

# The Baptism of Our Lord

1st Sunday after the Epiphany

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

*[Mark 1:11b]*

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**DIVINE SERVICE**      Setting One

**Hymn of Invocation**      # 406    (st. 1-4)

**Confession & Absolution**    p. 151

**Introit**

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

I will tell of the decree:

**The Lord said to me, “You are my Son; today I have  
    begotten you.**

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

You shall break them with a rod of iron  
    **and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”**

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

Serve the Lord with fear,  
    **and rejoice with trembling,**  
for his wrath is quickly kindled,  
    **Blessed are all who take refuge in him.**

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

**Kyrie**      p. 152

**Gloria in Excelsis**      p. 154

**Salutation & Collect**      p. 156

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.

**Old Testament:** Isaiah 43:1-7 (ESV)

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.

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.

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.

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.

Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you.

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, everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

**Gradual**

Praise the Lord, all nations!

**Extol him, all peoples!**

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

**and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name,

**bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

**Epistle Reading:** Romans 6:1-11 (ESV)

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

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. 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. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**“Alleluia”** p. 156

**Holy Gospel:** St. Luke 3:15-22

As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, 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. 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."

So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. 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, added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, 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."

**Apostles' Creed** p. 159

**Hymn of the Day** # 605

**Sermon** Easier Said Than Done

## **Installation of LWML Officers**

### **Prayer of the Church**

### **Offering**

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**Distribution Hymn** # 590, 562, 618

**“Thank the Lord”** p. 164

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Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion in which we joyfully receive Christ's Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public witness that we are in complete agreement with the denomination's doctrinal teachings at whose altar we commune. Therefore, we ask that only communicant members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod commune with us. All guests are asked to talk to Rev. Heller before coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament.

### **In our thoughts and prayers,**

† Our sick and recovering: Erwin Eisenbeis,  
Betty Giese, Harold Link, & Vera Ziegler.



### **Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance**

Worship: 86 Offerings: \$2,378.00

We became stewards when we were born. We became Christian stewards when we were baptized. By the marvelous working of the Holy Spirit we are equipped to live in new and different ways. May our deeds as well as our words reflect the truth that we really are the children of God!

**Welcome to worship** as Christ reveals Himself to us as the Son of God in this season of Epiphany. To save us, Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan River to have the sins of all the world washed upon Him so that He would be the sinbearer for us. At His baptism, He was anointed with the Holy Spirit to carry the guilt of our sin to the death cross. Bearing the world's sin, God proclaimed Jesus to be His Son in whom He is well pleased. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!



**Following** the gathering of our morning offerings, LWML Mites will be collected.

**Matt & Angie Mission Update:** Please join us following worship for coffee, Kool-Aid, and bars. Not only is this a good reminder to keep Matt, Angie, and family in your prayers, but we will hear a mission update of their work. There will be a free-will offering.

**Today in Sunday School** Jesus' Baptism is studied. God sent the Holy Spirit at Jesus' Baptism, announcing that Jesus was God's son. At our Baptism, God makes us His children through the work of the Holy Spirit. Let your children tell you the dramatic events of this story, and share with them that because of God's wrath and anger over sin, the people were looking for a Savior. We, too, need a Savior, for God is angry with our sin. But thanks be to God, who in His mercy makes clear at Jesus' Baptism that we need look no more, for the Savior is here!

**Bus Transportation:** The West River bus would be available for rides to Church, if there is enough interest.



The cost would be \$2.00 per trip. If you are interested in riding the bus, please talk to Blake Wiedrich, 873-4346. In the meantime, if you would like a ride to Church, please talk to Blake, Terence Schmidt, 873-4898, or Jamey Backus, 873-7673.

**2010 Contribution Envelopes** are on the table in the entryway by the outside door. If you haven't taken your new box of envelopes, please take them home with you today.



**Greeters are needed for 2009.** A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the social hall.

**Church Cancellation:** In the event that worship services or other activities need to be cancelled, especially due to weather, please check the church's website, [www.concordiabeulah.org](http://www.concordiabeulah.org). You can also call the Church for an updated voicemail message regarding cancellations. An of cancellations will also be sent to those members who have provided us an email address. Please prayerfully consider that even when worship services and activities are cancelled, the expenses of the congregation continue.



**Soup'er January:** Please join LWML in collecting soup and crackers for Women's Action Resource Center. A table is set up for your donations. Thank you.

*Please fill out a Record of Fellowship Card this morning.  
The cards should be filled out whether or not you attend  
Communion.  
Place completed cards in the collection plate.  
Thank you.*

**† This Week at Concordia †**

Today      7:30 am    Worship @ Glen Ullin  
              9:15 am    Divine Service  
   Installation of LWML Officers/  
   Mites collection  
              10:15 am    Sunday School/Mission Update/  
   Bible Class

Monday      7:00 pm    Young Women's Guild

Tuesday     1:30 pm    Naomi Guild

Wednesday 6:00 pm    Chime Practice  
              6:30 pm    Wednesday School  
              7:30 pm    Bell Practice

Thursday    1:00 pm    *Pastor @ Marian Manor, GU*

Friday -     Pastor @ Synod Meetings  
Saturday

Sunday      7:30 am    *Worship at Glen Ullin*  
              9:15 am    Divine Service  
              10:15 am    Sunday School/Bible Class

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