

**THE BAPTISM OF  
OUR LORD**

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***Sunday*  
9:00 A.M.  
Worship Service**

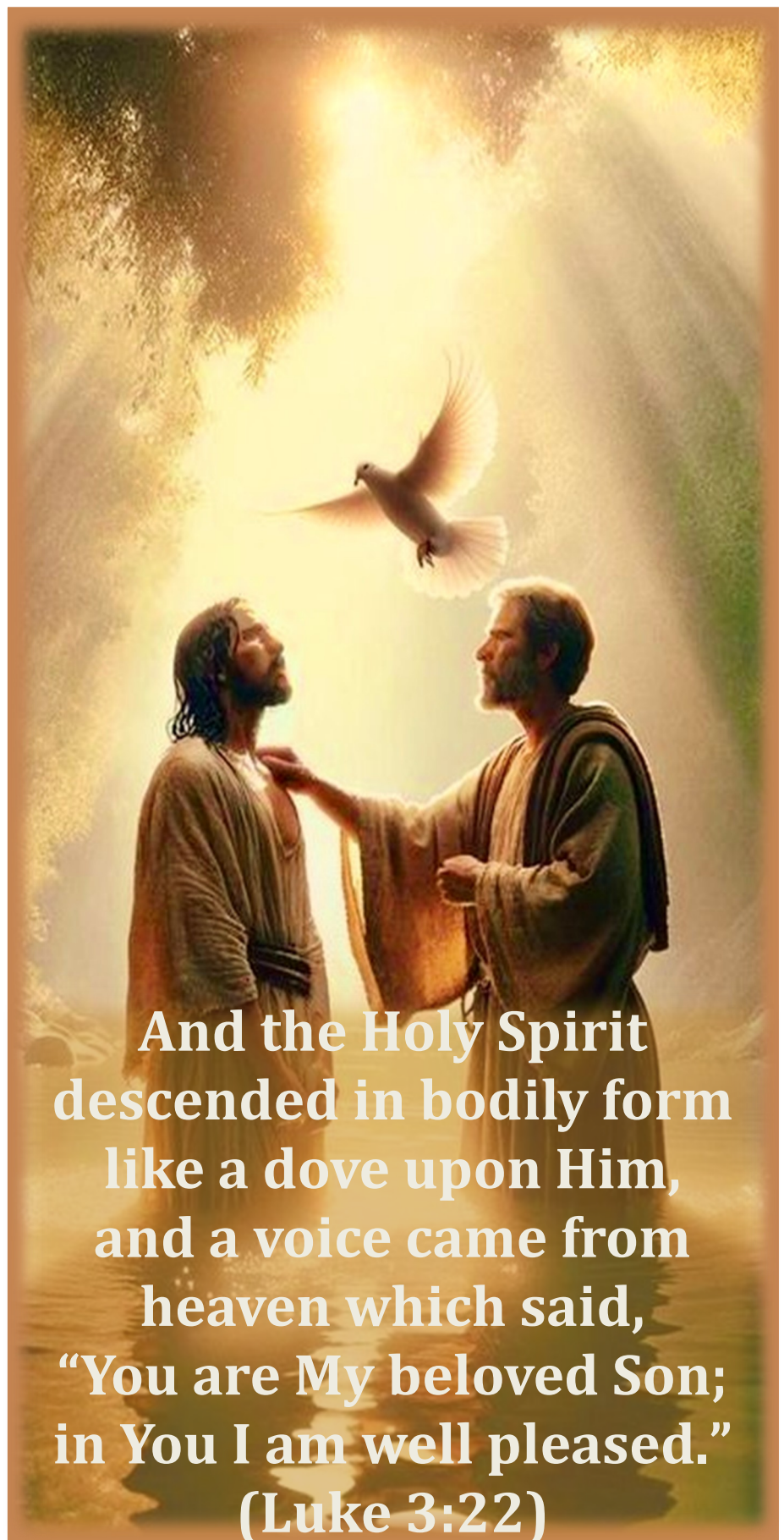
**10:30 A.M.  
Adult Bible Class/  
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**And the Holy Spirit  
descended in bodily form  
like a dove upon Him,  
and a voice came from  
heaven which said,  
“You are My beloved Son;  
in You I am well pleased.”  
(Luke 3:22)**

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### **WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated every Sunday at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as Christ our Lord says, He gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-29). And through this sacrament, He strengthens us for new life in Him (Romans 8:10; 1 Peter 2:4). Jesus personally invites weak sinners (Mark 9:24) who trust His words, "This is My body which is given for you... this cup is the new covenant in My blood which is shed for you" (Luke 22:19-20), to receive His blessings of forgiveness, life and salvation. (Romans 8:31-32).

