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The Baptism of Our Lord

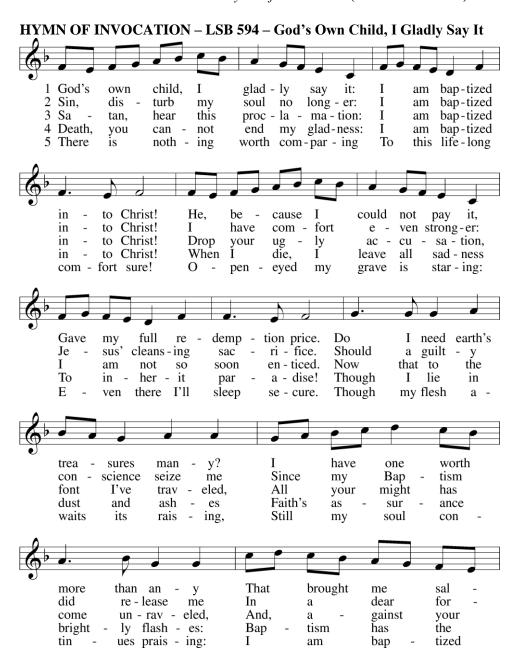
January 12, 2025
Divine Service, Setting One – LSB 151
8:00 & 10:30*am, 5:00 pm
*livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube

AS WE GATHER

Today is the first of the bookends that mark the Epiphany season—the Baptism of Our Lord and His Transfiguration. In common is the command from God to "listen to Him." We begin our journey of listening to the Lord, learning from those who went before, acknowledging the revelation of the Lamb of God in baptismal water, and looking to Him, the Word made flesh. In the prophet Isaiah comes a voice of comfort to a troubled Judah. By these words, the Lord reminds us that despite the circumstances of the moment, the faithful are beloved in the eyes of the Lord—a love made profoundly manifest in the gift of His own Son to die that we might live and to live that we might never die.

+++GATHERING+++

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC – *The Only Son from Heaven* (arr. Jan Sweelinck)





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INVOCATION

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- \mathbf{P} If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse \mathbf{C} us from all unrighteousness.

(silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

- \mathbf{P} Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart: we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen. \mathbf{C}

HHHWORD HHH

INTROIT – Psalm 2:7-11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a Leader: Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,* my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.



I will tell of | the decree:* \mathbf{C} The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you. Leader: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,* and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.

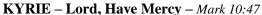
You shall break them with a | rod of iron* C and dash them in pieces like a potter's | vessel."

Leader: Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;* be warned, O rulers | of the earth.

Serve the | Lord with fear,* \mathbf{C} and rejoice with | trembling,

Leader: for his wrath is quickly | kindled.* Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him.

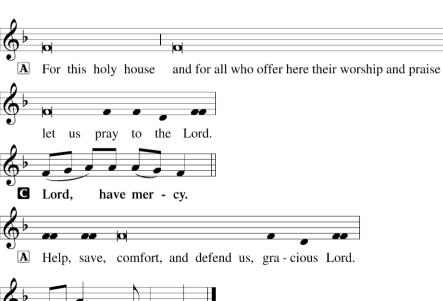
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; \mathbf{C} as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen. Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,* my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.



Lord,

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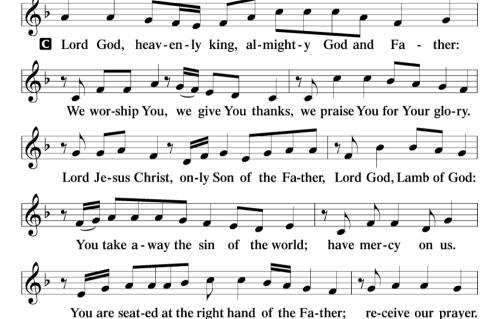




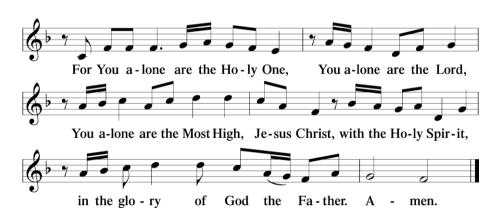


GLORIA IN EXCELSIS – Luke 2:14; John 1:29

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



re-ceive our prayer.



SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray... one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

FIRST LESSON – Isaiah 43:1-7 – "I have called you by name, you are mine."

¹But now thus says the Lord,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the Lord your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my eyes,

and honored, and I love you,

I give men in return for you,

peoples in exchange for your life.

⁵Fear not, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east,

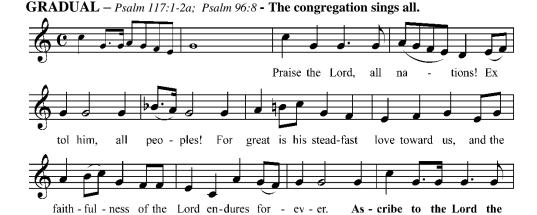
and from the west I will gather you.

⁶I will say to the north, Give up,

and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

glo-ry due his name; bring an

A This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.



