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# The Baptism of Our Lord Sunday

## January 8, 2023

### The Preservice Music, The Call to Worship & Welcome

#### Hymn of Invocation: 598 Once in the Blest Baptismal Waters

1 Once in the blest bap - tis - mal wa - ters I put on  
2 His bod - y and His blood I've tak - en In His blest  
3 And thus I live in God con - tent - ed And die with -

Christ and made Him mine; Now num - bered with God's sons and  
Sup - per, feast di - vine; Now I shall nev - er be for -  
out a thought of fear; My soul has to God's plans con -

daugh - ters, I share His peace and love di - vine.  
sak - en, For I am His, and He is mine.  
sent - ed, For through His Son my faith is clear.

*Refrain*  
O God, for Je - sus' sake I pray Your peace may bless my dy - ing day.

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### Remembering, Repenting, and Rejoicing in our Baptism

- P** Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, “*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*” In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, “*Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.*” And the apostle Peter has written, “*Baptism now saves you.*”

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own.

When we were baptized in the name of the triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – our pastor traced the sign of the holy cross both upon our ✠ forehead and upon our ✠ heart to mark us as people redeemed by Christ the crucified.

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would continue to behold us according to Your boundless mercy and bless us with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through the saving flood of our baptism all sin in us, which has been inherited from Adam and which we ourselves commit, would be drowned and die. Grant that we be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, we remain worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** May the Lord preserve our coming in and our going out from this time forth and even † forevermore.

**C** Amen.

## **Our Baptismal Creedal Statement**

**P** Do you renounce the devil?

**R** *Yes, I renounce him.*

**P** Do you renounce all his works?

**R** *Yes, I renounce them.*

**P** Do you renounce all his ways?

**R** *Yes, I renounce them.*

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you 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?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you 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?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Sisters and brothers in Christ, you were baptized in the saving name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Therefore, be assured of this Good News: 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. May He continue to strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

**C** Amen.

**P** Peace † be with you.

**C** Amen.

## +Service of the Word+

### Introit

*Psalm 2:7-11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a*



Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,\*  
my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

I will tell of | the decree:\*

The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I  
have be- | gotten you.

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your  
| heritage,\*

and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.

You shall break them with a | rod of iron\*

and dash them in pieces like a potter's | vessel."

Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;\*

be warned, O rulers | of the earth.

Serve the | LORD with fear,\*

and rejoice with | trembling,

for his wrath is quickly | kindled.\*

Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

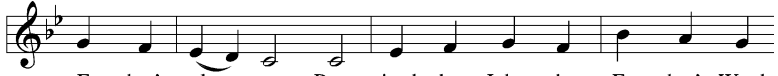
Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,\*

my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

# A Hymn: 406 To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord



1 To    Jor - dan came the Christ, our Lord,    To do His  
2 O    hear and mark the mes - sage well,    For God Him -  
5 To    His dis - ci - ples spoke the Lord,    "Go out to  
6 But woe to those who cast a - side This grace so  
7 All that the mor - tal eye be - holds Is wa - ter



Fa - ther's plea - sure; Bap - tized by John, the Fa - ther's Word  
self has spo - ken. Let faith, not doubt, a - mong us dwell  
ev - 'ry na - tion, And bring to them the liv - ing Word  
free - ly giv - en; They shall in sin and shame a - bide  
as we pour it. Be - fore the eye of faith un - folds



Was giv - en us to trea - sure. This heav'n - ly wash - ing  
And so re - ceive this to - ken. Our Lord here with His  
And this My in - vi - ta - tion: Let ev - 'ry - one a -  
And to de - spair be driv - en. For born in sin, their  
The pow'r of Je - sus' mer - it. For here it sees the



now shall be A cleans - ing from trans - gres - sion  
Word en - dows Pure wa - ter, free - ly flow - ing.  
ban - don sin And come in true con - tri - tion  
works must fail, Their striv - ing saves them nev - er;  
crim - son flood To all our ills bring heal - ing;



And by His blood and ag - o - ny Re - lease from death's  
God's Ho - ly Spir - it here a - vows Our kin - ship while  
To be bap - tized and there - by win Full par - don and  
Their pi - ous acts do not a - vail, And they are lost  
The won - ders of His pre - cious blood The love of God



op - pres - sion. A new life now a - waits us.  
be - stow - ing The Bap - tism of His bless - ing.  
re - mis - sion And heav'n - ly bliss in - her - it.  
for - ev - er, E - ter - nal death their por - tion.  
re - veal - ing, As - sur - ing His own par - don.

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**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**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.