Because "he who eats and drinks our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner drinks judgement to oneself" (1 Corinthians 11:29), and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith by those gathered at this altar (1 Cor.10:17;11:26), any who have not been instructed, or who hold a confession and church fellowship differing from that of this congregation, and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and desire to receive the Sacrament, should first arrange to speak with the pastor. For further study, see Matthew 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:14-20; Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Cor. 10:14-21;11:17-34.

**A Prayer Upon Entering Church** - Almighty God, the Father of my Lord Jesus Christ, who has given me the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven me all my sins, strengthen me with Your grace to life everlasting. Amen.

**AS WE GATHER** - Today is the first of the bookends that mark the Epiphany season—the Baptism of Our Lord and His Transfiguration.

<sup>2</sup> In common is the command from God to "listen to Him." We begin

our journey of listening to the Lord, learning from those who went before, acknowledging the revelation of the Lamb of God in baptismal water, and looking to Him, the Word made flesh. In His Baptism, our Lord was not washed because He was unclean but because we are. The Father saw the prophetic words of Isaiah fulfilled in the water of the Jordan, and He claimed Jesus as His own Son and our appointed Redeemer. “You are Mine,” said the Lord to Jesus. Because He said those words to Jesus, they are now addressed to us—the people for whom Jesus was baptized.

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### PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation)

### WELCOME

## OPENING HYMN *All Christians Who Have Been Baptized* LSB 596



1 All Chris-tians who have been bap-tized, Who know the God of  
2 You were be-fore your day of birth, In-deed, from your con-  
3 But all of that was washed a-way— Im-mersed and drowned for-  
4 In Bap-tism we now put on Christ— Our shame is ful-ly



heav-en, And in whose dai-ly life is prized The name of  
cep-tion, Con-demned and lost with all the earth, None good, with-  
ev-er. The wa-ter of your Bap-tism day Re-stored a-  
cov-ered With all that He once sac-ri-ficed And free-ly



Christ once giv-en: Con-sid-er now what God has done, The  
out ex-cep-tion. For like your par-ents' flesh and blood, Turned  
gain what-ev-er Old Ad-am and his sin de-destroyed And  
for us suf-fered. For here the flood of His own blood Now



gifts He gives to ev-'ry-one Bap-tized in-to Christ Je-sus!  
in-ward from the high-est good, You con-stant-ly de-nied Him.  
all our sin-ful selves em-ployed Ac-cord-ing to our na-ture.  
makes us ho-ly, right, and good Be-fore our heav'n-ly Fa-ther.

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- 5 O Christian, firmly hold this gift  
And give God thanks forever!  
It gives the power to uplift  
In all that you endeavor.  
When nothing else revives your soul,  
Your Baptism stands and makes you whole  
And then in death completes you.
- 6 So use it well! You are made new—  
In Christ a new creation!  
As faithful Christians, live and do  
Within your own vocation,  
Until that day when you possess  
His glorious robe of righteousness  
Bestowed on you forever!

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*Please stand*

## INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- 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.  
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*

**P** “Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights!

**C** **“I will declare the decree: the Lord has said to Me, ‘You are My Son, today I have begotten You.**

**P** Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession.

**C** **You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s vessel.’ ”**

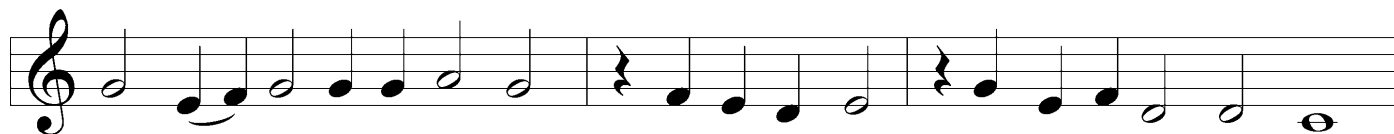
**P** Now therefore, be wise, O kings; be instructed, you judges of the earth.

