



The Baptism of our Lord

January 11, 2026

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: "Baptized into Your Name Most Holy" LSB 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.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: When we were baptized into God's name, we were brought into fellowship with the Holy, Triune God Himself. When we gather together in His house, in His name, we are reminded that there is nowhere on earth we belong more than in His presence, as His baptized children, praising His name, the name put upon us in water and word.

P: The name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

- L:** The Word of God teaches us that we are conceived and born sinful and would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death and everlasting condemnation.
- P:** **Almighty God, while I am Your child, I am still by nature a child of Adam and the corruption of the fall has been borne witness to through my own sinful thoughts, words and deeds of which I am ashamed and because of which I deserve everlasting condemnation; but You are the Father of all grace and mercy and You sent Your Son to atone for my sin. For His sake forgive me, restore me, lead me and guide me as Your own beloved child. Amen.**
- L:** In the goodness of God, Jesus Christ was sent to live, die and rise for you. In the stead and by the command of God, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE:

“We Know that Christ is Raised”

LSB 603

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in His sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.

Em-braced by death, He broke its fear - ful hold;
Re - born, we share with Him an Eas - ter life
The Spir - it's pow - er shakes the Church of God.

And our de - spair He turned to blaz - ing joy.
As liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.

Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Isaiah 41:1-7*

“Be silent and listen to me, you coastlands.
Let the people gain new strength.
Let them come near and speak.
Let us come together for judgment.

“Who has raised up from the east
someone to whom the LORD gives victory with every step He takes?
Nations are handed over to Him.
He defeats kings.
With His sword He turns them into dust.
With His bow He turns them into straw blown by the wind.
He chases them, marching by safely
on a path His feet have never traveled before.
Who has accomplished this?
Who has determined the course of history from the beginning?
I, the LORD, was there first, and I will be there to the end.
I am the one!”

The coastlands have seen Him and are afraid.
The ends of the earth tremble.
They have come near and gathered together.
People help their neighbors
and say to their relatives, “Be brave!”
Craftsmen encourage goldsmiths.
Metalsmiths encourage blacksmiths who work at their anvils.
They say that their soldering is good.
And they fasten things with nails so they won’t move. —GW®

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: "Zephaniah Responses, mvt. IV: Daughter of Jerusalem"

~Laura Hedstrom

Bethany Choir

BAPTISMAL LITANY (*Romans 6*)

- L:** You know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death.
- P:** **We were buried with Jesus 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.**
- L:** For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we will certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: "We Walk His Way / Ewe, Thina"

~South African; Anders Nyberg

Bethany Choir

HOLY GOSPEL: *Matthew 3:13-17*

Then Jesus appeared. He came from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. But John tried to stop Him and said, "I need to be baptized by You. Why are You coming to me?"

Jesus answered him, "This is the way it has to be now. This is the proper way to do everything that God requires of us."

Then John gave in to Him. After Jesus was baptized, He immediately came up from the water. Suddenly, the heavens were opened, and He saw the Spirit of God coming down as a dove to Him. Then a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love—my Son with whom I am pleased."—GW®

SERMON HYMN: "All Christians Who Have Been Baptized"

LSB 596



1 All Chris-tians who have been bap-tized, Who know the God of
4 In Bap-tism we now put on Christ— Our shame is ful-ly
5 O Chris-tian, firm-ly hold this gift And give God thanks for-
6 So use it well! You are made new— In Christ a new cre-



heav-en, And in whose dai-ly life is prized The name of
cov-ered With all that He once sac-ri-ficed And free-ly
ev-er! It gives the pow-er to up-lift In all that
a-tion! As faith-ful Chris-tians, live and do With-in your



Christ once giv-en: Con-sid-er now what God has done, The
for us suf-fered. For here the flood of His own blood Now
you en-deav-or. When noth-ing else re-vives your soul, Your
own vo-ca-tion, Un-til that day when you pos-sess His



gifts He gives to ev-'ry-one Bap-tized in-to Christ Je-sus!
makes us ho-ly, right, and good Be-fore our heav'n-ly Fa-ther.
Bap-tism stands and makes you whole And then in death com-pletes you.
glo-rious robe of righ-teous-ness Be-stowed on you for-ev-er!

MESSAGE



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 -



treas - ures 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!

OFFERING: *The Offering Box is located in the center aisle. If you so desire, Text Giving is now available by texting GIVE to 562-210-0463. For On-line Giving information, contact Pauline at psvolos@bethanylutheran.org or call 562-421-4711, ext. 21. Thank you!*

CONSECRATION OF GIFTS:

L: Sustain the work you have begun

P: **In these united to your Son.**

L: For in that pure baptismal flood

P: **They have been cleansed by Jesus' blood.**

L: Now take these gifts Hour people bring,

P: **Entrusted to Your keeping**

LORD'S PRAYER:

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.

