

# IN HIS BAPTISM, JESUS TAKES HIS PLACE WITH SINNERS

The Baptism of Our Lord
The First Sunday of Epiphany

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN | Kearney, NE

A member congregation of:

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Christ's Love, Our Calling.

Sunday, January 13, 2019

#### **WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD!**

We are so happy you could join us today! If we can assist you in any way with questions about our confession of faith, spiritual struggles, understanding our liturgical service, or any other need, please let us know. It is our prayer that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will strengthen and comfort you.

For your convenience, **Listening Devices** are available for those who need assistance in hearing the service. Please speak with an usher if you need one. A **Large-Print Service Folder** is also available if you are in need of it. A **Nursery** is also available and is equipped with a speaker so that a minimal amount of the service is missed. The nursery is located in the hallway just off the entryway (first door on left).

### SERVICE NOTES FOR TODAY

Our Lord Jesus is baptized "to fulfill all righteousness" (Matt. 3:13–17). He partakes of a baptism for sinners in order that He might be our substitute and bear the judgment we deserve. In the water, Jesus trades places with us. Our sin becomes His sin. His righteousness becomes our righteousness. Our glory, therefore, is in "Christ Jesus, who became to us . . . righteousness and sanctification and redemption" (1 Cor. 1:26–31). Jesus is the "chosen" One sent from the Father to release us from the prison house of sin and death (Is. 42:1–7). Baptized into Christ, we also become the chosen ones, beloved of the Father. We cross the Jordan with Jesus (Joshua 3) through death into the promised land of new life with God.

#### HOLY COMMUNION IS OFFERED TODAY

As Christians who believe that the Bible is inspired by God and that every word written in it is God's holy word, we believe that we receive the body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine. While this is something that goes beyond our human understanding, our faith allows us to accept this as true. God warns us in the Bible that anyone who doesn't understand this teaching or who denies this real presence of Christ's body and blood will do damage to his or her soul if not properly taught first (1 Corinthians 11:27-29).

As a congregation we care about people and about the spiritual well-being of individuals, especially those attending the Lord's Table today. If you are a guest and desire to commune, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are not under church discipline in another congregation, and are members of our congregation, one of our sister congregations in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod [WELS], or a member of our sister synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod [ELS].

## SERVING IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

| Presiding & Preaching Minister  | Pr. Nathanael Seelow |
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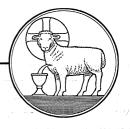
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# THE DIVINE SERVICE

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HYMN

Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy | CW 294

# INVOCATION 78-19

Matthew 28:19

1 Corinthians 6:11

Please stand.

M

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

С Amen.

# **VERSICLES**

I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

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- Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. С John 3:5,6
- M Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us.
- С But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

# CONFESSION OF SINS

- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. M
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will C forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Silence for meditation as you examine your thoughts, words, and actions according to God's Word.

We cannot approach God without having our sins forgiven. He is holy and we are not. Confession assures us of a clean slate before God and prepares us for worship, hearing

God's Word, and

Supper.

receiving the Lord's

We invoke the name

signify our worship as exclusively Christian

and to remember that we are God's baptized

people. Gathered in his Name, we are sure of his presence and his

Beginning each day yourself with the

invocation and the

sign of the cross is a great reminder that

your life and day are sanctified by Holy

blessing.

Baptism.

of the Trinity to

M We confess: C Lord of Life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from your presence forever.

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O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus sake.

# **ABSOLUTION**

M Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son • and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

# LORD, HAVE MERCY — Kyrie

Mark 10:47

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

M For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C Christ, have mercy.

For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

M Lord of Life, live in us that we may live for you.

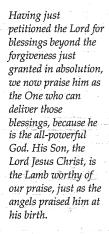
C Amen.

God is gracious and merciful. He forgives us for Christ's sake. This assures us that we can receive the rest of his gifts through the service and return thanks for those gifts, having been set free from the burden of sin.

