



In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

**Mark 1:9-11**

## **THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

**JANUARY 7, 2024**

**11:00A**

**CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH, CONOVER**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation with confidence in the Words of our Lord Jesus, who gives not only bread and wine but his true body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1Cor 11:27-29). Reception of Holy Communion here at Concordia is a public confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Those who are not yet baptized, instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*We stand.*

**OPENING HYMN** “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” 394

## **INVOCATION**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the T 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 & 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.

*Silence for reflection.*

P Heavenly Father,

**C 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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

## HYMN OF PRAISE “Baptized into Your Name Most Holy” 590



1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and  
2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here You take me To be hence-forth Your  
3 My faith - ful God, You fail me nev - er; Your prom - ise sure - ly  
4 All that I am and love most dear - ly— Re - ceive it all, O



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,  
child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, here You make me  
will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er  
Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;



A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and  
 The fruit of all Your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 If words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I  
 Help me Your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I



dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.  
 com - fort me When threat - ning clouds a - round I see.  
 come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store Your child.  
 am or own Serve an - y will but Yours a - lone.

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## SALUTATION AND COLLECT 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.

**C** Amen.

*We sit.*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Genesis 1:1-5**

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## ANTHEM

“Born ‘Neath a Star”

Cynthia Gray

**EPISTLE READING**

**Romans 6:1-11**

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*We stand.*

**ALLELUIA & VERSE**

**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.

**HOLY GOSPEL**

**Mark 1:4-11**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

*After the Gospel is read:*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*We sit.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY “To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord” 405**

**SERMON** “Your Attention, Please” Pastor Michael Geml

*We stand.*

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

## **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.

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood in this Sacrament You lead us to remember all that You have done for us before we were born, to realize that You are with us today, and to await Your promised return one day to receive us into Your eternal kingdom. So remember us in Your kingdom now and teach us to pray:

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

### **PAX DOMINI**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*We sit.*

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**“Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered” 404**

**“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It” 594**

**“O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth” 834**

*We stand.*

### **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

## **BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN “God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven” 877**

## **POSTLUDE**