**C** **Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.**

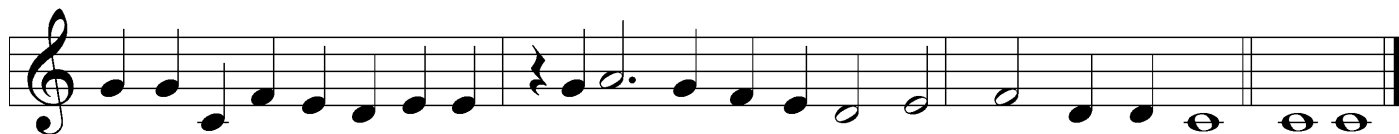
**P** Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.

**C** **“Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights!**

### **GLORIA PATRI**



**G** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

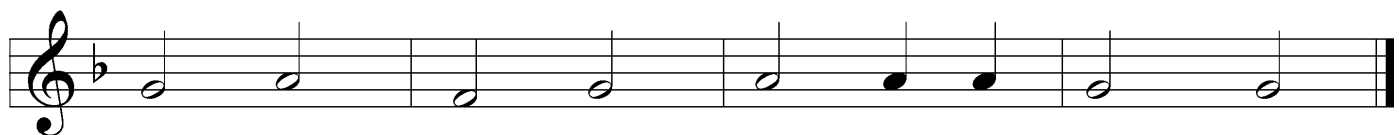


as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

## KYRIE

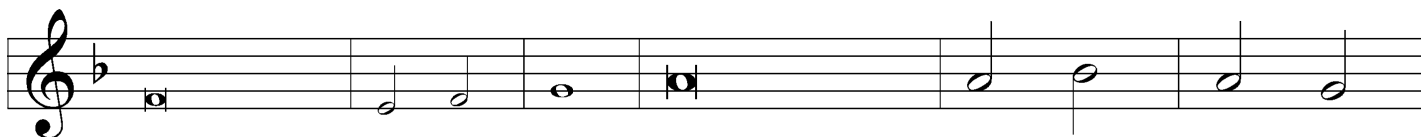


**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

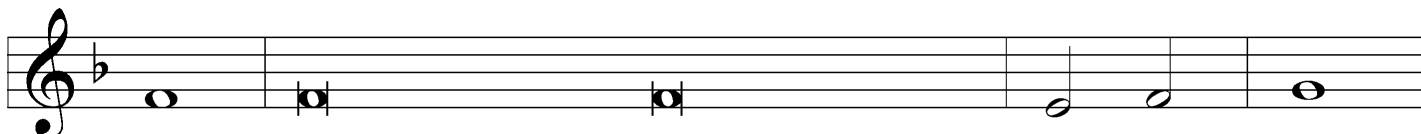


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

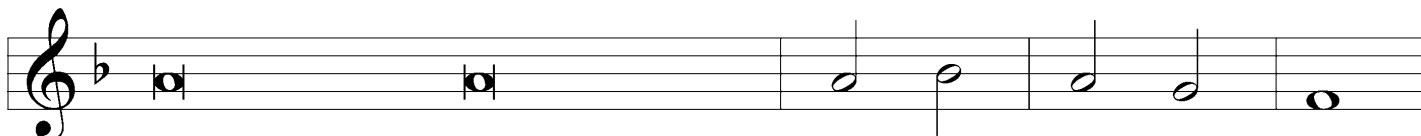
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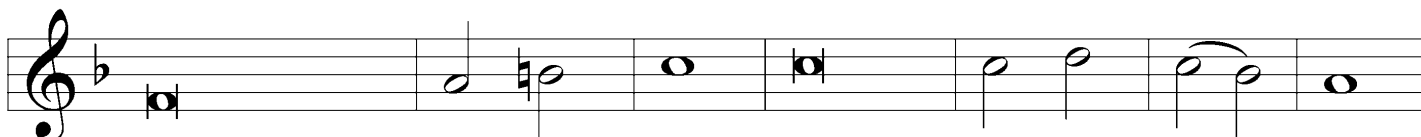
**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



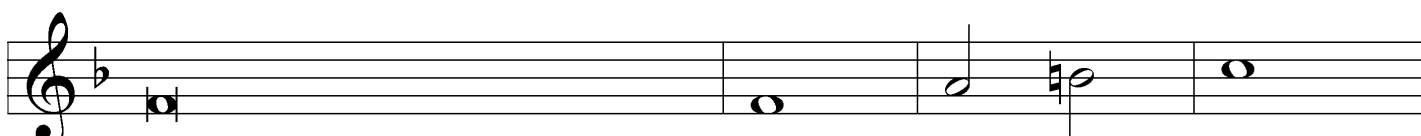
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



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.

