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## Serving Today

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**WEDNESDAY:** Pete Heyrman

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**LIVESTREAM** Emilie Pentico



## Silent Prayer Before Worship

Merciful God, You call us to follow; to turn away from selfish interests and take up our cross. Forgive our hesitation. Help us see with faith, not just human sight. Teach us to follow without fear, knowing You lead the way and make us the person You want us to be. Amen.

## Congregational Prayers

† John & Bea Beilke

† Diane Grieve

† Don & Kathy Jungwirth

† Sam Konakowitz

† Allen Kvittem

† Dorothy Kuecker

† Patricia Meyer

† Pat Swanson

† Jon Swanson

## Lectionary Summary for The Baptism of Our Lord

### ***The Lord Manifests His Glory through His Office of the Holy Ministry***

By His coming in the flesh and by His preaching and miracles, the Lord Jesus shines the light of His Gospel upon “the people who walked in darkness” and “who dwelt in a land of deep darkness” (Is. 9:2). He also has “multiplied the nation” and “increased its joy” (Is. 9:3) by calling disciples to Himself from the ends of the earth. For this purpose, He calls Peter and Andrew, with James and John, to follow Him and be “fishers of men” (Matt. 4:19). As Jesus did, they also go forth “proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people” (Matt. 4:23). They preach the foolishness of the cross of Christ as the very power and wisdom of God. This word and preaching of the cross divides “those who are perishing” from “us who are being saved” (1 Cor. 1:18), but it unites the Church, the one Body of Christ, “in the same mind and the same judgment” (1 Cor. 1:10).

## Order of Service

Divine Service 4 LSB Pg. 203

## Hymn of Invocation

## LSB 412 The People That in Darkness Sat

1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious  
 2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righ - teous - ness, The gath - 'ring  
 3 To us a Child of hope is born, To us a  
 4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Ev - er -

light have seen; The light has shined on them who long In  
 na - tions come; They joy as when the reap - ers bear Their  
 Son is giv'n, And on His shoul - der ev - er rests All  
 last - ing Lord, The Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, The

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## Stand

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## Invocation

LSB Pg. 203

**P** In the name of the Father and of the **†** Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Exhortation

LSB Pg. 203

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Kneel/Stand

## Confession of Sins

LSB Pg. 203

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

## Absolution

LSB Pg. 203

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

Stand

## Introit

Ps. 22:27-31; antiphon: Ps. 22:22

I will tell of your name to my | brothers;\*  
in the midst of the congregation I will | praise you.  
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD,\*  
and all the families of the nations shall worship be- | fore you.  
For kingship belongs | to the LORD,\*  
and he rules over the | nations.  
All the prosperous of the earth eat and | worship;\*  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep  
him- | self alive.  
Posterity shall | serve him;\*  
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming gener- | ation;  
they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people | yet unborn,\*

that he has | done it.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

I will tell of your name to my | brothers;\*

in the midst of the congregation I will | praise you.

**Kyrie**

*LSB Pg. 204*

**♪ C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

**Gloria in Excelsis**

*LSB Pg. 204*

*Text: Stephen P. Starke*

**♪ C 1 To God on high be glory**  
And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven  
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father;  
Your holy name, we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory,  
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

**2 To You, O sole-begotten,**  
The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior,  
You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus;  
Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated  
At God's right hand on high—

**3 For You alone are holy;**  
You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever,  
Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit  
Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory.  
“Amen!” our glad reply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB Pg. 205

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 9:1-4 (see insert)*

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Ps. 117:1-2a; 96:8*

Praise the LORD, all | nations!\*

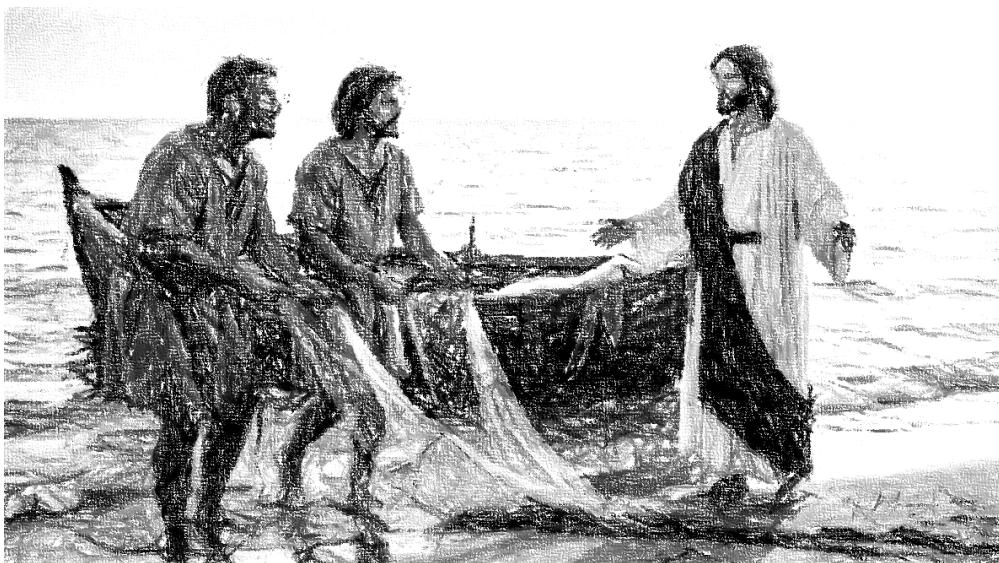
Extol him, all | peoples!

For great is his steadfast | love toward us,\*

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;\*

bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!



## Hymn

### LSB 849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

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1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet  
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered

at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,  
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons  
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious

Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the  
With the pierc - ing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool  
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and

Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing  
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this  
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us

storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.  
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

## Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:10–18 (insert)

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB Pg. 205

 **C** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Verse

LSB Pg. 205

 **C** These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia

LSB Pg. 205

 **C** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:12–25 (see insert)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.  
**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

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

Apostles' Creed

LSB Pg. 207

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And 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.

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. Amen.

Sit

## Hymn of the Day

### LSB 839 O Christ, Our True and Only Light

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.  
Tune: Andächtige Haus-Kirche, 1676, Nürnberg; Text and tune: Public domain

1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en  
2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now  
3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may  
4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the  
5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with

those who sit in night; Let those a - far now  
lost in er - ror's maze; En - light - en those whose  
find the sav - ing way! Let ev - 'ry con - science  
wan - d'rers to Your fold. U - nite all those who  
won - d'rинг thanks a - dore And end - less praise to

hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - joice.  
in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.  
sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.  
walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,  
You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

## Sermon

Stand

## Offering

## Prayer of the Church

## 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.

Sit

## Benedicamus

LSB Pg. 212

**A** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

LSB Pg. 212

**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.

## Hymn to Depart

LSB 825 *Rise, Shine, You People*

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1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
2 See how He sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent His Son to save us.



Our hu - man sto - ry; God in Him is cen - tered.  
He brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.  
Your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing.  
Tell of the Son, who life and free-dom gave us.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -  
All men and wom - en, who by guilt are  
To all the world go out and tell the  
Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry



round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.  
driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.  
sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
na - tion His new cre - a - tion.



Thank you for joining us today!  
God's Blessings on your Week!