers at Calvary; and all church workers. Make them wise unto salvation and faithful in all the duties and responsibilities assigned to them for our benefit. Bless also those preparing for church work vocations. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of compassion and mercy, no suffering passes before You unnoticed. Give to the sick, those hospitalized, those recuperating from illness, those in treatment and those troubled in mind and heart both Your healing presence and Your healing peace. *Especially hear us on behalf of _____ and those now named in our hearts.* (Brief silence.) Be their companion in solitude, their healing in affliction, their deliverer from trouble and their life in death. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, You have made us Your own people by Baptism and granted us Your Holy Spirit to confess Christ in words and in works. We remember with thanksgiving all those who went before us with the sign of faith, who passed on to us the sign of faith and who now rest in Christ from all their labors. Make us as faithful in our own time, and keep us faithful to the baptismal covenant in which we died with Christ so that we may be raised with Christ in perfect freedom to live ever, only, all for You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O almighty and everlasting God, do we commend all for whom we pray this day, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom be glory 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

710 - Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered



1 Je - sus, once with sin - ners num - bered,
 2 John con - fessed him as the Sav - ior—
 3 This the bap - tism that our Sav - ior
 4 Je - sus, once with sin - ners num - bered,



Had no blem - ish of his own;
 "Look, the sin - less Lamb of God!"
 Great - ly longed to un - der - go;
 Full o - be - dience was your path;



In the wa - ters of the Jor - dan
 Yet he dared not loose the san - dals
 This the crim - son cleans - ing need - ed
 You, by death, have con - se - crat - ed



His true worth and work were shown:
 Of the one God's love had shod,
 So the world God's love might know;
 Wa - ter in this sav - ing bath:



Heav - en o - pened and the Spir - it
 Oh, how fair the feet of Je - sus,
 This the mis - sion of Mes - si - ah
 Dy - ing to the sin of Ad - am,



There de - scend - ed like a dove,
Bring - ing news of peace to us,
As he stepped from Jor - dan's stream,
Ris - ing to a life of grace.



As the Fa - ther's voice re - sound - ed,
Christ, the her - ald of sal - va - tion,
He, the cho - sen and a - noint - ed
We are count - ed with the right - eous,



“Hear my Son, the One I love.”
Preach - ing mer - cy from the cross:
Son of God, sent to re - deem.
O - ver us the cross you trace.

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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

297 – Baptized in Water

1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,
2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,
3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,

Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
Dead in the tomb with Christ our King;
Marked with the sign of Christ our King;

Heirs of sal - va - tion, Trust - ing his prom - ise,
One with his ris - ing, Freed and for - giv - en,
Born of one Fa - ther, We are his chil - dren;

Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing,
Thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing,
Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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



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