

Baptism of Our Lord

January 8, 2023

Order of Service: Service of Prayer and Preaching

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AS WE GATHER

When Jesus was coming up out of the baptismal waters, the voice of the Father proclaimed Him as His Son, in whom He delighted. Those words would be repeated on the Mount of Transfiguration, but with this order to the disciples: "Listen to Him!" Those two events "framed" Jesus' ministry of obedient service and His revelation of God's great love even before His sacrifice on the cross. Seeing Him, we learn what it means to be "alive to God in Christ Jesus," as Paul urges in the Epistle. We are also "framed"—considered God's children through our Baptism. It is all grace, of course; we never achieve our Lord's righteousness, but are given it as a gift. Today we listen again to the Gospel, respond with prayer and praise, and are given grace to tell our friends what Christ has done for us all.

Opening Hymn: LSB #394 "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

Opening Versicles *LSB 260*

Old Testament Cantic *LSB 261*

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 42:1–9*

Epistle Reading *Romans 6:1–11*



Hymn: LSB #397 "As with Gladness Men of Old"

The Holy Gospel *Matthew 3:13–17*

Responsory *LSB 263*

Apostles' Creed *LSB 264*

Lord's Prayer

Hymn of the Day: LSB #405 "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"

Sermon: Baptism Matters

Text: The Epistle Reading

Offering (*The offerings previously gathered are brought forward*)

Prayer *LSB 265*

Collect of the Day

New Testament Cantic *LSB 266*

Blessing *LSB 267*

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; and
behold, a voice from
heaven said, "This is
My beloved Son, with
whom I am well
pleased." *Matthew*

Closing Hymn: LSB #411 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"