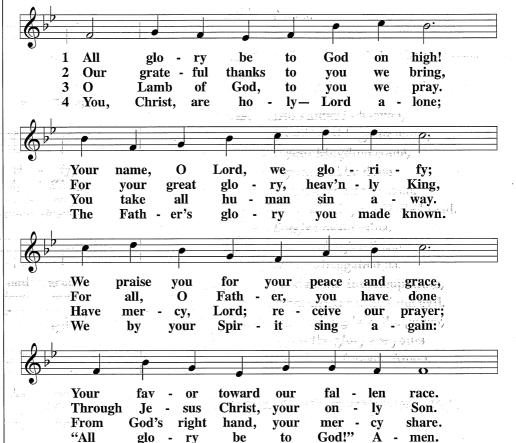
Kyrie eleison [kir-ē-ā ə-lā-ə-sän] is a Greek phrase meaning "Lord, have mercy." We have already received the mercy of God for forgiveness in Holy Absolution.

Now we ask his mercy for all other things we need for a Godpleasing spiritual life.

Tune: KOMM, GOTT SCHÖPFER [CW 177]



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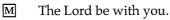
Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22

The salutation is found all through the Scriptures. The pastor stands before the congregation as Christ's servant. As the Lord's servant, he speaks God's peace to the congregation. As the congregation responds with "and also with you," they affirm his Call and

Vocation with respect and Christian love.

# The Service of the Word

# **SALUTATION**



C And also with you.

# **PRAYER OF THE DAY** — Collect

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 Amen.

Be seated.

# FIRST LESSON 14

Isaiah 42:1-7

ERE IS MY SERVANT, WHOM I UPHOLD, my chosen one in whom I delight.

I am placing my Spirit upon him.

He will bring forth the verdict for the nations.

<sup>2</sup> He will not cry out.

He will not raise his voice.

He will not make his voice heard in the street.

<sup>3</sup> A bent reed he will not break,and a dimly burning wick he will not snuff out.He will faithfully bring forth the verdict.

<sup>4</sup> He will not grow dim, and he will not be crushed until he establishes the verdict on the earth.

The coastlands will wait for his teaching.

<sup>5</sup> This is what the true God says, the LORD, who creates the heavens and stretches them out, who spreads out the earth and everything that comes out of it, who gives breath to the people upon it and life to those who walk on it.

6 "I am the LORD.

The Collect serves to prepare the congregation for the reception of the special Word of the Day, now about to be read. In it pastor and people pray for the particular grace which that Word offers and conveys.

The Servant
establishes a new
covenant to save the
nations. Jesus Christ
fulfilled this prophecy
on your behalf. He
frees you from your
sins by his
righteousness alone.

I am calling you in righteousness.

I will grasp your hand,

and I will guard you. I will appoint you to be a covenant for the people,

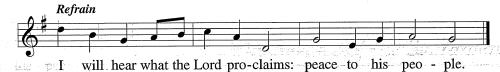
to be a light for the nations, <sup>7</sup> to open blind eyes, to bring the prisoners out of the dungeon

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

PSALM OF THE DAY

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Psalm 85 | CW p. 97



and to bring those who live in darkness out of prison.



# Refrain

You showed favor to your | land, O LORD; you restored the fortunes of | Jacob.

You forgave the iniquity of your | people and covered | all their sins.

Show us your unfailing | love, O LORD, and grant us your sal- | vation.

Refrain

from deep fears and insecurities. Rightly heeded, these fears chase us to Jesus. When we are overcome by fears, though, they threaten us with despair and unbelief. When God forgave your iniquity and covered your sin

through the death and

resurrection of Jesus Christ, he destroyed

your enemies of sin, death, and hell.

Having defeated these great enemies for you,

he will surely protect you from all other

enemies.

Many people, even Christians, suffer

I will listen to what God the | LORD will say; he promises peace to his people, | his saints.

Surely his salvation is near those who I fear him, that his glory may dwell | in our land.

Love and faithfulness meet to- | gether; righteousness and peace kiss each | other.

Glory be to the Father and 1 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

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

TOR EXAMPLE, CONSIDER YOUR CALL, BROTHERS. Not many of you were wise from a human point of view, not many were powerful, and not many were born with high status. <sup>27</sup> But God chose the foolish things of the world to put to shame those who are wise. God chose the weak things of the world to put to shame the things that are strong, <sup>28</sup> and God chose the lowly things of the world and the despised things, and the things that are not, to do away with the things that are, 29 so that no one may boast before God. 30 But because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us the wisdom from God, namely, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. <sup>31</sup> God did this so that, just as it is written, "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

"We cannot boast of many merits and works, if they are viewed apart from grace and mercy."

> - Smalcald Articles

# VERSE OF THE DAY

Please stand.









