

The Baptism of Our Lord

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Vision Statement

Emanuel Lutheran Church is a united and growing family of Christians joyfully dedicated to furthering God's Kingdom.



Please remember to place your offering for the work of the Lord at Emanuel in the offering plate as you leave.

THE WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Seminarian John Carpenter
Liturgist: Rev. Scott A. Zeckzer
Organist: Doug Reynolds, Director of Parish Music
Acolytes: Hayden Dambra, Brady Kurtz (8:00)
Bella Gillingham (10:30)
Elder: Wade Benjamin (5:00)
Benjamin Castens (8:00, 10:30)
Ushers: Group S3 (Jay Melcher) (5:00)
Group 5 (Mike Schultz) (8:00)
Group 6 (Don Lambert) (10:30)

† The Baptism of Our Lord †
The Order of Vespers ~ Page 229 (5:00)
The Order of Matins ~ Page 219 (8:00, 10:30)

WELCOME to those visiting us this Lord's Day. It is our joy to have you worshipping with us. We invite you to come again and worship the Lord.

FELLOWSHIP DIRECTORY ~ Everyone, please sign in! If you are a guest today, please include your address and zip code so that we may acknowledge your visit.

AS WE GATHER ~ Today is the first of the bookends that mark the Epiphany season—the Baptism of Our Lord and His Transfiguration. In common is the command from God to “listen to Him.” We begin our journey of listening to the Lord, learning from those who went before, acknowledging the revelation of the Lamb of God in baptismal water, and looking to Him, the Word made flesh. In His Baptism, our Lord was not washed because He was unclean but because we are. The Father saw the prophetic words of Isaiah fulfilled in the water of the Jordan, and He claimed Jesus as His own Son and our appointed Redeemer. “You are Mine,” said the Lord to Jesus. Because He said those words to Jesus, they are now addressed to us—the people for whom Jesus was baptized.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND RINGING OF THE BELLS

♪ **OPENING HYMN** ↓ *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* **LSB 395**

O Morning Star, how fair and bright!
You shine with God's own truth and light, aglow with grace and mercy!
Of Jacob's race, King David's son,
Our Lord and master, You have won our hearts to serve You only!
Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing!
Rule and might o'er all possessing!

Come, heav'nly Bridegroom, Light divine,
And deep within our hearts now shine; there light a flame undying!
In Your one body let us be
As living branches of a tree, Your life our lives supplying.
Now, though daily earth's deep sadness may perplex us and distress us,
Yet with heav'nly joy You bless us.

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Lord, when You look on us in love,
At once there falls from God above a ray of purest pleasure.
Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood
Refresh our souls with heav'nly food. You are our dearest treasure!
Let Your mercy warm and cheer us! O draw near us!
For You teach us God's own love through You has reached us.

Almighty Father, in Your Son
You loved us when not yet begun was this old earth's foundation!
Your Son has ransomed us in love
To live in Him here and above: this is Your great salvation.
Alleluia! Christ the living,
To us giving life forever, keeps us Yours and fails us never!

O let the harps break forth in sound!
Our joy be all with music crowned, our voices gladly blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way –
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day! His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out! Jubilation! Exultation! Tell the story!
Great is He, the King of Glory!

What joy to know, when life is past,
The Lord we love is first and last, the end and the beginning!
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
Transport us to that happy place beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! Crown of gladness!
We are yearning for the day of Your returning!

♪ **OPENING VERSICLES** – page 219 ↑

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips;

People: **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

(Psalm 51:15)

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

People: **make haste to help me, O Lord.**

(Psalm 70:1)

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.
Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.

♪ ANTIPHON – page 220 ↑ (8:00, 10:30)

Pastor: Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: **O come, let us worship Him.**

♪ VENITE ~ *O Come, Let Us Sing* – page 220 ↑ (8:00, 10:30)

People: **O come, let us sing to the Lord,**

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,

Let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.

The deep places of the earth are in His hand;

The strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, for He made it, and His hand formed the dry land.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of His pasture

And the sheep of His hand.

(Psalm 95:1-7)

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.

