

January 14, 2024

The Baptism of Our Lord

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH-LCMS

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Pastor: Christopher P. Vossler

Organist: Heidi Stecker

Hymn: 594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It



1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap-tized
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap-tized
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized
 5 There is noth - ing worth com-par - ing To this life-long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er:
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness
 com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's
 Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in
 E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



trea - sures man - y? I have one worth
 con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism
 font I've trav - eled, All your might has
 dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance
 waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -
 did re - lease me In a dear for -
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
 giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!
 strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.
 in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

Stand

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus

Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the
Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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.

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



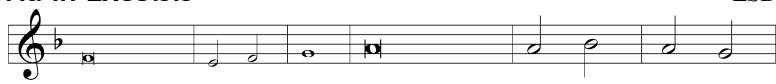
Kyrie

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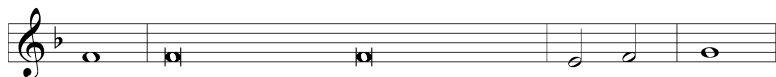


Gloria in Excelsis

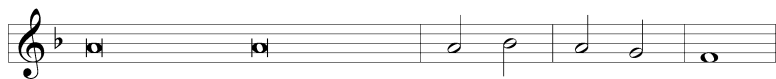
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Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



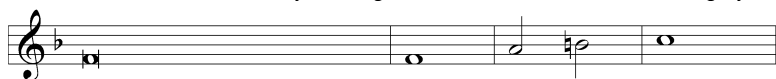
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



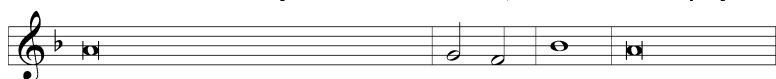
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



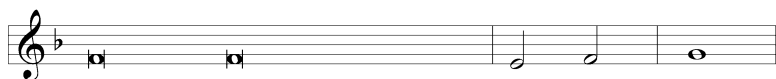
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

C **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 A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good.

And God separated the light from the darkness.

⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8

Praise the LORD, all | nations!*

Extol him, all | peoples!

For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*

**and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- |
ever.**

Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;*

bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

Epistle

Romans 6:1–11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We 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.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We 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. ⁷For one who has died

has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So 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.

Stand

Alleluia

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C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:4–11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he

preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

**☩ 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 ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

Children's Message

Hymn: 600 Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering



1 Mark how the Lamb of God's self - of - f'ring Our hu - man
2 From this as - sur - ance of God's fa - vor Je - sus goes
3 Grant us, O God, the strength and cour - age To live the



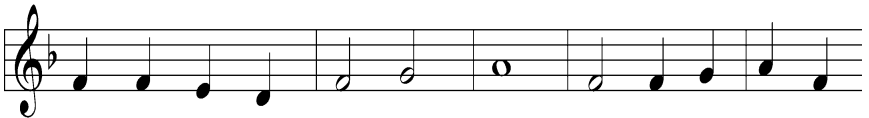
sin - ful - ness takes on In the birth - wa - ters of the
to the wil - der - ness, There to en - dure a time of
faith our lips de - clare; Bless us in our bap - tis - mal



Jor - dan As Je - sus is bap - tized by John.
test - ing That read - ied Him to teach and bless.
call - ing; Christ's roy - al priest - hood help us share.



Hear how the voice from heav - en thun - ders, "Lo,
So we, by wa - ter and the Spir - it Bap -
Turn us from ev - 'ry false al - le - giance, That



this is My be - lov - ed Son." See how in dove-like
tized in - to Christ's min - is - try, Are of - ten led to
we may trust in Christ a - lone: Raise up in us a



form the Spir - it De - scends on God's A - noint - ed One.
paths of ser - vice Through maz - es of ad - ver - si - ty.
cho - sen peo - ple Trans - formed by love to be Your own.

Pastor Christopher P. Vossler

Goal: That the hearers would live as God’s beloved sons and daughters.

I. Introduction

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II. What

- How is Jesus the Beloved Son of God?
- What *shows* Him to be God’s Beloved Son?

III. So What

- How do we become children of God?
- When are we declared to be children of God?

IV. Now What

- What does it mean for us to be children of God?