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM AND HOLY COMMUNION:

L: In baptism, we were united to the suffering and death of Jesus Christ and cleansed of sin by His blood. In baptism, we were renewed and called to a life of daily repentance and faith which clings to our Savior. Today, we come to renew that faith once more. In baptism you, or your sponsor on your behalf, responded to the grace of God by renouncing the devil and all his works and all his ways. So, I ask you anew, do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

P: **Yes, I renounce them!**

L: In baptism you, or your sponsor on your behalf, responded to the call of God by proclaiming the Christian faith. So, I ask you anew, do you believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

P: **Yes, I believe that out of Fatherly, divine, goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me, God the Father has made me His own child.**

- L:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?
- P:** **Yes, I believe that Jesus is my Lord and Savior who redeemed me, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death.**
- L:** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- P:** **Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit who has called me to faith by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts and leads me to thank and praise, serve and obey the Lord; living under Him in His kingdom, serving Him with joy and remaining in His Church as long as He grants me life.**
- L:** The Almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, will strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting. Through baptism He has promised you both eternal joys and daily strength. As His baptized child He invites and calls you to remember your baptism continually, that you might daily drown the old you and rise anew to walk with Him in and through life.

***** For our 8:00 & 11:00 am worshippers, the service continues with the Procession to the Font, then resumes on the bottom of page 10 with Announcements.**

***** For our 9:30 a.m. worshippers, the service continues with the Celebration of Holy Communion:**

✠ Holy Communion ✠

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Bethany in the joyful confession that our Lord gives us His very Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins in this sacrament. God intends this gift for His children who recognize their sin, trust in Christ as their Savior, desire to live for Him alone and join in this joyful confession.

To help you prepare for communion we invite you to take a few moments of quiet prayer. For aid there are prayers on the front page of the hymnal for both before and after the reception of communion. Or simply pray, *Dear Lord Jesus, at Your gracious invitation You invite me to come to You, to eat and drink Your holy body and blood and You Yourself have promised to give in this sacrament of Your altar. Forgive me of my sin, through this Your meal of Forgiveness. Let me experience the fullness of Your love, through this Your meal of love. Strengthen my faith, through this meal of Yours that calls for and bestows faith. Empower me to live for You, through this Your meal that promises life everlasting and equips me for daily living as one who has received You and Your gifts.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

For those communing, who so desire, the center cups in each tray are **alcohol free**.
The wafers on the stand next to the pillar pulpit side (when kneeling for communion) or on the stand in front of the baptismal font (when processing for communion) are **gluten free**.

In our 9:30 a.m. service we will practice the Easter tradition of continuous communion. We will not kneel at the altar, rather we will join the procession of saints and come forward and remain standing as we receive the bread and wine. After receiving the elements, you are invited to return to your seat and continue in meditation, prayer and song.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS:

“Father Welcomes”

LSB 605

Refrain



Fa - ther wel-comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly
through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,
Life for - ev - er has been won.

1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom
2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,
3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly

is of these. Life and love I have to give,
be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve
rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,

Refrain

Mer - cy for your sin.
Shall be born a - gain.
Live in the peace of God.

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

LSB 411



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.
 Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
 When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING:

L: Go to live always in the Light of Christ, being ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

P: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN:

“Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

LSB 919



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us with Your grace
2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, A - mong us with Your Word,
3 A - bide with heav'n - ly bright - ness A - mong us, pre - cious Light;
4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings A - mong us, boun - teous Lord;



That Sa - tan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.
And thus now and here - af - ter True peace and joy af - ford.
Your truth di - rect and keep us From er - ror's gloom - y night.
Let us in grace and wis - dom Grow dai - ly through Your Word.

POSTLUDE



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SERVING GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Acolyte 8:00...Connor Clevon

Crucifer 8:00...Penelope Clevon

Crucifer 9:30...Henry Cerulle

Lector 8:00...Mike Riordan

Lector 9:30...David Akins

11:00...Katie Musick

Liturgist...Karl Fink

Preacher...Pastor Seth Moorman

Director of Music & Worship...Noah Freeman

Accompanist...Kevin Bowers

Organist 8:00 & 9:30...Robert Bottoms

Piano 11:00...Kevin Bowers

Children's Message...Kayleigh Lopez

Production...Felix Rivera, Jon Widmann



Parents of Young Children: We are so glad you and your children are here! Children are a joyful part of worship—after all, God created them with curiosity, energy, and yes, a few wiggles. Please don't feel pressure to keep them perfectly still in God's house. Their presence is truly a gift to our church family.

Worship is where we learn, together, how to listen and speak to God alongside our brothers and sisters in faith. You are welcome to quietly explain parts of the service and what our worship leaders are doing—children learn how to worship by watching and imitating you.

If it would be helpful, "worship bags" are available in the Narthex with items designed to support children and families during worship. Childcare is also available in our Nursery for children from birth through age five. Our caring and qualified staff look forward to welcoming your little one into a safe and loving environment.

Bethany's Nursery is located across the courtyard. Please feel free to ask an usher if you need directions—we're happy to help.



If You're a Visitor, WELCOME! We are so glad you have joined us for worship today. If you would like more information about Bethany and its ministries, please scan the QR code to the right. You will be directed to Bethany's fillable information form.