# **HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 3:13-17

- M The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter three.
- C Praise be to you, O Lord.

John at the Jordan. <sup>14</sup> But John tried to stop him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you come to me?"

<sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, because it is proper for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then John let him. <sup>16</sup> After Jesus was baptized, he immediately went up out of the water. Suddenly, the heavens were opened for him! He saw the Spirit of God, descending like a dove and landing on him, <sup>17</sup> and a voice out of the heavens said, "This is my Son, whom I love. I am well pleased with him."

Because Jesus is our substitute, we need not fear God's wrath and punishment for our sins. We are washed clean by the blood of the Lamb, who prepared the waters of Baptism for us.

M This is the Gospel of the Lord. С

Praise be to you, O Christ.

Be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

To Jordan's River Came Our Lord | CW 89

SERMON ...

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*Matthew 3:13-17* | **It has begun...** 

# APOSTLES' CREED

Please stand.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, 2 Cor. 6:18 maker of heaven and earth. Is. 51:13 I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, 1 Cor. 8:6; In. 3:18 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Lk. 1:35 born of the virgin Mary, Lk. 1:34; 2:7 suffered under Pontius Pilate, Lk. 23:16 was crucified, died, *Mt.* 27:32-61; *Mk.* 15:21-47; and was buried. Lk. 23:26-56; In. 19:16b-42 He descended into hell. 1 Pet. 3:19 The third day he rose again from the dead. 1 Cor. 15:4b He ascended into heaven Ac. 2:33-34 and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. Heb. 1:13 From there he will come to judge Mt. 25:31 the living and the dead. 2 Tim. 4:1 I believe in the Holy Spirit, Mt. 3:16-17 the holy Christian Church, Eph. 5:23 the communion of saints, Eph. 4:3-6 the forgiveness of sins, Rom. 4:6-8 the resurrection of the body, Ecc. 12:7

Upon hearing the Word preached, the congregation unites in one voice to speak a summary of the Christian faith just preached. The creeds signify our allegiance to Christian doctrine and unite us with over 2,000 years of Christian history. By repeating the creeds weekly, we equip ourselves for public witness by grounding our confession in the fundamentals of our faith.

Be seated.

and the life • everlasting. Amen.

1 Th. 4:17

Moved by God's love in Christ, by our Offering we offer him

our first and best

gifts, purely out of thanks to him. If you

are visiting with us today, please do not

feel obligated to give an offering.

ed by God's love OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Please stand.

Total

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

Brief silence.

our prayer.

M Blessed Lord, You wonderfully 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

M Holy God, the nations still live in darkness and in the despair of death. Raise up prophets who will address them with Your Word and truth, and accompany this preaching with Your Holy Spirit so that those who hear may believe. Bring to a good end all the mission work, through our own congregation here, in our district and in every place where our Synod is at work to share the Gospel. Lord, in Your mercy, C hear our prayer.

Lord of all power, all the might of man is nothing before You. We pray You to place Your blessing on all those who serve Your people in government, the police, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, disaster relief and the armed forces. Give them good and honest hearts for their service, and lead them by Your Word to know and do what is good and right for all people and in accordance with Your will. 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. (We pray especially for...) Be their companion in solitude, their healing in affliction, their deliverer from trouble and their life in death. Lord, in Your mercy,

- M 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, C hear our prayer.
- M 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.

# The Service of the Sacrament



Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22

Lamentations 3:41

Psalm 136

**PREFACE** 

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M

M The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

M Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is good and right so to do.

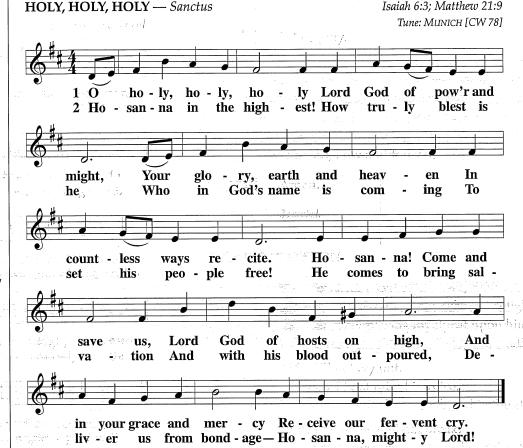
> It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for at his Baptism your voice from heaven revealed him as your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on him, confirming him to be the Christ.. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

A.D. 220, this dialogue and prayer the Lord's Supper. Each season has its own unique text (italics).

