

Baptism of Our Lord



Messiah Lutheran Church
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To our Guests: Welcome!

Worship Patterns in Pandemic Days

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God be praised for every person here this morning and for all who are participating remotely in this worship service. The Holy Spirit of God gathers us together as one. May each of us be strengthened through his word and promise in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Current Worship Protocols at Messiah

The worst of the Covid-19 pandemic seems to be behind us. Even so the virus lingers on. Some of us feel more threatened by it than others do. With this in mind, please note these protocols for our time together--

- We continue to encourage sensible social distancing.
- Masks are optional. Wear one or not as you prefer.
- All pews are available for seating. Please be sensitive to the comfort levels of the people near you.
- Singing is permitted.
- At the sharing of the Peace feel free to greet each other with handshakes, though again with sensitivity to any who would prefer to wave or nod.
- At communion we will continue to use the pouring chalice and individual cups. The pastors and servers will make sure to sanitize their hands before distributing the sacrament.
- In all that we do, let's make it our aim to love each other as Christ has loved us all.

Introduction to The Day

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

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January 8, 8:30 & 11 am

*The congregation is invited to participate at the places marked with **bold** type*

Prelude

“To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord,” Buxtehude

Entrance

Stand as the cross enters from the side door

Remembrance of Baptism (11 only)

Stand as you are able

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

C Amen.

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

P Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

P We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

P To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

Gathering Hymn

“Baptized in Water,” #456

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Holy Baptism (8:30 only)

Hymn of Praise (11 only)



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al - mighty God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



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2 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of



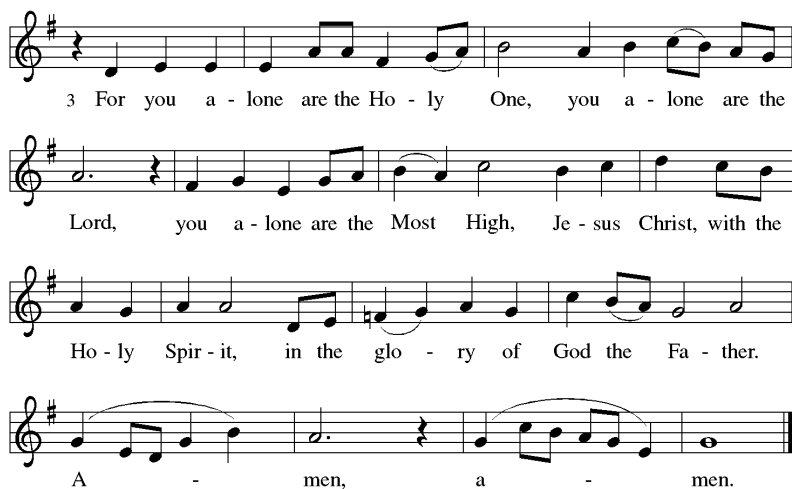
God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Prayer of the Day

See Today's Readings insert

Sit

The Word of God

First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

See Today's Readings insert

The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Acts 10:34-43
See Today's Readings insert

The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation

Choir/ Cantor Sings Refrain; then All Refrain



Cantor: *A voice from heaven said, "This is my son, the Beloved,
With whom I am well pleased." Matt. 3:17*

All repeat: *"Alleluia"*

Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17
See Today's Readings insert

At the announcement of the Gospel:

C Glory to you, O Lord.

After the Gospel is read

The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be seated

Sermon

Pastor Bridger

Stand as you are able

Hymn of the Day

"When Jesus Came to Jordan," #305

Installation of Church Council (8:30 only)

Apostles' Creed (11 only)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayer of the Church

After each portion of the prayers:

A Lord, in your mercy. . .

