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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

(Series C)

WELCOME

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, office@stlukesmanhattan.org, or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

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 the prophet Isaiah comes a voice of comfort to a troubled Judah. By these words, the Lord reminds us that despite the circumstances of the moment, the faithful are beloved in the eyes of the Lord—a love made profoundly manifest in the gift of His own Son to die that we might live and to live that we might never die.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

There stood the Son of God in love,
His grace to us extending;
The Holy Spirit like a dove
Upon the scene descending;
The triune God assuring us,
With promises compelling,
That in our Baptism He will thus
Among us find a dwelling
To comfort and sustain us. *LSB 406:4*

PRELUDE

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

✠ A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE ✠

WELCOME

PRESERVICE - "I Love Your Grace" Romans 5:21

1, 2, 4, 6 I love Your grace, I love Your mercy
I love the way You help me when I call
I love Your truth, I love the power of Your name
But You know I love Your presence most of all

3, 5 My soul takes refuge in the shadow of Your wings
Close to You is where I want to be
You are my strength, You are my God, You are my King
And all I want is what You want for me

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Stand

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

RITE OF BAPTISMAL RENEWAL

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Dear friends, we were buried into Christ by Baptism into His death and raised with Him to newness of life. I call upon you to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced the devil and all his works and ways and were made members of the Holy Christian Church. Do you renounce the devil?

C Yes, I renounce him.

P Do you renounce all his works?

C Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you renounce all his ways?

C Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

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

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

C **Yes, I believe 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.**

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C **Yes, 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.**

P Is it your purpose to continue steadfast in this faith and in the promise of Your Baptism and, as a member of the church, to be diligent in the use of the means of grace and prayer?

C **Yes, with the help of God.**

P Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.

C **Amen.**

P May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

P Lord, have mercy,

C **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

Sit

OPENING SONG - "Who You Say I Am"

1 Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?
I was lost, but He brought me in
Oh His love for me, oh His love for me

2, 4, 8, 11 Who the Son sets free
Oh, is free indeed
I'm a child of God, yes, I am

3 Free at last, He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin Jesus died for me
Yes, He died for me

5, 9, 12 In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God, yes, I am

6 I am chosen, not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me
I am who You say I am

7, 10 I am chosen, not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me
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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

("I have called you by name, you are Mine.")

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.”

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

(Buried and raised with Christ in Baptism, we walk in newness of life.)

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

Luke 3:15-22

(Jesus is baptized in the Jordan River by John.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

G **Glory to You, O Lord**

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."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ**

Sit

LAMB'S MESSAGE

SERMON

VOTUM

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

G **Amen.**

OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

1. Please **send** your offerings to
St. Luke's Lutheran Church
4801 Anderson Avenue
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2. **Electronic Funds Transfer** - Sign up through the church office.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: Luke 3:21 – “Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying ...” We know why the people were baptized, but why was Jesus baptized? He didn't need repentance or forgiveness. The answer is that He did it for us. The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. The whole of Jesus' life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us. With our righteousness fulfilled in Jesus and given to us in Baptism, our hearts now overflow with thanksgiving and praise.

OFFERTORY - "Beautiful Savior" Revelation 4:11

- 1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation
Son of God and son of man
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown

- 2 Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands
Robed in flowers of blooming spring
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing

- 3 Fair is the sunshine, fairer is the moonlight
Bright the sparkling stars on high
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky

- 4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations
Son of God and son of man
Glory and honor, praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine
Now and forevermore be Thine

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Stand

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.

Silence for prayer and meditation.

P Father, in Jordan's baptismal water, You fulfilled the word of the prophet and washed us clean to become Your own children. Grant that we may rejoice in our Savior's Baptism, which gives hope to our own Baptism and through which You now behold us as Your own people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P You have called us by name and placed upon us Your name and Your grace; give now Your Spirit that we may hear the voice of Your Son speaking hope through the Word and believe in Him faithfully to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Embolden Your church with Your Word and gifts that we may address the world with hope of sins forgiven and death undone by the death and resurrection of our Lord and that hearing this Gospel, many may believe. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Equip and bless all pastors and church workers and those training for church work vocations, that at home and abroad there may be faithful servants to support and care for Your people in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Guide the leaders of our nation and locality with Your Word that they may act with integrity and serve in accordance with Your will, assisting virtue, justice, and peace here and in every place. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give to Your people generous hearts that as richly as we have received, we may also give. Bless the tithes and offerings we bring with the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for all Your goodness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Abide with the troubled in mind, the wounded in body, and the broken in spirit, that they may know Your presence in their hour of need and be granted healing, comfort, and peace according to Your will. [*Hear us especially for . . .*] Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

Additional petitions may be included here.

- P** Recalling John, at whose hand our Lord was baptized, and those who delivered to us the faith in Word and Sacrament, grant that we may also so faithfully pass on the witness of Your mercy and be kept in life and be faithful unto death; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

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.**

CONCLUDING COLLECT

P Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C 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 - "Praise to the Lord"

- 1 Praise to the Lord the Almighty the King of creation
O my soul praise Him for He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near
Join me in glad adoration
- 2 Praise to the Lord who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth
Shelters thee under His wings, yes so gently sustaineth
Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath 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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