First recorded in begins the liturgy of "Sanctus" means
"holy." The body and
blood of our Lord are
present in this
Sacrament, and so we
use the words of the
angels from Isaiah 6
and of the Palm
Sunday crowds from
Matthew 21 to
acknowledge the holy
presence of God in

Take note of the intense reverence of God's holiness in this canticle. May we pray that we daily show such reverence.

this meal.



As the testaments are linked to Christ in the Service of the Word, so do we remember and give thanks for salvation history in the Church's table prayer.

# PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All glory and splendor, thanks and praise are yours, O Lord, heavenly Father. You declared Jesus your beloved Son at the Jordan River and, with your Spirit, you anointed him to be the Savior of all people. Bless our reception of your Son's body and blood that we may shine with the joy of faith. Use this most Holy Sacrament to illumine our lives and minds with Christ's forgiveness, peace, and comfort. Refresh our faith, and help us to reflect his truth and grace to the world. We ask this that you may receive

endless honor, glory, and praise from every tribe and language and people and nation.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER — Pater Noster Matthew 6:9-13: Luke 11:2-4

M Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C Our Father in heaven, and Property hallowed be your name, which 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 wus from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION — Verba

Matthew 26:26-30; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my ❖ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my • blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The Lord's Prayer, given us by Christ himself, is wonderfully and appropriately spoken here as we approach his Supper. Daily the baptized people of God pray.

The Lord's Prayer is both a prayer to pray

and a model for all

our prayers.

The words of our Lord bestow exactly what they say. In the words of consecration the Lord's Word delivers his body and blood for our forgiveness.

Though we are blessed with many good foods, no other meal gives the body and blood of Christ to sinners. For this reason, we cherish and crave this meal each time it is offered.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

disciples with his peace. The resurrected Lord is present in the

C Amen.

M

Lord is present in the Supper, and so the pastor speaks peace to us on his behalf.

During stressful times, remember the peace of Christ that you received in his Supper today.

"Agnus Dei" [ägnůs-dā-ē] means "Lamb of God," and reminds us that Jesus is the Lamb of God,

sacrificed for our forgiveness.

LAMB OF GOD — Agnus Dei

John 1:29

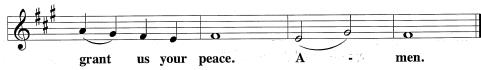


sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.









Be seated.

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#### **DISTRIBUTION**

Those who will be receiving Holy Communion today may wish to read **Personal Preparation for Holy Communion**, found on page 156 in the front section of the hymnal. This page helps us put into practice what the Bible encourages: "Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup." (1 Corinthians 11:28)

Prayer suggestions for before and after receiving the Lord's Supper can be found in the hymnal on pages 10-11 and 134-139.



Good Shepherd confesses and practices the Biblical teaching of a Closed Communion. We ask that only members of the Wisconsin Synod [WELS] or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod [ELS] join us at the Lord's Table. If you have questions concerning our communion practice, or would like to inquire about how you, too, can commune with us. please speak with the Pastor following the service.

Having received forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation, we thank the Lord for his gifts and pray that he will grant us faith to use them in love toward our neighbor.

In Numbers 6 God tells Aaron to put his name on the people of God with these words. As we began the service with the Lord's name, so we are sent out in his name.

Live each day with confidence, knowing that you have the Lord's blessing and presence with you.

This hymn not only underscores the significance of our Lord's baptism in his work of salvation but also demonstrates the intimate connection between his baptism and our own.

### POST-COMMUNION ANTIPHON & COLLECT

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. M

Psalm 107:1

And his mercy endures forever. C

M Let us pray.

> We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

С Amen.

#### BLESSING

Numbers 6:22-27

M The LORD bless you and keep you.

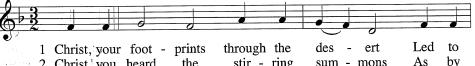
> The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look on you with favor and • give you peace.

С Amen.

Be seated.

# CLOSING HYMN

Christ, Your Footprints Through the Desert | CWS 709



- Christ, you stir - ring the sum heard from Jor dan Led at 3 Son God. the road of
- have made 118 One with 4 God, in Bap tism you







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