



**St. Luke's  
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*Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.*

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**THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

**(Series A)**

## **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](mailto: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**

All people are descendants of the first man, Adam. After the worldwide flood of God's judgment of sin, Noah and his sons became the progenitors of all mankind. It was of the lineage of Shem (Genesis 11) that the man Abram was born. The descendants of Abram/Abraham were named Hebrews or Jews, after Judah, one of Jacob's sons; this naming pertained to all of Israel after the Babylonian exile. To this day, they are referred to as God's "chosen people" after the words of Moses: "For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for His treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth" (Deuteronomy 7:6). They were chosen to be the lineage of the Messiah, the deliverer, the Christ. Faithful to His promise, God took on flesh "of the house and lineage of David" (Luke 2:4) as the incarnate Son of God and Son of Mary of Nazareth.

Today we hear that divine promise in Isaiah 42, identifying Jesus as God's chosen servant. From the beginning, however, we are told He is not only to be King of the Jews alone but a light to lighten the Gentiles also. The great news is that He is the Savior of and for all people, the descendants not only of Abraham but also of Adam and Noah! By repentance of sin and faith in Christ, worked by the same Spirit that marked Jesus as the chosen one at His Baptism, now all who are baptized into Christ—Jew or Gentile—are the chosen people of God. Praising and thanking God for calling and saving us, we echo the Gospel to all people in the words of the Psalm: "Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples!" (Psalm 117:1).

## IMAGE ON THE COVER

Behold My servant, whom I uphold, My chosen, in whom My soul delights; I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations. *Isaiah 42:1*

## 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 - “Let the Walls Fall Down” Ephesians 2:14

1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 Let the walls fall down, let the walls fall down  
Let the walls fall down  
By His love let the walls fall down

3 One by one, we’re drawn together  
One by one, to Jesus’ side  
One in Him, we’ll live forever  
Strangers He has reconciled

6 In His love, no walls between us  
In His love, a common ground  
Kneeling at the cross of Jesus  
All our pride comes tumbling down

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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.

## CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTION

**P** Jesus Christ is God's chosen one, who came and who comes again today to call everyone to salvation from sin and death and who makes all who are baptized in His name to be the chosen sons and daughters of God. Marked by the sacred waters of Holy Baptism, let us receive God's assurance and promise of forgiveness.

**C** Almighty God, our dear Father in heaven, in Holy Baptism You have marked us with the sign of the holy cross upon our foreheads and upon our hearts to mark us as people of Your choosing to be redeemed by Christ the crucified. Open our eyes to Your light of freedom and forgiveness and to Your calling of us to be Your own chosen people of Your eternal kingdom.

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

**C** Amen.

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

**P** Lord, have mercy,

**C** Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

## SALUTATION

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, this day we rejoice in the anointing of the Son of God at His Baptism in the Jordan River to be Your chosen deliverer, Your Spirit-marked servant. Grant that the light of Your salvation through Him enlighten all people today, calling everyone through the waters of Holy Baptism to be Your chosen people for eternity; through the same Jesus Christ, 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  $\ddagger$  everlasting. Amen.**

*Sit*

**OPENING SONG - “Revelation Song”**

1, 2      Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
              Holy, holy is He  
              Sing a new song to Him who sits on  
              Heaven's mercy seat

3, 5, 8, 9    Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty  
              Who was, and is, and is to come  
              With all creation I sing: praise to the King of Kings  
              You are my everything, and I will adore You

4            Clothed in rainbows of living color  
              Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder  
              Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be  
              To You the only wise King

6, 10        Holy, holy  
              You are holy

7            Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder  
              At the mention of Your name  
              Jesus, Your name is power, breath, and living water  
              Such a marvelous mystery

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## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 42:1-9*

*(The Lord's chosen servant.)*

<sup>1</sup>Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my Spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

<sup>2</sup>He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;

<sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

<sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be discouraged  
till he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his law.

<sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people on it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:

<sup>6</sup>"I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;  
I will take you by the hand and keep you;  
I will give you as a covenant for the people,  
a light for the nations,  
<sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

<sup>8</sup>I am the LORD; that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to carved idols.

