



FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY - THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 10, 2021

AS WE GATHER Today, we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. Such a day is also a good time to remember our own Baptism. In Baptism, we are buried with Christ. We are united with Him in a death like His. In Baptism, we are also raised to new life as re-creations. As we are united to Christ in death, we will also be united with Him in resurrection when He returns and raises the dead.

Another area to note, at Jesus' Baptism, God the Father speaks from heaven, revealing Jesus to be His beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descends in the form of a dove. All three persons of the Trinity make their presence known at Jesus' Baptism. All three persons of the Trinity made their presence known at our Baptism as well as we are revealed to be God's beloved children. The Lord bless your worship and reflection on His love in Baptism in His name.

† IN DOMINE JESU †

(In the Name of Jesus)

PRELUDE

WELCOME "This is the Day that the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad in it." *Ps. 118:24*

GATHERING HYMN

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

LSB 816

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's
2 E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal truth at -
3 All praise to God the Fa - ther be, All praise, e - ter - nal

praise a - rise; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
tends Thy Word. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Son, to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Through ev - 'ry land by
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and
Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore For - ev - er and for -

ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
set no more. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Genesis 1:1-2; Psalm 29:3-4

P: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

C: And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

P: And God said, "Let there be light."

C: The voice of the Lord is over the waters.

P: The voice of the Lord is powerful.

C: The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

P: The voice of the Lord reveals Jesus as His Son.

C: The voice of the Lord reveals we are His children too.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In Holy Baptism, each of us was baptized into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. In Baptism, we were united with Christ. Yet, we have often lived as if we were entirely independent and autonomous. We have lived as if our identity were not in Jesus, but in our own selfish desires. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to turn back to Him and ask for His forgiveness.

C: Heavenly Father, we confess that we are by nature sinful and have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. On account of Jesus, forgive us, renew us, and unite us to Your name.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you. In Baptism, you were united to Christ in both His death and resurrection. You were buried with Him, but also raised to walk in newness of life. 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.

C: Amen. We are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together, **Heavenly Father, at the Baptism of Jesus, You revealed Him as Your beloved Son. Unite us to Christ, that we may daily die to sin and arise to newness of life, so that we might share the truth of Your Gospel; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

† THE LIVING WORD †

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 1:1–5

(God creates the heavens and the earth.)

L: **¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.**

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Romans 6:1–11

(We are baptized into Christ's death and resurrection.)

L: **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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

VERSE

Mark 1:11b

Alleluia. You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the first chapter **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

(John testifies that he baptizes with water but the one that is mightier than he, will baptize with the Holy Spirit)

P: ⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness, and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And 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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

"To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"

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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.**

SERMON

“You were Dead in Sin’ (Past Tense)”

Romans 6:1-11

“So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.” Romans 6:11

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *after petitions, Pastor prays “Lord in your mercy” please pray, “Hear our prayer”*

(after all the petitions have been prayed, we commend all the prayers with these words)

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

† CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER †

THE LORD’S PRAYER P: In preparation for the Lord’s supper, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us: **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. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

THE PREPARATION *(please take your communion vessel in hand for our Lord’s Words of Institution)*

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and after giving thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also after supper, He took the cup, and after giving thanks He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this is My † blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of all your sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also, with you.**

ONE BODY IN CHRIST *(As brothers and sisters in Christ, as one body we communion with the invitation of the following words)*

P: Take and eat this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ given into death for all your sin.

P: Take and drink this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior shed for you for the forgiveness of all your sin.

P: The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast, in the one true faith, to life everlasting. Know that His peace, joy, love and forgiveness is yours now and forever. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray together: **We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have revealed to us Your beloved Son, Jesus. We implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through His body and blood and empower us to live as Your children; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

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 His favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

SONG OF SENDING

“What A Beautiful Name”

By: Hillsong Worship

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace and join Jesus on His mission! **C: Amen! We will! Amen!**

† SOLI DEO GLORIA †

(To God be the Glory)

THE POST SERVICE MUSIC

HOLY CROSS HAPPENINGS

January 10 – January 17, 2021

WELCOME GUESTS AND MEMBERS! Welcome to the Lord's House. God bless you as hear the Good News today of His unconditional love! Jesus promised wherever two or three are gathered in His name, His presence is there. Jesus is here! We pray and know He will bless you with faith, hope, and love for your daily life through His Word and Spirit! If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to one of our ushers or greeters.

Adult Sunday Morning Bible Class - The OT book of Nahum led by Rev. Robert Nowak continues today. 10:00 back of the sanctuary. Happy New Year!

Informal prayer time - We will continue the informal time of prayer at Holy Cross on Wednesday evenings starting @ 7:00 pm.

The Sanctuary Course - Our "Sanctuary" Class on Mental Health, (Wellness and Illness), meets today at 11 AM – 12 noon.

Voter's Meeting – Will be held Sunday, January 31, 2021 starting at 10:00 am after the 9:00 service. Please plan on attending this.

2021 Church Envelopes – There are still a few boxes of offering envelopes that have not been picked up. Please check to see if you picked up yours and any family members. Thank you for your help.

McKenna visiting Update - If interested in visiting Lohart, please call McKenna Crossing's office. Currently they have visiting on Thursday by appointment, two persons per week. Pastor and Janean visit on Wednesday however, currently because of Covid restrictions they are the only ones to visit on Wednesdays.

Holy Communion is celebrated today. Our belief and practice is Confessional. Jesus clearly teaches He is truly present in His supper in the bread and wine. We receive miraculously, in the gift of faith, His true body and blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. If this is your confession and you have been baptized and confirmed in our church body, please commune with us. If you have questions about communing, please wait to commune until receiving instruction in one of our communion classes. Thank you.

SERVING TODAY - SUNDAY JANUARY 10, 2021 9:00 am

Elder/Communion Helper:	Brit Weimer
Lector:	Pam Hunter
Ushers:	Denny Case
Acolyte:	Blake Dobberstein
AV:	Vivian Jobst
Counters:	Denny Case & Doug Schulze

SERVING NEXT WEEK – SUNDAY JANUARY 17, 2021 9:00 am

Elder/Communion Helper:	Dave Albrecht
Lector:	Carol Albrecht
Ushers:	Meg Batchelder
Acolyte:	Jonas Petrie
AV:	Eric Brown
Offering Counters:	Meg Batchelder & Michele Lein

CHURCH OFFICE REPORTS

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Contributions needed/month (General Fund): \$21,982.50

Contributions received in December \$26,108.57

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, ATTENDANCE

Worship:	42	Drive-up Communion:	3
Communion:	40	Sanctuary Class:	4
Zoom:	17	Bible Class:	13

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

Sun.	January 10	First Sunday after Epiphany Baptism
	9:00 am	Worship w/Holy Communion also via Zoom
	10:00 am	Nahum Bible Study
	10:15 am-10:45	Drive-Up Communion
	11:00 am	"Sanctuary" Class on Mental Health, Wellness & Illness Session 7
Mon.	January 11	
	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
Tue.	January 12	
	8:00 am	Men's Bible Study
Wed.	January 13	
	12:00 pm	Happenings Articles Due
	7:00 pm	Informal Time of Prayer
Thu.	January 14	
Fri.	January 15	
	9:30 am	Cleaning Crew
Sat.	January 16	
Sun.	January 17	Second Sunday of Epiphany
	9:00 am	Worship W/ Holy Communion also via Zoom
	10:00 am-11am	"Nahum" Bible Study in back of the Sanctuary
	10:15 am-10:45	Drive-Up Communion
	11:00-12 Noon	"Sanctuary" Class on Mental Health, Wellness & Illness Session 8



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