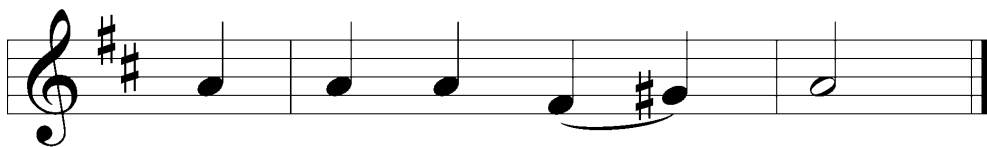


O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

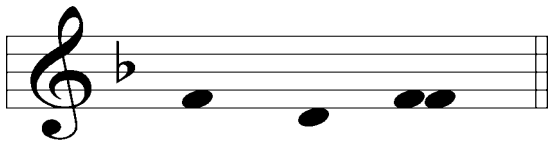
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.  
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.  
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-  
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.  
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

## SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

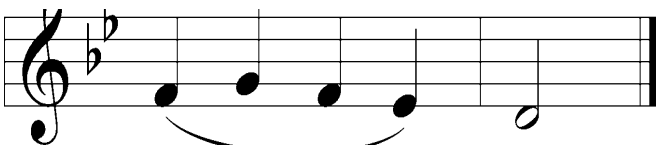


**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

**P** 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.

*Please sit*

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Isaiah 43:1-7*

("I have called you by name, you are Mine.")

1 But now, thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, and He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; you are Mine.

2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you.

3 For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I gave Egypt for your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in your place.

4 Since you were precious in My sight, you have been honored, and I have loved you; therefore I will give men for you, and people for your life.

5 Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your descendants from the east, and gather you from the west;



6 I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' And to the south, 'Do not keep them back!' Bring My sons from afar, and My daughters from the ends of the earth—

7 Everyone who is called by My name, whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** *Psalm 29; antiphon: v. 3*

P The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is over many waters.

**C Give unto the Lord, O you mighty ones, give unto the Lord glory and strength.**

P Give unto the Lord the glory due to His name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

**C The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is over many waters.**

P The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

**C The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars, yes, the Lord splinters the cedars of Lebanon.**

P He makes them also skip like a calf, Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.

**C The voice of the Lord divides the flames of fire.**

P The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh.

**C The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth, and strips the forests bare; and in His temple everyone says, "Glory!"**

P The Lord sat enthroned at the Flood, and the Lord sits as King forever.

**C The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.**

P The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is over many waters.

## **EPISTLE**      *Romans 6:1–11*

(By Baptism, we were united with Christ into His death and resurrection.)

1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? 3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. 7 For he who has died has been freed from sin. 8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, 9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. 10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. 11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

**C**    **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## **ALLELUIA**



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

## **HOLY GOSPEL**      *Luke 3:15–22*

*(Jesus is baptized in the Jordan River by John.)*

**P**    The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

15 Now as the people were in expectation, and all reasoned in their hearts about John, whether he was the Christ or not, 16 John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire."

18 And with many other exhortations he preached to the people. 19 But Herod the tetrarch, being rebuked by him concerning Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, and for all the evils which Herod had done, 20 also added this, above all, that he shut John up in prison.

21 When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. 22 And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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**All:** *I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.*

*And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.*

***And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

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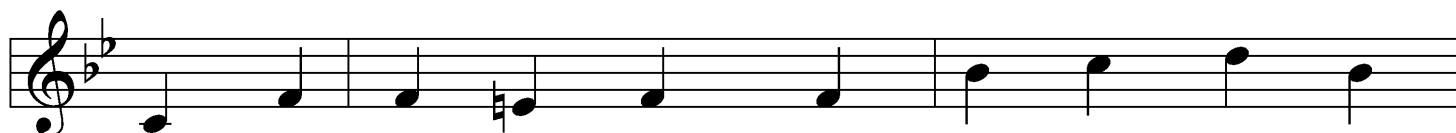
## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*To Jordan's River Came Our Lord*

**LSB 405**



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.