<sup>9</sup>Behold, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth  
I tell you of them."

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

**PSALM**

*Psalm 29; antiphon: v. 3*

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

**L** <sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
**C** **ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.**

**L** <sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
**C** **worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

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

**L** <sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
**C** **the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

**L** <sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
**C** **the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.**

**L** <sup>6</sup>He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,  
**C** **and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

**L** <sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD  
**C** **flashes forth flames of fire.**

**L** <sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
**C** **the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

**L** <sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth  
and strips the forests bare,  
**C** **and in his temple all cry, “Glory!”**

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

**L** <sup>11</sup>May 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.**

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**C** **the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD, over many waters.**

## EPISTLE

*Romans 6:1-11*

*(Dead to sin, alive to God.)*

<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.

**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

*Matthew 3:13-17*

*(The Baptism of Jesus.)*

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

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, “*Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.*” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup>and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** **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.  
**C** **Amen.**

## OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

1. Please **send** your offerings to  
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2. **Electronic Funds Transfer** - Sign up through the church office.

**STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE:** **Matthew 3:15** – “**But Jesus answered him, ‘Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.’**” The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. Here, Jesus plunges Himself into our sins and soaks them up in His Baptism, so that in our Baptism we might be cleansed and renewed. 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.

## OFFERTORY - “Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down” Psalm 95:6-7

1, 3      Come, let us worship and bow down  
             Let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker  
             Come, let us worship and bow down  
             Let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker

2, 4, 5     For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture  
             And the sheep of His hand, just the sheep of His hand  
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*Stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** All glory and praise to You, O God, for You have created all mankind in Your image to live in Your love and fellowship forever in Your eternal kingdom. By Your design, You have defeated the devil and the power of sin and death by the sacrifice of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. He became Your chosen one in His Baptism in the waters of the Jordan River and by Your Holy Spirit, in order that all who are baptized in His name and by the same Spirit may be restored to newness of life as Your chosen sons and daughters. Help us to extend the same invitation of Your mercy and grace to all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Grant that Your church be guided in true faith and worship by faithful pastors and shepherds of Your flock, that we may sing Your praises joyfully now and in eternity. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Help us to live with integrity as people of Your own possession, guarding us from all evil and leading us safely in the ways of Your good and gracious will. Give to all in the authority of government a desire for good order to the promotion of freedom and faithfulness to the ways of peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** To all who are yet enslaved by the darkness of sin and separation from You, cause the light of Your salvation to break forth that many may hear of Your deliverance and the hope of life and love by faith in the Savior and be drawn by the Spirit to Your covenant of Holy Baptism. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Grant healing and relief to all who are sick, homebound, or in any need or distress, that they may know the power of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We remember all the saints who have gone before us, [*especially . . .*]. Give us a heart of wisdom that when our last hour comes, we are granted a blessed end in the life of the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, 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.

## GREET ONE ANOTHER

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “The Lord be with you,” “Peace be with you,” or “The peace of the Lord be with you”.*

## **CLOSING - “Flawless”**

- 1 There's got to be more than going back and forth  
From doing right to doing wrong  
'Cause we were taught that's who we are  
Come on, get in line right behind me  
You along with everybody  
Thinking there's worth in what you do
- 2 Then like a hero who takes the stage when we're  
On the edge of our seats saying it's too late  
Well, let me introduce you to amazing grace
- 3 No matter the bumps, no matter the bruises
- 5, 8 No matter the scars, still the truth is  
The cross has made, the cross has made you flawless  
No matter the hurt or how deep the wound is  
No matter the pain still the truth is  
The cross has made, the cross has made you flawless
- 4 Could it possibly be we simply can't believe  
That this unconditional kind of love would be enough to  
Take a filthy wretch like this and wrap 'em up in righteousness  
That's exactly what He did
- 6 Take a breath smile and say  
Right here, right now I'm ok because  
The cross was enough
- 7 Then like a hero who takes the stage when we're  
On the edge of our seats saying it's too late  
Well, let me introduce you to grace, grace, God's grace
- 9 No matter what they say  
Or what you think you are  
The day He called your name He made you flawless  
He made you flawless

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