SECOND LESSON – Romans 6:1-11 – By Baptism, we were united with Christ into His death and resurrection.

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his

courts!__

¹What 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.

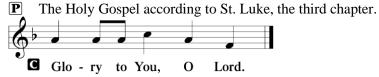
⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and COMMON VERSE - John 6:68



HOLY GOSPEL – Luke 3:15-22 – Jesus is baptized in the Jordan River by John.

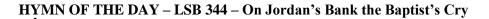


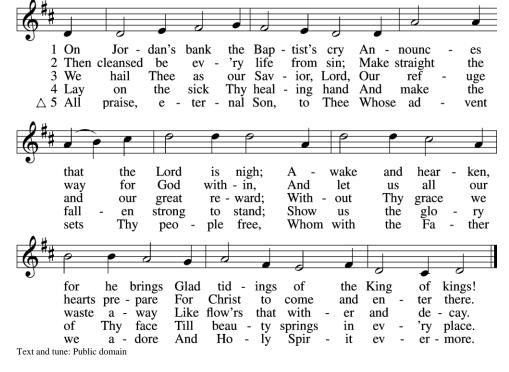
¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you 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 the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."







SERMON - Through Water and Fire - Luke 3:15-22

RITE OF BAPTISMAL RENEWAL

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- Dear friends, we were buried into Christ by Baptism into His death and raised with Him to newness of life. I call upon you to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced the devil and all his works and ways and were made members of the Holy Christian Church. Do you renounce the devil?
- C Yes, I renounce him.
- **P** Do you renounce all his works?
- **C** Yes, I renounce them.
- **P** Do you renounce all his ways?
- **C** Yes, I renounce them.
- **P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?
- Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

- **P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?
- 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?
- 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.
- Is it your purpose to continue steadfast in this faith and in the promise of Your Baptism and, as a member of the church, to be diligent in the use of the means of grace and prayer?
- **C** Yes, with the help of God.
- 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.
- May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

8:00 & 10:30 am – COMMISSIONING OF PPC, CHURCH OFFICERS, & MINISTRY TEAM MEMBERS

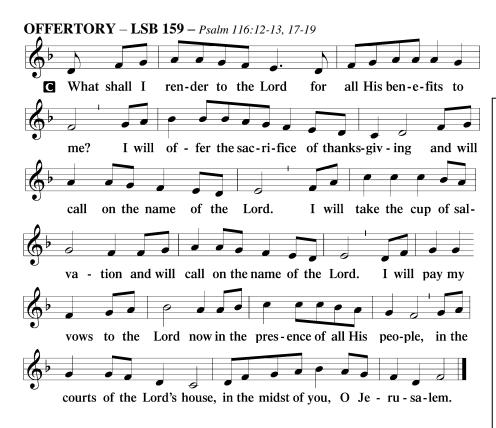
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- A ...Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- **A** ...through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
- C Amen.

OFFERING – *The Only Son from Heaven* (arr. J. G. Walther)

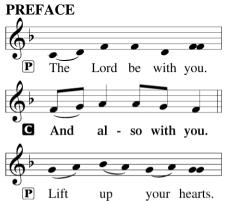


8:00 am — You are encouraged to go up to the font, dip your fingers in the baptismal water, and trace the sign of the cross upon yourself, recalling your Baptism into Christ, and renewing Your pledge and promise to live in this baptismal identity and promise as long as you live. (10:30 and 5:00 will have this opportunity during the Distribution.)



10:30 am & 5:00 pm — Continues with the Lord's Prayer (page 13) and concludes with the Benediction and Hymn to Depart (pages 17-18).

** SACRAMENT ** ** ** Secondary Seco



For Guests and Visitors Desiring the Sacrament

As a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, we confess, in accord with the Scriptures, that in this sacred meal Jesus Himself is *truly* present to forgive our sin and strengthen our faith.

Participation in this meal indicates that you believe, have been baptized, and have been taught according to our Lord's command and are in doctrinal agreement with this confession.

- If you are visiting from outside the Lutheran Church or are new to the faith, we welcome you to come to the altar with arms crossed to receive a blessing.
- If you desire to receive instruction for the Lord's Supper, please speak with one of our pastors.





It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:





PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- **P** ...one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, C 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;

Distribution **Notes:**

If you need gluten-free wafers, please let one of the pastors know.

Non-alcoholic

grape juice, containing a trace amount of wine, is available in the center of the tray.

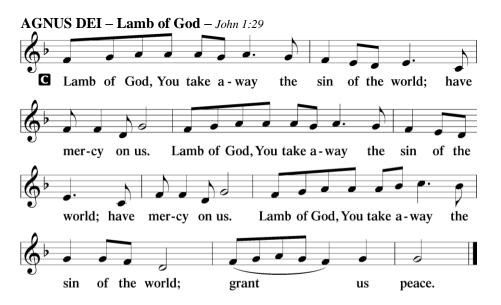
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI – The Peace of the Lord – John 20:19

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



DISTRIBUTION



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Anthem – *Arise and Shine in Splendor* (arr. David von Kampen)

Arise and Shine in Splendor

Arise and shine in splendor;
Let night to day surrender.
Your light is drawing near.
Above, the day is beaming,
In matchless beauty gleaming;
The glory of the

Lord is here.