V. Conclusion

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P The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Stand

Offertory

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C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Sit

Offering

Special Music
Lucas Miller & Mark Sprenger

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

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.**

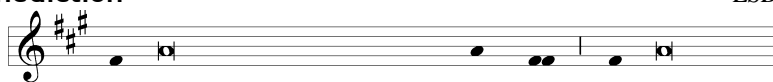
**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Collect for Peace

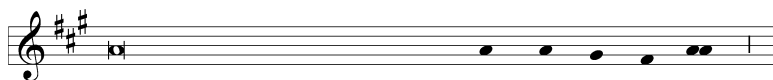
P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Benediction

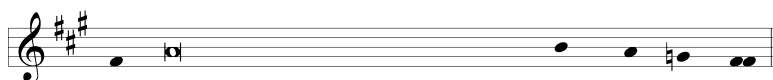
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P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Sit

Hymn: 590 Baptized into Your Name Most Holy



1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and
2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here You take me To be hence-forth Your
3 My faith - ful God, You fail me nev - er; Your prom - ise sure - ly
4 All that I am and love most dear-ly— Re - ceive it all, O



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,
child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, here You make me
will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er
Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;



A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and
The fruit of all Your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,
If words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I
Help me Your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I



dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.
com - fort me When threat - ning clouds a - round I see.
come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store Your child.
am or own Serve an - y will but Yours a - lone.

Dismissal for Sunday School

Dismissal for Youth Bible Study

P Go in Peace, serve the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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WELCOME:

We join in welcoming our visitor's this morning. If you would please be sure to sign the guest book (Elders can direct you to the location), Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL

SUNDAY: *Worship Service 9:30am / 10:30am Fellowship/11am Voter's Meeting*

MONDAY:

TUESDAY: *5pm Confirmation Class/7pm Lighthouse*

WEDNESDAY: *Lighthouse 1pm/Choir 7pm*

THURSDAY: *Pastor Hoogerhyde Bible Study 2:30pm/Trustee Meeting 6pm*

FRIDAY: *Stephen Ministry Training Class 10am/Wild Game Dinner 6pm*

SATURDAY: *Band Rehearsal 4pm/Euchre-Game Night 7pm*

SUNDAY: *Worship Service with Communion 9:30am / 10:30am Fellowship/11am Bible Study*

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD 1/7/24

OFFERINGS	mom	Memorials	TOTAL	ATTENDANCE
Env / Plate				
\$4803/348	26	-	\$5177	78

Today –Voter Meeting

Ladies Aid –Resumes with sewing 9am on February 7th



**Wild Game Dinner-This
Friday, January 19th @
6pm**

**Featuring Guest Speaker:
Doug Roberts “The Deer
Professor” of ConQuest
Scents/Farms**

The most **delicious Peanut Brittle** you will find **on sale now-\$5/bag**. Please see a Ladies Aid member for purchase.

*Youth Movie Night-Saturday, February 10th
@ 6pm Pizza/popcorn/smores and movie
discussion. 😊*

January 28th, 1pm Youth Group outing to the **Live Oak Café**, Midland where we will be brainstorming youth activities.



For more information about youth group, Sunday School, youth bible study and events, please use the QR code to get to the form.

Prayer Request: *If you or someone you know are in need of prayers please call or email Edna Rottiers at 989-687-9687 / hughroottiers@gmail.com . Those with additional prayer request please complete a prayer slip and give to one*

of our Elders before the service or to one of the Ushers during the offering. Your prayers are important and our Lord does promise to answer

Mission of the Month: In January, we are collecting donations for **Shelterhouse of Midland County**, which offers safety and shelter to victims of domestic violence or sexual assault. Your donations will help local survivors begin a new life of hope, healing and independence.

The 2024 Flower Sign up is now available. Sign up to celebrate your events with decorative flowers!



Last week the flowers were sponsored by **Bill & Ruth Draves** in celebration of January Birthdays 😊

January Altar Guild representative is Kathy Englade - 989.631.6447



Today the Voter's meeting will include voting for board members. Please let board know if you are interested.

To our families with small children: Relax! You and your children are welcome to our worship service! Being in worship with you to observe and participate in the service will help them to learn how to behave in church – and they will learn that best by watching you worship on a regular basis! Sit anywhere in



the sanctuary that you wish. The last two rows of pews are set aside for families with small children, but you don't *have* to sit there. In fact, sitting close to the front so your children can see what's happening may help them to feel more involved in the service. If they need something to keep their hands occupied, please ask one of the ushers for a copy of the children's bulletins for them to color. If for any reason you need to take your children out of the sanctuary so they can calm down, feel free to bring them into the bathroom at the back of the church. In addition, at the bottom of the stairs we have a cry room to the right, as well as the fellowship hall to the left. With the speakers in the basement, you will be able to hear the service while your child calms down. If your children don't want to sit still or be quiet through the whole service, there is absolutely nothing wrong with them: they are young and learning. The sound of children in worship is the sound of the Church's future.

Blacktop Project-We are accepting donations to the Blacktop project as we work toward future upgrades.

