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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

(Series B)

AS WE GATHER

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. At Jesus' Baptism, God the Father speaks from heaven, revealing Jesus to be His beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descends in the form of a dove. All three persons of the Trinity make their presence known at Jesus' Baptism. All three persons of the Trinity made their presence known at our Baptism as well as we are revealed to be God's beloved children.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

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. *Romans 6:4*

PRELUDE

Please use this time to prayerfully prepare your hearts to enter into the presence of Jesus.

✠ A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE ✠

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESERVICE - "Jesus, You are Lord" Romans 10:12

- 1, 2 Jesus, You are Lord, Jesus You are holy
 Jesus, You are Lord, Jesus You are holy
- 3, 5, 6 And I praise Your name, and I praise Your name
 For You are Lord, You are Lord
- 4 Jesus, precious Lord, send Your Holy Spirit
 Jesus, precious Lord, send Your Holy Spirit
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Stand

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

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

- P** In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth
C **And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.**

- P** And God said, "Let there be light."
C **The voice of the Lord is over the waters.**

- P** The voice of the Lord is powerful.
C **The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

- P** The voice of the Lord reveals Jesus as His Son.
C **The voice of the Lord reveals we are His children too.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In Holy Baptism, each of us was baptized into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. In Baptism, we were united with Christ. Yet, we have often lived as if we were entirely independent and autonomous. We have lived as if our identity were not in Jesus, but in our own selfish desires. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to turn back to Him and ask for His forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

P Heavenly Father,

C **we confess that we are by nature sinful and have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. On account of Jesus, forgive us, renew us, and unite us to Your name.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you. In Baptism, you were united to Christ in both His death and resurrection. You were buried with Him, but also raised to walk in newness of life. 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. We are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, at the Baptism of Jesus, You revealed Him as Your beloved Son. Unite us to Christ, that we may daily die to sin and arise to newness of life, so that we might share the truth of Your Gospel; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

APOSTLES' CREED

- P** God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
- 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

OPENING SONG - "Thy Word" Psalm 119:105

1, 3, 5 Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path

2 When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near
Please be near me to the end

4 I will not forget Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide, hold me to Your side
And I will love You to the end

6 And a light unto my path, and a light unto my path

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 1:1-5

(God creates the heavens and the earth.)

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The 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.

³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 29; antiphon: v. 3

- L** ³The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
C **the God of glory thunders,**
 the LORD, over many waters.
- L** ¹Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
C **ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.**
- L** ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
C **worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**
- L** ³The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
C **the God of glory thunders,**
 the LORD, over many waters.
- L** ⁴The voice of the LORD is powerful;
C **the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**
- L** ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
C **the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.**
- L** ⁶He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,
C **and Sirion like a young wild ox.**
- L** ⁷The voice of the LORD
C **flashes forth flames of fire.**
- L** ⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
C **the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- L** ⁹The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth
and strips the forests bare,
C **and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"**

L ¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
C **the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

L ¹¹May the LORD give strength to his people!
C **May the LORD bless his people with peace!**

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.**

L ³The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
C **the God of glory thunders,
 the LORD, over many waters.**

EPISTLE

Romans 6:1-11

(We are baptized into Christ's death and resurrection.)

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.

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

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Mark 1:11b

- P** Alleluia. You are My beloved Son;
C with You I am well pleased. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

(Jesus is baptized by John.)

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord**

⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And 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. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And 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. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

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

Sit

LAMB'S MESSAGE

SERMON

OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

1. **Offering plates** are available in the narthex as you exit.
2. Please **send** your offerings to
St. Luke's Lutheran Church
4801 Anderson Avenue
Manhattan, KS 66503
3. Give through our **website**:
<https://stlukesmanhattan.org/about-us/financial-support/>
4. **Electronic Funds Transfer** - Sign up through the church office.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: Mark 1:7 – “And (John) 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.’ ” John is right. Jesus is immensely greater than any of us yet behold how He came to serve! That is the upside down, outlandish grace of God. The innocent Jesus takes our sinner's place. This is the greatest act of giving the world has ever known or will know. The Father gives His Son to die in the place of sinners.

POST-SERMON SONG - “I Exalt Thee” Psalm 97:9

- 1, 2 For Thou, O Lord, art high above all the earth
Thou art exalted far above all gods
For Thou, O Lord, art high above all the earth
Thou art exalted far above all gods
I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, O Lord
I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, O Lord

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Dear heavenly Father, in the Jordan River, You revealed Jesus to be Your beloved Son. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

C **reveal Your grace to us.**

P Lord, strengthen all those who have been baptized, especially those who have been baptized recently, with Your heavenly protection. Lead them to find their true identity in You as Your beloved sons and daughters. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

C **reveal Your grace to us.**

P Lord, comfort all those who are suffering in grief, [*especially . . .*]. Console them with the sure and certain hope that just as we have been united with Christ in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

C **reveal Your grace to us.**

P Lord, give courage to all those who live in conflict with their family members, especially regarding differences of faith. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

C **reveal Your grace to us.**

P Lord, bless all pastors, church planters, missionaries, and servants in Your Church who proclaim Your Word and administer Your Sacraments. Embolden them to seek and to save the lost and bring those who have strayed back into Your family. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

C **reveal Your grace to us.**

P Lord, place Your healing hand upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [especially . . .]. Have mercy upon them, and lead them on the path to health according to Your will. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

C reveal Your grace to us.

P Lord, we commend all these things to You in the name of Your beloved Son, Jesus. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

C reveal Your grace to us.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

BENEDICTION

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.**

CLOSING - "Because I'm Forgiven"

- 1 There's a reason why I bring You this simple offering
 Pouring out my love to You
 Though my heart cannot express all this joy and gratefulness
 Still I sing this song of love and thanks and praise
- 2, 5, 8 It's because I'm forgiven
 It's because I am free
 It's because You've shown me mercy and You believed in me
- 3, 6, 7 It's because You are my Savior
 It's because You are my friend
 And Your love it lifts me higher than I've ever been
- 4 Oh the wonder of Your ways, oh the measure of Your grace
 Greater than my heart can know
 So how could I not celebrate, how could I not bless Your name
 Singing out a song of love and thanks and praise
- 9, 10 It's because I'm forgiven
 It's because I am free
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