

## Epiphany



### About the Cover

The Lord looks upon His chosen people as precious because of His love. Christ, who has always been the eternal and beloved Son of the Father, willingly passed through the waters of a Baptism of repentance that He did not need. He brings blessing through the sacred waters of our Baptism as we are joined to Him, the only Son of the Father. When the Father looks upon us, He sees Christ. Because of this, we are precious and loved in His eyes as His dear children.

## THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

### Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 43:1–7

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 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.
- 5 Fear not, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from  
the east,  
and from the west I will gather  
you.
- 6 I will say to the north, Give up,  
and to the south, Do not with  
hold;  
bring my sons from afar  
and my daughters from the end of  
the earth,
- 7 everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made.”

### Epistle: Romans 6:1–11

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

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

### Holy Gospel: Luke 3:15–22

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

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

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



You  
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and I love you

Isaiah 43:4



**THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**  
**The First Sunday after the Epiphany**  
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**Welcome to Our Visitors**

We pray all will be spiritually enriched by your visit to this "House of God." Here Christ breaks the silence that surrounds mortal man in his sin and death. Here in Christ Jesus, we hear the voice of the Eternal One, and hear the voice of the Father, and that He loves us, that He forgives us and that in the resurrection of Christ, He has made us His Children and has given us victory over death itself.

In our Worship, this Morning, we celebrate the Holy Communion. As Lutherans, we believe and teach that in the Sacrament we receive Christ's true body and blood, thus it is our duty to examine ourselves to our worthiness before reception of the Lord's Supper, (see pages 329-330 of the hymnal, Christian Questions and Their Answers). We ask that if you are not a member of our Congregation or a member of a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod congregation, that you speak to Pastor or an Elder before the Service.

**THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Liturgy – Divine Service I Pages 151-166

Ring of the Bells, Welcome, and Announcements

Opening Hymn LSB#399 The Star Proclaims the King Is Here

Invocation

Confession – Absolution Page 151

The Introit:

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

C: I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

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

C: You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

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

C: Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling,

P: For his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

C: 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.

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

The Kyrie Pages 152-153

The Gloria in Excelsis Page 154

The Salutation and Collect of the Day Page 156

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 43: 1-7 (see back of bulletin)

P: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual: (spoken by the Pastor)

The Epistle Reading: Romans 6:1-11 (see back of bulletin)

P: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

The Alleluia Verse Page 156

The Holy Gospel: Luke 3:15-22

The Hymn of the Day LSB#405 To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

The Sermon How Seriously Do You Take Your Baptism? Isaiah 43:1-7

The Nicene Creed Page 158

The Prayer of the Church Response: P: Lord, in Your mercy, C: Hear our Prayer.

The Receiving of the Offerings

The Service of Holy Communion Pages 160ff

The Distribution: Continuous Line

If you desire the Common Cup indicate to Pastor, when you receive the Host.

The Distribution Hymns LSB#404 Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered  
#618 I Come, O Savior to Thy Table

The Post-Communion Canticle Thank the Lord Page 164

The Post Communion Collect Page 166

The Benediction Page 166

Closing Hymn LSB#598 Once in the Blest Baptismal Waters

Saturday Evening Worship: 5:30 PM.

Holy Communion First and Third Saturdays

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:00 AM

Holy Communion: Second and Fourth Sundays

Sunday School 8:45 AM Adult Bible Class 9:00 AM