Pastoral Care: Please contact the Pastor @ cell 973-303-8252, office 989-687-2209, or email stpaulrev@tds.net. The Church Office (989-687-2824) / cell (989 859-9300) email stpaul Lutheran@tds.net, or Deacon Don Barnard (989-751-7726) email: stpauldeacon@tds.net or esocidnator01@gmail.com if you or anyone you know are in need of a visit from the Pastor or Deacon whether it's an illness, hospitalization, nursing home or shut-in. It is important to us that we receive these communications to plan a call or visitation. May God's blessings be upon you today and every day!

#Up Coming Events#

Today–Voter Meeting

January 19th (this Friday) @ 6pm **Wild Game Dinner** with Guest Doug Roberts of ConQuest Scents

January 28th, 1pm Youth Group outing to the **Live Oak Café**, Midland where we will be brainstorming youth activities.

3 Lent Crosses – First showing of the 3 crosses made by Mike Schweigert, Randy Englade, and Don Retzloff will be Feb 11th

Interested in joining the **Youth Ministry Board**,. Next meeting is Thursday, January 25th @ 6pm. The board will focus on the planning of education and activities designed for our congregation's youth. Please let Gerianne or Pastor know if interested.

Sanford Food Pantry: The current needs for the Food Pantry are **Mustard, Ketchup, Pancake syrup** There are refillable canvas bags from the Midland County Emergency Food Pantry available on the food pantry table in the fellowship hall. The bags have a suggested list of items and instructions. You may take these bags home and place the purchased items in the bag and return it to the church. The bags will be delivered to the Sanford Food Pantry the last week of the month. The empty bags will be returned to the church to be used again. *Thank you for all of the items and monetary donations. Please remember that the food pantry does not accept expired or dietary food.*

Have you made a New Year’s Resolution yet? Perhaps one way to start 2024 is to be blessed by devotions every **Monday** from Dr. Seltz. Maybe it is receiving a podcast every **Wednesday** or an Op Ed piece every **Friday**. You can receive all three and more by subscribing to the LCRL email list. See www.LCRLFreedom.org to subscribe

SERVING	This Week 1/14	Next Week 1/21
Flowers:	Open	Open
Music:	Heidi Stecker	Sara Glynn-Dishaw
Proclaimer:	Pastor Christopher P. Vossler	Pastor Christopher P. Vossler
Fellowship Host	Carolyn Sutton & Margie Dittmer	Open
Ushers	Linda Mitchell & Marilyn Bowen	Stacy & Gary Smith
Acolytes	Jeffrey & Garrett	Deklan & Lucas
Greeters	Jacque & Garrett Chubb & Barb Fauver	Ann Reith

Read the Bible in a Year!

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

For Christians – and especially for Lutherans – nothing is more important than God’s Word. God speaks to us through His Word, and we do well to listen to what He has to say to us. That is why regular devotions and prayer and Scripture reading are so important for our spiritual life.

It’s always a good time to start a plan to read the Bible! And in fact, you can read through the entire Bible in a year, with only 15-20 minutes per day. Are you worried that the Bible might be too much for you to read in a single year? There are resources that can help. One option that is available is on your smartphone: Download the YouVersion Bible App and look up the “Reformation Reading Plan,” which was developed by the Michigan District to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation in 2017.

If you don’t have a smartphone, you can follow this reading plan in the bulletin every week, along with suggested readings from Luther’s Small Catechism. Note that whatever day you start the reading plan in the app will be “Day 1,” so you may find yourself on a different day than what is in the bulletin.

Daily Readings:

Days 78-84	Reading	Catechism
Monday	1 Peter 1, 1 Peter 2: 1-3, Leviticus 7,8	The Tenth Commandment
Tuesday	1 Peter 2: 4-25, Leviticus 9,10,11	The Close of the Commandments
Wednesday	1 Peter 3, 4, Leviticus 12, 13	The First Article –Part 1
Thursday	1 Peter 5, Leviticus 14, 15	The First Article –Part 2
Friday	Luke 1: 1-25, Leviticus 16, 17, 18	The First Article –Part 3
Saturday	Proverbs 6: 9-19, Psalm 39,40	The Second Article – Part 1
Sunday	Jonah 3: 1-10, Psalm 62, 1 Cor 7: 29-35, Mark 1: 14-20	The Second Article – Part 2

Daily Devotion Resources:

Daily Prayers for Morning, Noon, Evening, Close of Day (LSB 294-298)/*Treasury of Daily Prayer*/Portals of Prayer

Prayer Requests:

- Youth in the Church, especially our Confirmands
- Our Shut-ins
- Pastors of our congregation and Synod, and for increase in the numbers of Seminary students for future Pastors