### **The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 42:1–9**

<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.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **A Hymn: “Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me” (Selah)**

### **Verse 1**

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh, how strange and divine I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

### **Verse 2**

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Savior he will stay  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

### **Verse 3**

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
The future sure the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh, the chains are released I can sing I am free  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

### **Verse 4**

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me home



And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat

### **Ending**

Yet not I but through Christ in me  
Yet not I but through Christ in me  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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## **The Epistle Lesson: Romans 6:1–11**

<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.

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

## **A Song:** Jesus Messiah

### **Verse 1**

He became sin who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross  
Love so amazing love so amazing

### **Chorus**

*Jesus Messiah Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel  
The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah Lord of all*

### **Verse 2**

His body the bread His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing love so amazing (**Chorus**)

### **Bridge**

All our hope is in You  
All our hope is in You  
All the glory to You God  
The Light of the world (**Chorus**)

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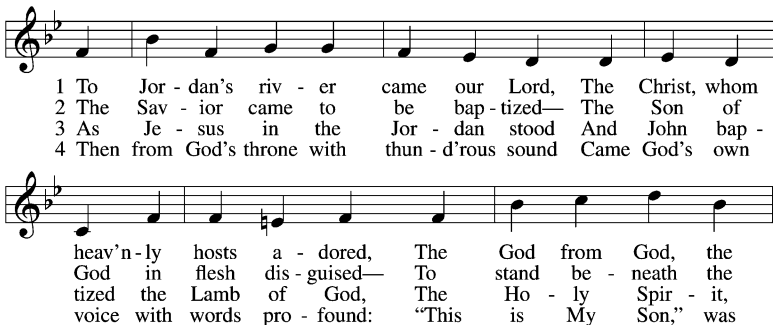
## The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 3:13–17

- 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.**

## The Sermon Hymn: 405 To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The Christ, whom  
2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The Son of  
3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And John bap -  
4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came God's own

heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The God from God, the  
God in flesh dis - guised— To stand be - neath the  
tized the Lamb of God, The Ho - ly Spir - it,  
voice with words pro - found: “This is My Son,” was



Light from Light, The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.  
 Fa - ther's will And all His righ - teous - ness ful - fill.  
 heav'n - ly dove, De - scend - ed on Him from a - bove.  
 His de - cree, "The one I love, who pleas - es 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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## Sermon

## Offering

## A Hymn: LSB 404 Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered



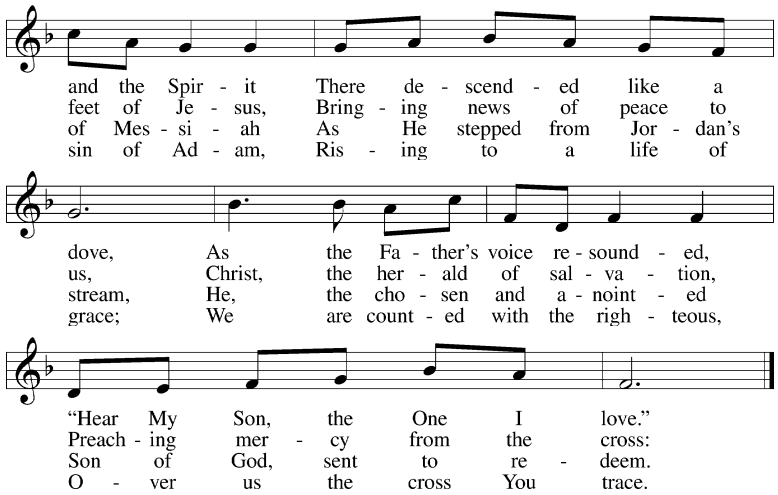
1 Je - sus, once with sin - ners num - bered, Had no blem - ish  
 2 John con - fessed Him as the Sav - ior— "Look, the sin - less  
 3 This the bap - tism that our Sav - ior Great - ly longed to  
 4 Je - sus, once with sin - ners num - bered, Full o - be - dience



of His own; In the wa - ters of the Jor - dan  
 Lamb of God!" Yet he dared not loose the san - dals  
 un - der - go; This the crim - son cleans - ing need - ed  
 was Your path; You, by death, have con - se - crat - ed



His true worth and work were shown: Heav - en o - pened  
 Of the One God's love had shod. Oh, how fair the  
 So the world God's love might know; This the mis - sion  
 Wa - ter in this sav - ing bath: Dy - ing to the



and the Spir - it There de - scend - ed like a  
feet of Je - sus, Bring - ing news of peace to  
of Mes - si - ah As He stepped from Jor - dan's  
sin of Ad - am, Ris - ing to a life of  
dove, As the Fa - ther's voice re - sound - ed,  
us, Christ, the her - ald of sal - va - tion,  
stream, He, the cho - sen and a - noint - ed  
grace; We are count - ed with the righ - teous,  
"Hear My Son, the One I love."  
Preach - ing mer - cy from the cross:  
Son of God, sent to re - deem.  
O - ver us the cross You trace.