♪ ANTIPHON – page 221 ↑ (8:00, 10:30)

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People: **O come, let us worship Him.**

PSALM 29 ↑

Pastor: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

People: **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.**

Pastor: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters.

People: **The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

Pastor: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

People: **He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

Pastor: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

People: **The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

Pastor: The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, “Glory!”

People: **The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.**

Pastor: May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

All: **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.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING ↓

Isaiah 43:1-7 (ESV)

¹But 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.

²When 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.

³For 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.

⁴Because 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.

⁵Fear not, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east,

and from the west I will gather you.

⁶I 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,

⁷everyone who is called by my name,

whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING ↓

Romans 6:1-11 (ESV)

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We 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.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We 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. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING ↑

Luke 3:15-22 (ESV)

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John 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. ¹⁷His 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.”

¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But 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, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²²and 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.”

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORY – page 230 ↑ (5:00)

(Jeremiah 23:5a, 6)

Pastor: Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.

People: Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Pastor: Unite my heart to fear Your name that I may walk in Your truth.

People: Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

People: Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

♪ RESPONSORY – page 221 ↑ (8:00, 10:30)

(Psalm 119:89, 26:8; Luke 11:28)

Pastor: Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

**People: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house
and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Pastor: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**People: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house
and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**People: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house
and the place where Your glory dwells.**

♪ HYMN OF THE DAY ↓

To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord **LSB 405**

**To Jordan’s river came our Lord, the Christ, whom heav’nly hosts adored,
The God from God, the Light from Light, the Lord of glory, pow’r, and might.**

**The Savior came to be baptized – the Son of God in flesh disguised –
To stand beneath the Father’s will and all His righteousness fulfill.**

**As Jesus in the Jordan stood and John baptized the Lamb of God,
The Holy Spirit, heav’nly dove, descended on Him from above.**

**Then from God’s throne with thund’rous sound came God’s own voice with words
profound: “This is My Son,” was His decree, “The one I love, who pleases Me.”**

**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.**

Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute; this man is Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan's stream, proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

SERMON ↓

♪ HYMN OF PRAISE ↓ *Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered* **LSB 404**

Jesus, once with sinners numbered, had no blemish of His own;
In the waters of the Jordan His true worth and work were shown:
Heaven opened and the Spirit there descended like a dove,
As the Father's voice resounded, "Hear My Son, the One I love."

John confessed Him as the Savior – "Look, the sinless Lamb of God!"
Yet he dared not loose the sandals of the One God's love had shod.
Oh, how fair the feet of Jesus, bringing news of peace to us,
Christ, the herald of salvation, preaching mercy from the cross:

This the baptism that our Savior greatly longed to undergo;
This the crimson cleansing needed so the world God's love might know;
This the mission of Messiah as He stepped from Jordan's stream,
He, the chosen and anointed Son of God, sent to redeem.

Jesus, once with sinners numbered, full obedience was Your path;
You, by death, have consecrated water in this saving bath:
Dying to the sin of Adam, rising to a life of grace;
We are counted with the righteous, over us the cross You trace.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH ↑

♪ KYRIE – page 227 ↑

People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord have mercy. (Mark 10:47)

LORD'S PRAYER – page 227 ↑

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. (Matthew 6:9-13)

COLLECTS – page 227 ↑

Pastor: O Lord, hear my prayer.

People: **And let my cry come to You.** (Psalm 102:1)

COLLECT OF THE DAY ↑

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PEACE – page 233 ↑ (5:00)

Pastor: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR GRACE – page 228 ↑ (8:00, 10:30)

Pastor: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

♪ BENEDICAMUS ↑

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

♪ BENEDICTION ↑

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **Amen.**

♪ CLOSING HYMN ↑ *All Who Believe and Are Baptized* *LSB 601*

**All who believe and are baptized shall see the Lord's salvation;
Baptized into the death of Christ, they are a new creation.
Through Christ's redemption then shall stand among the glorious, heav'nly band
Of ev'ry tribe and nation.**

**With one accord, O God, we pray: grant us Your Holy Spirit.
Help us in our infirmity through Jesus' blood and merit.
Grant us to grow in grace each day that by this sacrament we may
Eternal life inherit.**

POSTLUDE