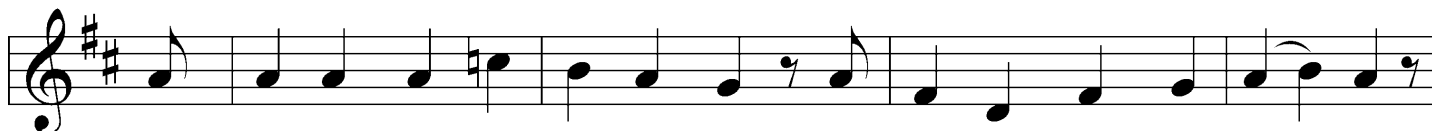
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*All Who Believe and Are Baptized*

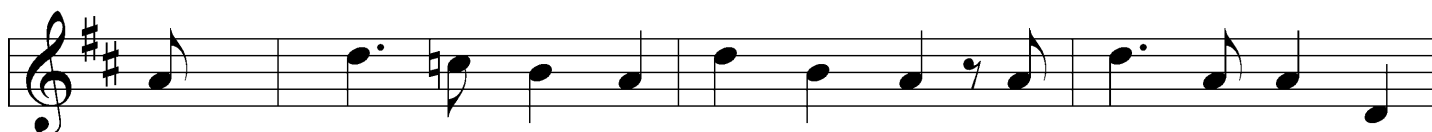
**LSB 601**



1 All who be - lieve and are bap-tized Shall see the Lord's sal - va - tion;  
2 With one ac - cord, O God, we pray: Grant us Your Ho - ly Spir - it.



Bap-tized in - to the death of Christ, They are a new cre - a - tion.  
Help us in our in - fir - mi - ty Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it.



Through Christ's re-demp-tion they shall stand A - mong the glo-rious,  
Grant us to grow in grace each day That by this sac - ra -



heav'n - ly band Of ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion.  
ment we may E - ter - nal life in - her - it.

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**SHARING OF THE PEACE** *"Peace be with you"* [American Sign Language]

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Silence for prayer and meditation.*

P Father, in Jordan's baptismal water, You fulfilled the word of the prophet and washed us clean to become Your own children. Grant that we may rejoice in our Savior's Baptism, which gives hope to our own Baptism and through which You now behold us as Your own people. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

- P You have called us by name and placed upon us Your name and Your grace; give now Your Spirit that we may hear the voice of Your Son speaking hope through the Word and believe in Him faithfully to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P Embolden Your church with Your Word and gifts that we may address the world with hope of sins forgiven and death undone by the death and resurrection of our Lord and that hearing this Gospel, many may believe. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P Equip and bless all pastors and church workers and those training for church work vocations, that at home and abroad there may be faithful servants to support and care for Your people in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P Guide the leaders of our nation and locality with Your Word that they may act with integrity and serve in accordance with Your will, assisting virtue, justice, and peace here and in every place. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P Give to Your people generous hearts that as richly as we have received, we may also give. Bless the offerings we bring with the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for all Your goodness. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P Abide with the troubled in mind, the wounded in body, and the broken in spirit, that they may know Your presence in their hour of need and be granted healing, comfort, and peace according to Your will. [Hear us especially for . . .] Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P As we approach the Table of our Lord Jesus, give us repentance and faith that what we receive upon our lips may be kept in holy hearts, believing in Your Son, Jesus Christ, and walking in the ways of goodness, righteousness, and joy. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C<sub>14</sub> hear our prayer.**

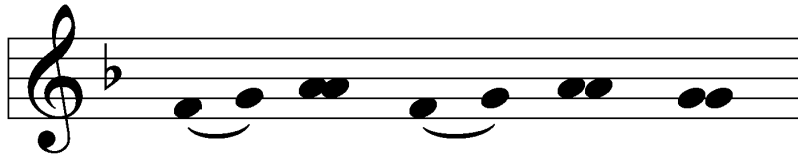
*Additional petitions may be included here.*

**P** Recalling John, at whose hand our Lord was baptized, and those who delivered to us the faith in Word and Sacrament, grant that we may also so faithfully pass on the witness of Your mercy and be kept in life and be faithful unto death; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

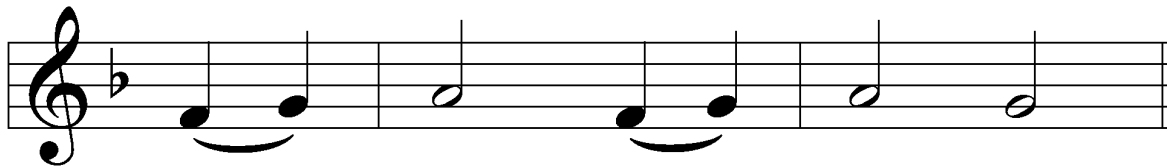
**C** Amen.