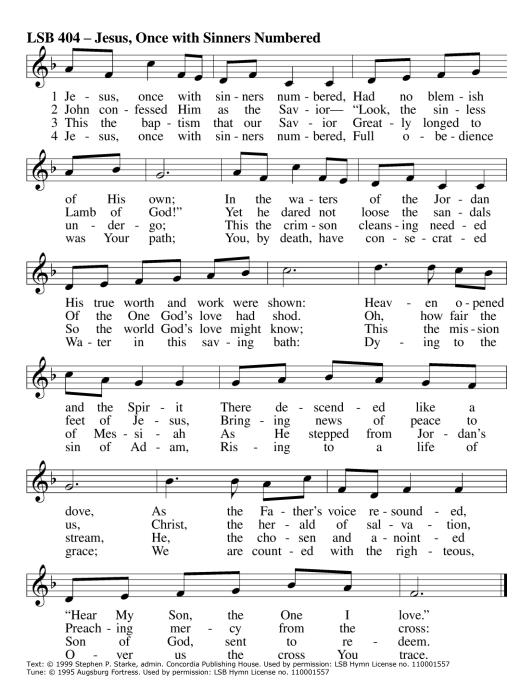
Lift up your eyes in wonder—
See, nations gather yonder
From sin to be set free.
The world has heard Your story;
Her sons come to Your glory;
Her daughters haste Your light to see.

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When from the
realms of sadness
They come from
near and far.
Your eyes will wake
from slumber
As people without
number
Rejoice to see the
Morning Star.

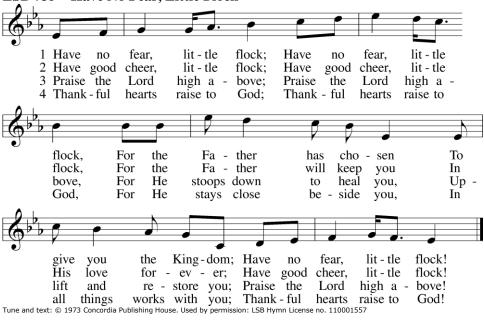
Your heart will leap



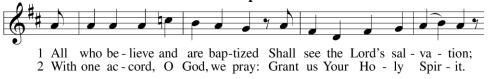
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LSB 735 - Have No Fear, Little Flock



LSB 601 – All Who Believe and Are Baptized





Bap-tized in - to the death of Christ, They are a new cre - a - tion. Help us in our in - fir - mi - ty Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it.



Through Christ's re-demp-tion they shall stand A - mong the glo-rious, Grant us to grow in grace each day That by this sac - ra -



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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- **P** We give thanks to You, almighty God ... one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

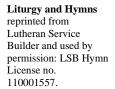
BENEDICTION – Numbers 6:24-26

- The Lord bless you and keep you.

 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

 The Lord look upon you with favor and

 → give you peace.
- C Amen.



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HYMN TO DEPART - LSB 603 - We Know That Christ Is Raised



SILENT PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

POST-SERVICE MUSIC – *The Only Son from Heaven* (arr. J. S. Bach)





Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by **Cybil Cole** in loving memory of her father, **Bill Cole**, on his birthday tomorrow.

2024 Year-End Offering Statements are now in the church mailboxes.

If you have questions, contact Financial Secretary <u>Doug Hackman</u> by Monday, January 27 (<u>ddhackman@outlook.com</u>).

If your 2025 offering envelopes are missing or mislabeled, please contact the church office.



The 2025 **Altar Flower chart** is posted on the narthex wall near the church office. **Choose an available date** to order and donate flowers in memory of someone, in celebration and thanksgiving for an anniversary, birthday, or other occasion, or in thanksgiving for God's blessings.

For guidance or more information, please contact Altar Guild coordinator *Deanie Bently* (812-330-0328), or the church office.

TODAY

6:00pm FLY (PowerPoint Night)

TUESDAY, January 14

Circuit Pastors meet (Faith, Columbus)

9:00am **Playgroup** (gym)

9:30am Chinese Bible Study (Grand Hall)

2:00pm **Quilting** (kitchen)

5:15pm First Steps in Music (Classroom C; ages 0-5)

6:30pm **PPC**

WEDNESDAY, January 15

10:00am Men's & Women's Bible studies

7:00pm **Senior Choir**

8:00pm Bible Study (Zoom): A Longer Look at the Lessons for Epiphany

Thursday, January 16

11:45am **JOY Group to Mother Bear's West** (sign-up and details on bulletin board)

Friday, January 17

6:30pm Ladies' Night Out (Grand Hall)

Friday, January 17 (8pm) - Saturday, January 18 (10am) FLY Lock-In

NEXT Sunday, January 19

11:30am Confirmation Parent meeting



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