

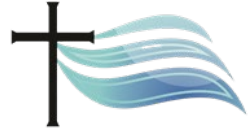
# WATER OF LIFE

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**PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL ✝ SEEK THE THIRSTY ✝ TEACH THE WORD**

**✝ Preparation ✝**

**OPENING HYMN**

*Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now*

*LSB 902*



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; Our hearts in  
2 Un - seal our lips to sing Your praise In end - less  
3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry, "O ho - ly,  
△ 4 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly



true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with  
hymns through all our days. In - crease our faith and  
ho - ly Lord Most High!" And in the light of  
Spir - it, Three in One! To You, O bless - ed



light di - vine, And let Your truth with - in us shine.  
light our minds; And set us free from doubt that blinds.  
that blest place We then shall see You face to face.  
Trin - i - ty, Be praise through-out e - ter - ni - ty!

**INVOCATION**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

*Matt. 28:19b; [18:20]*

**CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

*Psalm 124:8; 130:3-4; Luke 18:13*

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **Who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.

Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.

**C Amen.**

## † Service of the Word †

### INTROIT

*Psalms 2:7-11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a*

P Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

**C I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.**

P "Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

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

P Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

**C Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling, for his wrath is quickly kindled.**

P Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

**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.**

## KYRIE

LSB, p. 152-53

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



P For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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

**C** (*sung*) *Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:  
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:  
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.  
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

**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."

R This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING**

**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.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*(Please rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel)*

**ALLELUIA** *(sung)*

*LSB, p. 156*

*Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.*

**THE 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.**

**THE NICENE CREED**

**C 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  $\ddagger$  of the world to come. Amen.**

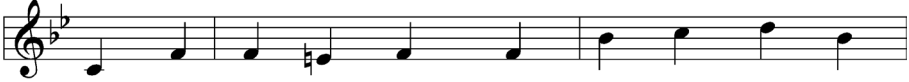
**SERMON HYMN**

*To Jordan's River Came Our Lord*

LSB 405



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

Rev. Shawn Deterding

## OFFERING

## OFFERTORY *(sung)*

LSB p. 159-60

*What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### ✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

## PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Scan the code for  
our understanding  
of the Lord's Supper



2 Tim. 4:22; Col. 3:1; Ps. 136



P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; 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 angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

LSB, p. 161

*Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for in Your great mercy You sent Your only-begotten Son so that He might exchange His righteousness for our sinful condition, obediently doing Your will, from His Baptism to His death on the cross in our place. Grant us now to receive Him in, with, and under this bread and wine, as He comes in this foretaste of the eternal feast that awaits us in heaven. Hear us now as we pray in His name and in the words He has taught us:

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

## PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C Amen.**

*Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.*

**DISTRIBUTION ~ Welcome to the Lord’s Table.** (An usher will direct you.)

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

*Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered*

LSB 404



1 Je - sus, once with sin - ners num - bered, Had no blem - ish  
2 John con - fessed Him as the Sav - ior— “Look, the sin - less  
3 This the bap - tism that our Sav - ior Great - ly longed to  
4 Je - sus, once with sin - ners num - bered, Full o - be - dience



of His own; In the wa - ters of the Jor - dan  
Lamb of God!” Yet he dared not loose the san - dals  
un - der - go; This the crim - son cleans - ing need - ed  
was Your path; You, by death, have con - se - crat - ed



His true worth and work were shown: Heav - en o - pened  
Of the One God’s love had shod. Oh, how fair the  
So the world God’s love might know; This the mis - sion  
Wa - ter in this sav - ing bath: Dy - ing to the



and the Spir - it There de - scend - ed like a  
feet of Je - sus, Bring - ing news of peace to  
of Mes - si - ah As He stepped from Jor - dan’s  
sin of Ad - am, Ris - ing to a life of



dove, As the Fa - ther’s voice re - sound - ed,  
us, Christ, the her - ald of sal - va - tion,  
stream, He, the cho - sen and a - noint - ed  
grace; We are count - ed with the righ - teous,



“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.

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**P** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**INSTALLATION OF 2025 CHURCH COUNCIL**

**BENEDICTION**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

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

**C Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

*Once in the Blest Baptismal Waters*

*LSB 598*



1 Once in the blest bap - tis - mal wa - ters I put on  
 2 His bod - y and His blood I've tak - en In His blest  
 3 And thus I live in God con - tent - ed And die with -



Christ and made Him mine; Now num - bered with God's sons and  
 Sup - per, feast di - vine; Now I shall nev - er be for -  
 out a thought of fear; My soul has to God's plans con -



daugh - ters, I share His peace and love di - vine.  
 sak - en, For I am His, and He is mine.  
 sent - ed, For through His Son my faith is clear.

*Refrain*



O God, for Je-sus' sake I pray Your peace may bless my dy-ing day.



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