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## The Prayer of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

### Benediction

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- 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.

## The Closing Hymn: 395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's  
2 Come, heav'n - ly Bride - groom, Light di - vine, And deep with - in  
3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls  
4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in Your Son You loved us when  
own truth and light, A - glow with grace and mer - cy!  
our hearts now shine; There light a flame un - dy - ing!  
from God a - bove A ray of pur - est plea - sure.  
not yet be - gun Was this old earth's foun - da - tion!

Of Ja - cob's race, King Da - vid's son, Our Lord and mas -  
 In Your one bod - y let us be As liv - ing branch -  
 Your Word and Spir - it, flesh and blood Re - fresh our souls  
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love To live in Him

ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on - ly!  
 es of a tree, Your life our lives sup - ply - ing.  
 with heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure!  
 here and a - bove: This is Your great sal - va - tion.

Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, All vic - to - rious,  
 Now, though dai - ly Earth's deep sad - ness May per - plex us  
 Let Your mer - cy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, To us giv - ing

Rich in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
 And dis - tress us, Yet with heav'n - ly joy You bless us.  
 For You teach us God's own love through You has reached us.  
 Life for - ev - er, Keeps us Yours and fails us nev - er!

5 O let the harps break forth in sound!  
 Our joy be all with music crowned,  
 Our voices gladly blending!  
 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!

6 What joy to know, when life is past,  
The Lord we love is first and last,  
The end and the beginning!  
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,  
Transport us to that happy place  
Beyond all tears and sinning!  
Amen! Amen!  
Come, Lord Jesus!  
Crown of gladness!  
We are yearning  
For the day of Your returning!

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## Postlude

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## Events of the Week: January 8-15, 2023

Sunday	6:00 p.m. LMWL Meeting
Monday	6:30 p.m. Communion service
Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Discovery Class with Pastor
Wednesday	6:30 p.m. Governing Board meeting
Thursday	1:30 p.m. Dorcus
Friday	Pastor's Day off
Saturday	8:30 a.m. Men's breakfast and Bible study
Sunday	8:00 a.m. Gizmo on FB
	9:30 a.m. Worship w/Communion
	11:00 a.m. Bible study

## FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP: December 24/25, 2022

General Fund	8033.00
Tessaro Ministry	<u>50.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8083.00</b>

## FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP: January 1, 2023

General Fund	5131.00
Building Fund	175.00
Tessaro Ministry	<u>25.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5331.00</b>



## Announcements

**Pastor Schaeffer resumes our study of beloved Sunday school stories today.** In today's lesson we will follow Jacob to Uncle Laban's home and learn how the deceiver is himself deceived! All are encouraged to attend the Bible study.

**The LWML meets this evening at 6:00 p.m.** Sandra Schaeffer will be leading a study on trusting in God for our future. Nancy Dome will be the hostess.

**Discovery Class with Pastor Schaeffer Begins Tuesday, January 10th.** Discovery is designed for anyone who is interested in becoming a member of St. James. If you are already a member but would like to brush up on your understanding of Lutheran doctrine and the Small Catechism, this class is also for you! This 12-session course will begin on Tuesday, January 10th at 6:30 p.m. The class will be held in the Gathering Room at the church, but we will also make the course available via Zoom for those who can't be present in person. Please send an email to Pastor if you want to receive the Zoom link.

**The Dorcas Society invites all women** to join them on Thursday, January 12 at 1:30 pm in the Gathering Room. Our program is *“A Look into the life of a Pastor’s Wife”*. Our special guest is Ashley Beffrey. Ashley and her husband Pastor Ryan Beffrey serve Epiphany Lutheran Church in Dorr MI. Ashley will share the challenges, joys, humorous and heartwarming experiences she has had as a pastor’s wife. It will be an enjoyable time together. All women are welcome to join us. Contact Rachel Palmer (616-883-6949) if you have questions or want more detail.

**Holy Communion Sundays will be January 15 and January 22** this month since the ISJ Academy children plan to sing at St. James on January 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Paper copies of the January 2023 St. James newsletter** is available on the table in the church foyer.

**A Christmas greeting from Arlene Schwartz:** *My dearly beloved sisters and brothers in Jesus Christ. Mere words cannot express my deep gratitude for your messages of love and encouragement in my last years. My Good Shepherd walks with me through the green pastures, still waters, and the valley of the shadow of death. But we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Always with love, hugs, and prayers.* – Arlene Schwartz (Note: Arlene's Christmas card is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.)

**Those who serve Today:**

**Officiant:** Pastor Glenn Schaeffer

**Lector:** Charlie Kirt

**Organist:** Beth McKay

**Deacon:** Jerry Talen

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