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*The Baptism of  
Our Lord*



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## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

### PRELUDE

“Vom Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her”  
Prelude in C Major

Johann Pachelbel  
J.S. Bach

### WELCOME

### RITE OF BAPTISMAL RENEWAL

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

**C** Amen.

**P** 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?

**C** 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?

**C** 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?

**C** **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.**

**P** 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.**

**P** Come then, trace the sign of the cross upon you with the baptismal water, recalling your Baptism into Christ, and renewing Your pledge and promise to live in this baptismal identity and promise as long as you live.

*The congregation goes down the side aisles toward the font, starting from the outside sections of the pews, dipping their fingers in the baptismal water, making the sign of the cross and returning to their seats by the center aisle.*

**P** 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.**

**P** 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.**

## **EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

**P** The joy of growing in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ is for learners of every age in every place. It is a shared endeavor. Together let us share with one another the peace of the Lord.

# PAX DOMINI

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

**G** Amen.

*The exchange of peace is made according to local custom.*

*Stand*

**HYMN**

"All Christians Who Have Been Baptized"

**LSB 596**



1 All Chris-tians who have been bap-tized, Who know the God of  
2 You were be-fore your day of birth, In-deed, from your con-  
3 But all of that was washed a-way— Im-merged and drowned for-  
4 In Bap-tism we now put on Christ— Our shame is ful-ly



heav-en, And in whose dai-ly life is prized The name of  
cep-tion, Con-demned and lost with all the earth, None good, with-  
ev-er. The wa-ter of your Bap-tism day Re-stored a-  
cov-ered With all that He once sac-ri-ficed And free-ly



Christ once giv-en: Con-sid-er now what God has done, The  
out ex-cep-tion. For like your par-ents' flesh and blood, Turned  
gain what-ev-er Old Ad-am and his sin de-destroyed And  
for us suf-fered. For here the flood of His own blood Now



gifts He gives to ev-'ry-one Bap-tized in-to Christ Je-sus!  
in-ward from the high-est good, You con-stant-ly de-nied Him.  
all our sin-ful selves em-ployed Ac-cord-ing to our na-ture.  
makes us ho-ly, right, and good Be-fore our heav'n-ly Fa-ther.

5 O Christian, firmly hold this gift  
And give God thanks forever!  
It gives the power to uplift  
In all that you endeavor.

When nothing else revives your soul,  
Your Baptism stands and makes you  
whole  
And then in death completes you.

6 So use it well! You are made new—  
In Christ a new creation!  
As faithful Christians, live and do  
Within your own vocation,

Until that day when you possess  
His glorious robe of righteousness  
Bestowed on you forever!

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## **SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

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

**P** Let us pray. 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.

**G** **Amen.**

## **✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠**

*Sit*

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Isaiah 43:1–7*

The Word is read...

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

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

### **EPISTLE**

*Romans 6:1–11*

The Word is read...

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

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

*Stand*

### **VERSE**

*Mark 1:11b*

- P** Alleluia. You are My beloved Son;
- C** with You I am well pleased. Alleluia.

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Luke 3:15-22*

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

The Gospel is read...

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

*Sit*

**HYMN**

“To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord”

**LSB 407**



1 To Jor - dan came the Christ, our Lord, To do His Fa - ther's  
 2 O hear and mark the mes - sage well, For God Him - self has  
 3 These truths on Jor - dan's banks were shown By might - y word and  
 4 There stood the Son of God in love, His grace to us ex -



plea - sure; Bap - tized by John, the Fa - ther's Word  
 spo - ken. Let faith, not doubt, a - mong us dwell  
 won - der. The Fa - ther's voice from heav'n came down,  
 tend - ing; The Ho - ly Spir - it like a dove



Was giv - en us to trea - sure. This heav'n - ly wash - ing  
 And so re - ceive this to - ken. Our Lord here with His  
 Which we do well to pon - der: "This man is My be -  
 Up - on the scene de - scend - ing; The tri - une God as -



now shall be A cleans - ing from trans - gres - sion  
 Word en - dows Pure wa - ter, free - ly flow - ing.  
 lov - ed Son, In whom My heart has plea - sure.  
 sur - ing us, With prom - is - es com - pel - ling,



And by His blood and ag - o - ny Re - lease from death's op -  
 God's Ho - ly Spir - it here a - vows Our kin - ship while be -  
 Him you must hear, and Him a - lone, And trust in full - est  
 That in our Bap - tism He will thus A - mong us find a



pres - sion. A new life now a - waits us.  
 stow - ing The Bap - tism of His bless - ing.  
 mea - sure The word that He has spo - ken."  
 dwell - ing To com - fort and sus - tain us.

**5** To His disciples spoke the Lord,  
 "Go out to ev'ry nation,  
 And bring to them the living Word  
 And this My invitation:  
 Let ev'ryone abandon sin  
 And come in true contrition  
 To be baptized and thereby win  
 Full pardon and remission  
 And heav'nly bliss inherit."

**6** But woe to those who cast aside  
 This grace so freely given;  
 They shall in sin and shame abide  
 And to despair be driven.  
 For born in sin, their works must  
 fail,

Their striving saves them never;  
 Their pious acts do not avail,  
 And they are lost forever,  
 Eternal death their portion.