C Hear our prayer

Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Greet those around you with these or similar words

You may be seated

Music at the Offering

“I’m Goin’ On a Journey,” Arr. Mark Hayes

8:30 Choir

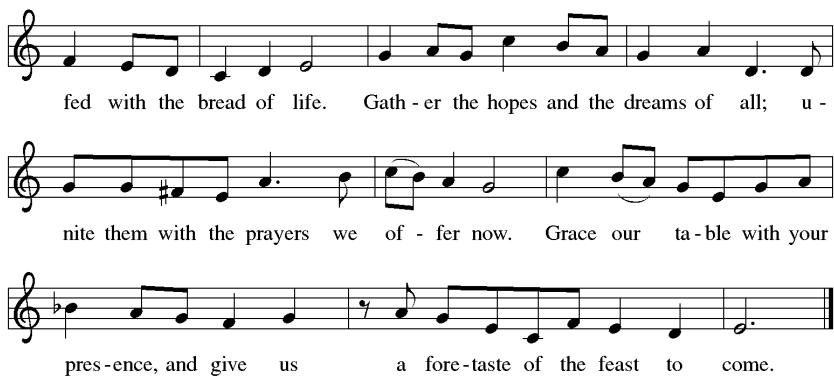
Offertory

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of

bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be

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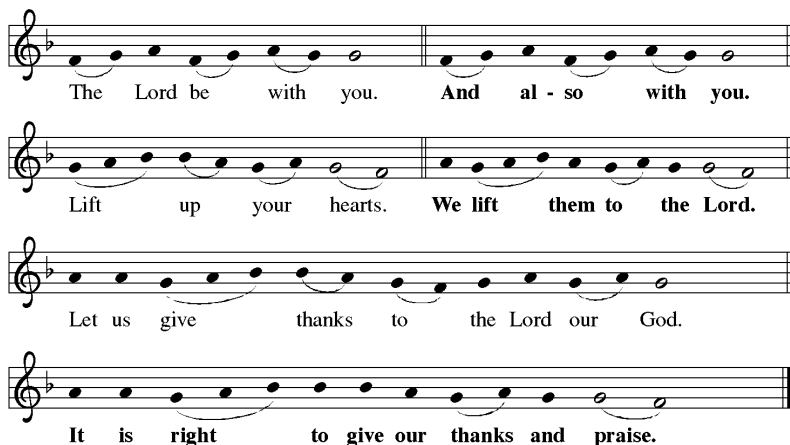
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A Let us pray. God of abundance,

C receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

The Lord's Supper

Great Thanksgiving



P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy. . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Holy, mighty and merciful Lord. . now and forever.

C Amen.

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

You may be seated

Communion

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



Communion

“Wade in the Water,” ELW 459

“Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized,” ELW 304

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

A Let us pray. God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Sending

Blessing

P Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“Lord Now You Let Your Servant”



♩ Lord, now you let your ser-vant go in peace; your word has been ful-filled.

My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the

sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re-veal you to the

na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Psalm XIX,” Marcello

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Serving Today

Preaching Minister – Pastor Bridger

Presiding Minister – Pastor Krebill

Assisting Ministers – Chris Neumann (8:30); Janice Snyder (11)

Communion Assistant – Mike Thiel (11)

Acolytes – Paige Neumann (8:30); Leroy Russ (11)

Messiah Choir (8:30) – Directed by Linda Kempke

Cantor – Dale Mortensen (11)

Organist – Linda Kempke

Deacons – Ray Durban (8:30); Amy & Mark Hunger (11)

Ushers – Ed Kus (8:30); Frank & Karen Beodray (11)

Altar Guild – Marilyn Edwards, Ruth Mortensen

In Our Prayers

For the Light of Christ to shine brightly this Epiphany through the lives of
Messiah

For places to serve and meaningful ways to contribute in the larger society

In celebration of Holy Baptism with Halynn Rebekah Gill

For the ill: Jane Hegg, Donna Barth (sister of Kim Patton), Andrew
Boraggina, David Fischer, Jane Hegg, Marc Heidmann, Sue Nerlinger, Steve
Ruetschi, Bill Russell, others recovering from surgeries and medical
procedures

This Week's Commemorations

Jan. 13—GEORGE FOX., d. 1691, founder of the Society of Friends
(Quakers).

God's Word for Next Week

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 40:1-11, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, John 1:29-42

We encourage you to read the lessons as part of your preparation for divine services.

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