

# JANUARY 12, 2025 - THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Prelude - "Prelude On An English Melody" by Livingston.

Stand

## 596 All Christians Who Have Been Baptized

sts. 1, 4-6



1 All Chris-tians who have been bap-tized, Who know the God of  
4 In Bap-tism we now put on Christ— Our shame is ful-ly  
5 O Chris-tian, firm-ly hold this gift And give God thanks for-  
6 So use it well! You are made new— In Christ a new cre-



heav-en, And in whose dai-ly life is prized The name of  
cov-ered With all that He once sac-ri-ficed And free-ly  
ev-er! It gives the pow-er to up-lift In all that  
a-tion! As faith-ful Chris-tians, live and do With-in your



Christ once giv-en: Con-sid-er now what God has done, The  
for us suf-fered. For here the flood of His own blood Now  
you en-deav-or. When noth-ing else re-vives your soul, Your  
own vo-ca-tion, Un-til that day when you pos-sess His



gifts He gives to ev-'ry-one Bap-tized in-to Christ Je-sus!  
makes us ho-ly, right, and good Be-fore our heav'n-ly Fa-ther.  
Bap-tism stands and makes you whole And then in death com-pletes you.  
glo-rious robe of righ-teous-ness Be-stowed on you for-ev-er!

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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### Dialog

- P** The LORD is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear?  
**C** The LORD is the stronghold of my light – of whom shall I be afraid?
- P** Hear my voice when I call, O LORD;  
**C** be merciful to me and answer me.
- P** Teach me Your way, O LORD,  
**C** that I may walk in Your truth.
- P** Wait for the LORD;  
**C** be strong and take heart, and wait for the LORD.
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** **Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 43:1-7*

<sup>1</sup>But 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.  
<sup>2</sup>When 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.  
<sup>3</sup>For 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.  
<sup>4</sup>Because 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.  
<sup>5</sup>Fear not, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you.  
<sup>6</sup>I 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,  
<sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## 29 Give Glory to God, All You Heavenly Creatures

G Em

1 Give glo - ry to God, all you heav - en - ly crea - tures;  
2 The voice of the LORD rolls out o - ver the wa - ters;  
3 The voice of the LORD now is break - ing the ce - dars;

D G Am D

all glo - ry and pow - er be - long to the LORD!  
it thun - ders and ech - oes his glo - ry a - broad.  
he shat - ters the trees while Mount Leb - a - non quakes.

A D D7

So drop to your knees and re - spect what is ho - ly,  
The voice of the LORD is ma - jes - tic and might - y;  
God speaks: all the hills jump like an - te - lopes star - tied—

G Am G/D D7 G

be qui - et and lis - ten: the voice of the LORD!  
its pow - er re - sounds, and his crea - tures are awed.  
the voice of the LORD makes us crea - tures to shake.

5 The creatures now worship the God of all power;  
all creatures respond, "May God's glory increase."  
The LORD gives his people their strength and all blessing;  
the LORD shall encircle his people with peace.

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### Epistle

Romans 6:1–11

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his

death? <sup>4</sup>We 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.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We 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. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So 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.

*Stand*

### Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 156*

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a common time signature and contains the melody for the first line of text. The second staff continues the melody for the second line of text. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

### Holy Gospel

*Luke 3:15–22*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>15</sup>As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup>John 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. <sup>17</sup>His 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.”

<sup>18</sup>So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But 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, <sup>20</sup>added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, <sup>22</sup>and 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.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

## 405 To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

All sing sts. 1, 2, 4, 6; Women sing s. 3 and Men sing s. 5.



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The Christ, whom  
 2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The Son of  
 3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And John bap -  
 4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came God's own



heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The God from God, the  
 God in flesh dis - guised— To stand be - neath the  
 tized the Lamb of God, The Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 voice with words pro - found: "This is My Son," was



Light from Light, The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.  
 Fa - ther's will And all His righ - teous - ness ful - fill.  
 heav'n - ly dove, De - scend - ed on Him from a - bove.  
 His de - cree, "The one I love, who pleas - es Me."

5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight  
 Anointed Christ in glorious sight  
 As God's own choice, from Adam's fall  
 To save the world and free us all.

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

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## Sermon

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### Apostles' Creed

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

**And 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.**

**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.**

*Sit*

Installation of Congregational Officers - 10:30 AM Service

## 600 Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering



1 Mark how the Lamb of God's self - of - f'ring Our hu - man  
2 From this as - sur - ance of God's fa - vor Je - sus goes  
3 Grant us, O God, the strength and cour - age To live the



sin - ful - ness takes on In the birth - wa - ters of the  
to the wil - der - ness, There to en - dure a time of  
faith our lips de - clare; Bless us in our bap - tis - mal



Jor - dan As Je - sus is bap - tized by John.  
test - ing That read - ied Him to teach and bless.  
call - ing; Christ's roy - al priest-hood help us share.



Hear how the voice from heav - en thun - ders, "Lo,  
So we, by wa - ter and the Spir - it Bap -  
Turn us from ev - 'ry false al - le - giance, That



this is My be - lov - ed Son." See how in dove-like  
tized in - to Christ's min - is - try, Are of - ten led to  
we may trust in Christ a - lone: Raise up in us a



form the Spir - it De - scends on God's A - noint - ed One.  
paths of ser - vice Through maz - es of ad - ver - si - ty.  
cho - sen peo - ple Trans - formed by love to be Your own.

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*Kneel*

### Prayer of the Church

*Each petition ends:*

- P** Lord, in Your mercy:
- C** **Hear our prayer!**

### Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C** **Our Father who art in heaven,**  
**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;**  
**and lead us not into temptation,**  
**but deliver us from evil.**

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

## Collect

**A** Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

## Benediction

*LSB 166*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## 728 How Firm a Foundation

*sts. 1–3, 5*



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,  
3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose  
5 "Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;  
My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can He say than to you He has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,  
And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
Up - held - by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!  
Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne."

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**Postlude** - "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light" une by Schop, setting by Marpurg.

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