

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 7, 2024

PRELUDE 8:15
10:45

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, BuxWV 223
Fear to Faith

D. Buxtehude
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WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 8:15

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

LSB 395 (vv. 1-2, 5)

- 1 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!
- 2 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.
- 5 O let the harps break forth in sound! Our joy be all with music crowned,
Our voices gladly bending!
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!

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10:45

House of the Lord
This I Believe

Wickham, Smith
Fielding, Crocker

OPENING

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: We remember our Baptism with the trinitarian invocation, recalling and confessing before heaven, earth, and hell all that God has given us in our Baptism:

People: victory over death and the devil, forgiveness of sin, God's grace, the entire Christ, and the Holy Spirit with His gifts.

Pastor: How do we rightly use our Baptism?

People: We rightly use our Baptism when we live in repentance and faith in the triune God, who has made us His beloved children.
(Luther's Small Catechism w/Explanation [2017] Question 324)

CONFESSION AND GOD'S FORGIVENESS (Responsively)

Pastor: Let us so live in our baptismal grace, confessing our sins and repenting before God, trusting the Father of all mercy will confer upon us the righteousness of His Son, by the power of His Spirit.

(Brief silence for reflection on God's Word and personal confession)

Pastor: Together we confess...

People: **We are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

Pastor: "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."

People: **For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Hear the consolation of Christ: 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. 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.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE *This Is the Feast* LSB 155

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

- 1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. **Refrain**
- 2 Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. **Refrain**
- 3 Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
- 4 Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. **Refrain**
- 5 For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. **Refrain**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray... **(do not print or project)** 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.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Genesis 1:1-5

1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. **2** The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. **3** And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. **4** And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Romans 6:1-11

6 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? **2** By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? **3** Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? **4** 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. **5** 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. **6** 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. **7** For one who has died has been set free from sin. **8** Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. **9** We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. **10** For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. **11** So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 1st chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Mark 1:4–11

⁴ John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son;^[a] with you I am well pleased."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

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 where He shall 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN

Father Welcomes

*Paula Weiss
LSB 605*

Refrain: Father welcomes all His children To His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation Life forever has been won.

- 1 Little children, come to Me, For My kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give, Mercy for your sin. **Refrain**
- 2 In the water, in the Word, In His promise, be assured:
Those who are baptized and believe Shall be born again. **Refrain**
- 6 Let us daily die to sin; Let us daily rise with Him,
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord, Live in the peace of God. **Refrain**

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GOD'S MESSAGE FOR YOU

I Want to Live

Pastor Patton

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS AND SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS

Everyone, please sign the friendship pad, then pass the pad from the outside aisle to the inside aisle.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Lobe den Herren den mächtigen König

J.G. Walther

PRAISES AND PRAYERS

THE 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.

CHRIST COMES TO US IN HOLY COMMUNION

† 8:15 **THE PREFACE** (We Begin the Order of the Sacrament)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: **(do not print or project)** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

THE SANCTUS (Our God is Holy)

LSB 161

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessèd is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PAX DOMINI (We extend the Lord's Peace to one another)

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you. Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI (The Lamb of God takes away our sin)

LSB 163

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

✠ DISTRIBUTION Holy Communion is offered in individual cup format. *The lighter colored individual cups are a non-alcoholic wine.* All who believe in the special meaning of Holy Communion are invited.

Thy Body Given for Me, O Savior

LSB 619

1 Thy body, giv'n for me, O Savior, Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed,
These are my life and strength forever, By them my hungry soul is fed.

Refrain: Lord, may Thy body and thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!

2 With Thee, Lord, I am now united; I live in Thee and Thou in me.
No sorrow fills my soul, delighted It finds its only joy in Thee. **Refrain**

3 Who can condemn me now? For surely The Lord is nigh, who justifies.
No hell I fear, and thus securely With Jesus I to heaven rise. **Refrain**

4 Though death may threaten with disaster, It cannot rob me of my cheer;
For He who is of death the master With aid and comfort e'er is near. **Refrain**

5 My heart has now become Thy dwelling, O blessèd, holy Trinity.
With angels I, Thy praises telling, Shall live in joy eternally. **Refrain**

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To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

LSB 405

- 1 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.
- 2 The Savior came to be baptized – The Son of God in flesh disguised –
To stand beneath the Father's will And all righteousness fulfill.
- 3 As Jesus in the Jordan stood And John baptized the Lamb of God,
The Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove, Descended on Him from above.
- 4 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."
- 5 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.
- 6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute; This man is Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan's stream, Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

LSB 411

- 1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain: In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

- 2 I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path. And show me the way to the Father. **Refrain**
- 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, We shall know the joy of Jesus. **Refrain**

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10:45***Come to the River
Goodness of God***

*Brown, Barrett, Moore, Dalton
Johnson, Cash, Ingram, Fielding, Johnson*

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE***Nunc Dimittis***

LSB 165

Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:
A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.
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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(Responsively)*

Pastor: We give thanks to You, gracious Lord, who called and claimed as Your own in Baptism,

People: we have been blessed together in fellowship at Your Table and filled by Your grace with sins forgiven.

Pastor: Nourish our faith continually as we depart this place with peace,

People: and enable us to walk in newness of life until we are called to dwell eternally with You;

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN 8:15***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty****LSB 790 (vv. 1, 3, 5)*

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade you.
- 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!

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10:45***Thy Strong Word****Franzmann***POSTLUDE*****Toccata in e minor****J. Pachelbel*