

# PINNACLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

*The Baptism of Our Lord*

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## T AS WE GATHER T

### *The Triune God Is Manifested and Reveals Himself to Us in Holy Baptism*

The Baptism of our Lord is an “epiphany” of the one true God in the flesh and blood of Jesus. He is the chosen servant of the Lord, anointed with the Spirit for the rescue of God’s people to “bring forth justice to the nations” (Is. 42:1). Thus, He makes all things new, and He is given “as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations” (Is. 42:6). In the waters of the Jordan, He takes His place with sinners and takes all the sins of the world upon Himself. He undergoes the Baptism of repentance in order to “fulfill all righteousness” for us (Matt. 3:15). He submits Himself to the curse of sin and death in order to redeem us. We are baptized with a Baptism like His, thereby dying and rising with Him, so that “we will also live with him” (Rom. 6:8). Indeed, all of us who are baptized into Christ Jesus are anointed with His Spirit and named by His Father as beloved and well-pleasing sons and daughters.

## WELCOME

**OPENING HYMN:** #605 – *Father Welcomes*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lwbWTSsIYy0>

## INVOCATION

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

C **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 3:4, 8*

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection.*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

## T SERVICE OF THE WORD T

**PSALM**      *Psalm 29; antiphon: v. 3*  
*(spoken responsively as marked)*

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**<sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD, over many waters.

**<sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**<sup>6</sup>He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD  
flashes forth flames of fire.

**<sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth  
and strips the forests bare,  
and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

**<sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

<sup>11</sup>May the LORD give strength to his people!  
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

**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.**

## KYRIE

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

### **SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING** *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>3a</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.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL**     *Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8 (spoken together)*

**Praise the Lord, all nations!**

**Extol him, all peoples!**

**For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
    and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;  
    bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

**EPISTLE**     *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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA and VERSE, Mark 1:11b**

**Alleluia. You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *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.

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** #406 – *To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cbd04K2M\\_Lc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cbd04K2M_Lc)

**SERMON**

**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.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*After each petition:* P ... Lord, in Your mercy:

C **hear our prayer.**

*At conclusion:* P ... one God, now and forever.  
C **Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**     *Matthew 6:9–13*

**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.**

**CLOSING PRAYER**

P Let us pray.  
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.  
C **Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

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 T give you peace.  
C Amen.

**DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!  
C **Thanks be to God.**

**CLOSING HYMN:** #394 – *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z4kpkasYQ-Y>