

Bethlehem Lutheran Church



The Baptism of our Lord *January 10, 2021*

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The Order of Service

Divine Service Setting One (LSB 151)

*(Please stand if you are able for portions of the liturgy marked with an *)*

Opening Hymn: Hail to the Lord's Anointed **LSB 398**

Confession and Absolution* **LSB 151**

Introit* (Ps. 89:1, 26-28; antiphon: Liturgical Text; Ps. 89:20)

Behold the Lord, the ruler, has come,
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are in his hand.

**I have found David, my servant;
with my holy oil I have anointed him.**

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

**He shall cry to me, "You are my Father,
my God, and the Rock of my salvation."**

And I will make him the firstborn,
the highest of the kings of the earth.

**My steadfast love I will keep for him forever,
and my covenant will stand firm for him.**

**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.**

Behold the Lord, the ruler, has come,
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are in his hand.

I have found David, my servant;
with my holy oil I have anointed him.

Kyrie* **LSB 152**

This is the Feast * **LSB 155**

Collect*: 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. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42:1-7

¹ 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. ²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. ⁵Thus 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: ⁶“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, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

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

Gradual: Blessèd be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

Blessèd be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory!
Amen and Amen!

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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

Alleluia *

LSB 156

Holy Gospel*: Matthew 3:13-17

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3rd chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶ 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; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

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

Nicene Creed*	LSB 158
Hymn of the Day: To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord	LSB 406
Sermon	
Prayer of the Church*	
We Give Thee But Thine Own* (stz. 1 & 2)	LSB 781
Service of the Sacrament*	LSB 160
Distribution Hymns: 596, 405, 395, 396, 594	
Post-Communion Canticle*: Thank the Lord	LSB 164
Benediction*	
Closing Hymn: Baptized into Your Name Most Holy	LSB 590

Announcements

Church Services: We have decided to go back to the one service at 9:30am on Sunday mornings. If you or someone you know is concerned with this, please feel free to call Pastor Jennings or stop by the church throughout the week to set up a time to receive God’s gifts.

Wednesday Night Religion: Beginning this week, Wednesday Night Religion will return to its normal times of 6:00pm to 7:30pm.

Ladies Aid/LWML: The Ladies Aid/LWML will have their meeting Monday, January 11th at 7:00pm. The servers for the evening are Opal Jones and Elaine Ballance.

Flower Chart: The flower chart for 2021 is up in the north office. Please stop by and sign up for any Sundays you would like to have flowers on the altar. Any questions, please contact Sylvia Kleiboeker.

Annual Report: The time is drawing near for the Annual Report to be printed. If all organizations (Men's Club, Ladies Aid, Agape Youth, Preschool, Cemetery Committee, Treasurers, Wednesday Night Religion and Confirmation, Cradle Roll & any others I may have missed) would please get me their reports by **January 13th** so that I may put the report together by January 17th voter's meeting. Thank You

Mark Your Calendars: The voter's meeting will be January 17, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Private Confession and Absolution: Our Lutheran Confessions state that private absolution should be retained and not abolished in the churches (Augsburg Confession, XI). With this in mind, if at any time throughout the season of Epiphany you desire private confession and absolution, please give Pastor Jennings a call to set-up a time to meet privately.

Altar Guild, Ushers, Greeters, and Acolytes: We encourage you to consult your schedule, and if able, assist at your assigned service.

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