**7** All that the mortal eye beholds  
 Is water as we pour it.  
 Before the eye of faith unfolds  
 The pow'r of Jesus' merit.  
 For here it sees the crimson flood  
 To all our ills bring healing;  
 The wonders of His precious  
 blood  
 The love of God revealing,  
 Assuring His own pardon.

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## SERMON

*Stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

- P** Father, in Jordan's baptismal water, You fulfilled the word of the prophet and washed us clean to become Your own children. Grant that we may rejoice in our Savior's Baptism, which gives hope to our own Baptism and through which You now behold us as Your own people. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** You have called us by name and placed upon us Your name and Your grace; give now Your Spirit that we may hear the voice of Your Son speaking hope through the Word and believe in Him faithfully to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Embolden Your church with Your Word and gifts that we may address the world with hope of sins forgiven and death undone by the death and resurrection of our Lord and that hearing this Gospel, many may believe. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** Equip and bless all pastors and church workers and those training for church work vocations, that at home and abroad there may be faithful servants to support and care for Your people in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Guide the leaders of our nation and locality with Your Word that they may act with integrity and serve in accordance with Your will, assisting virtue, justice, and peace here and in every place. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** Give to Your people generous hearts that as richly as we have received, we may also give. Bless the tithes and offerings we bring with the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for all Your goodness. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Abide with the troubled in mind, the wounded in body, and the broken in spirit, that they may know Your presence in their hour of need and be granted healing, comfort, and peace according to Your will. [Hear us especially for . . .] Lord, in Your mercy,



**C** hear our prayer.

**A** As we approach the Table of our Lord Jesus, give us repentance and faith that what we receive upon our lips may be kept in holy hearts, believing in Your Son, Jesus Christ, and walking in the ways of goodness, righteousness, and joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Recalling John, at whose hand our Lord was baptized, and those who delivered to us the faith in Word and Sacrament, grant that we may also so faithfully pass on the witness of Your mercy and be kept in life and be faithful unto death; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

**OFFERING**

**VOLUNTARY**

"Trio"

Josef Rheinberger

*Stand*

**OFFERTORY**

"Create in Me"

LSB 956

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new  
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way  
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;  
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

### PREFACE

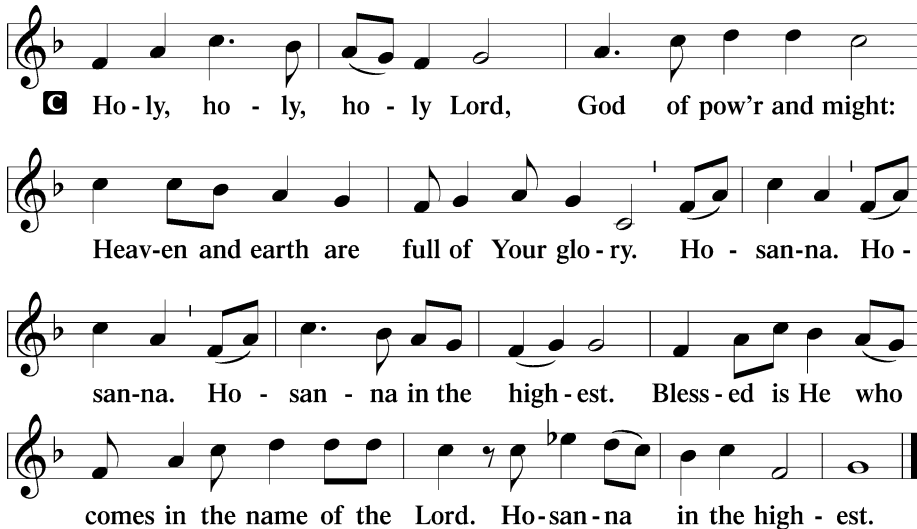
- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### PROPER PREFACE

- 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 161



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✝}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✝}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

## AGNUS DEI

LSB 163

**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.



1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap-tized  
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized  
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap-tized  
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized  
 5 There is noth - ing worth com-par - ing To this life-long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,  
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong-er:  
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,  
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness  
 com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's  
 Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y  
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the  
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in  
 E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



trea - sures man - y? I have one worth  
 con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism  
 font I've trav - eled, All your might has  
 dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance  
 waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -  
 did re - lease me In a dear for -  
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your  
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the  
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free      Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!  
 giv - ing flood,      Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?  
 tyr - an - ny,      God, my Lord, u - nites with me!  
 strength di - vine      To make life im - mor - tal mine.  
 in - to Christ;      I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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**VOLUNTARY**

“Chaconne in F Major”

Johann Pachelbel

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

LSB 165



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre-



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -



veal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL

**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.

**P** Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**C** Thanks be to God.

## 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



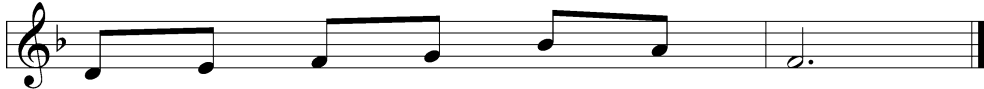
His true worth and work were shown: Heav - en o - pened  
Of the One God's love had shod. Oh, how fair the  
So the world God's love might know; This the mis - sion  
Wa - ter in this sav - ing bath: Dy - ing to the



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.

*Sit*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL

- A** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

"You Shall Go Out With Joy!"

Douglas E. Wagner

## PARTICIPATING IN THIS SERVICE

*Pastor: Richard Willsea*

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