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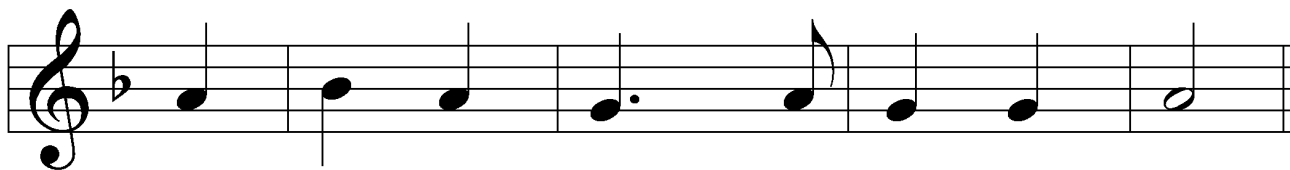
**P** The Lord be with you.



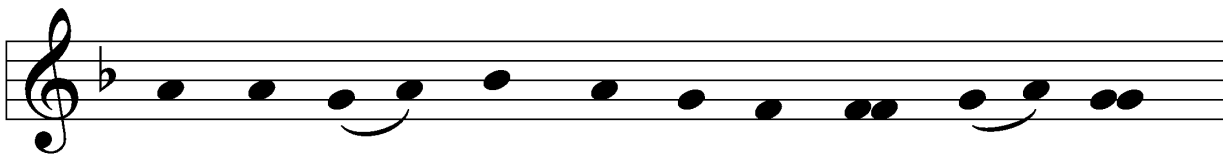
**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



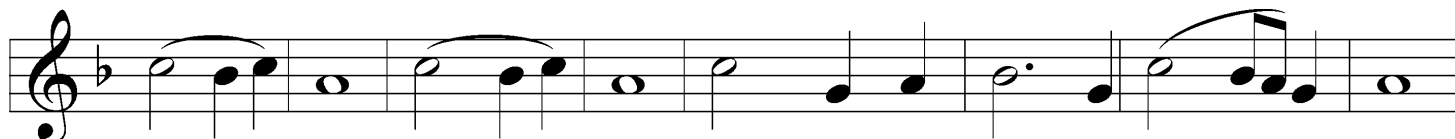
**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



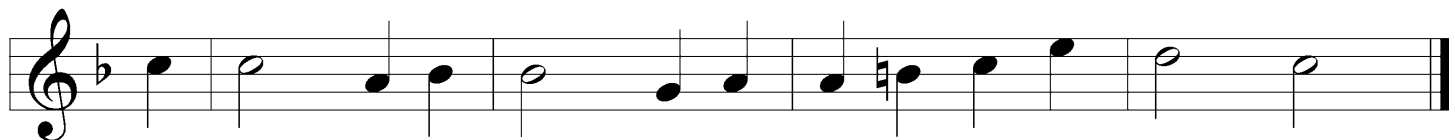
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

**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.





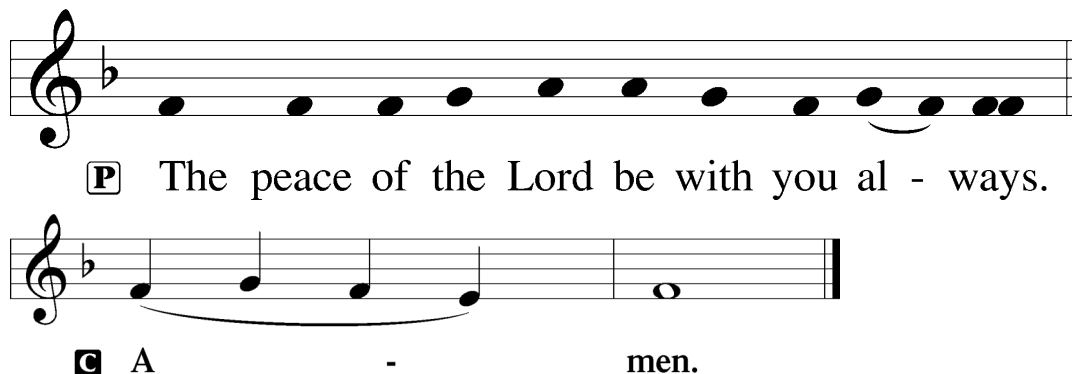
**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the  
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

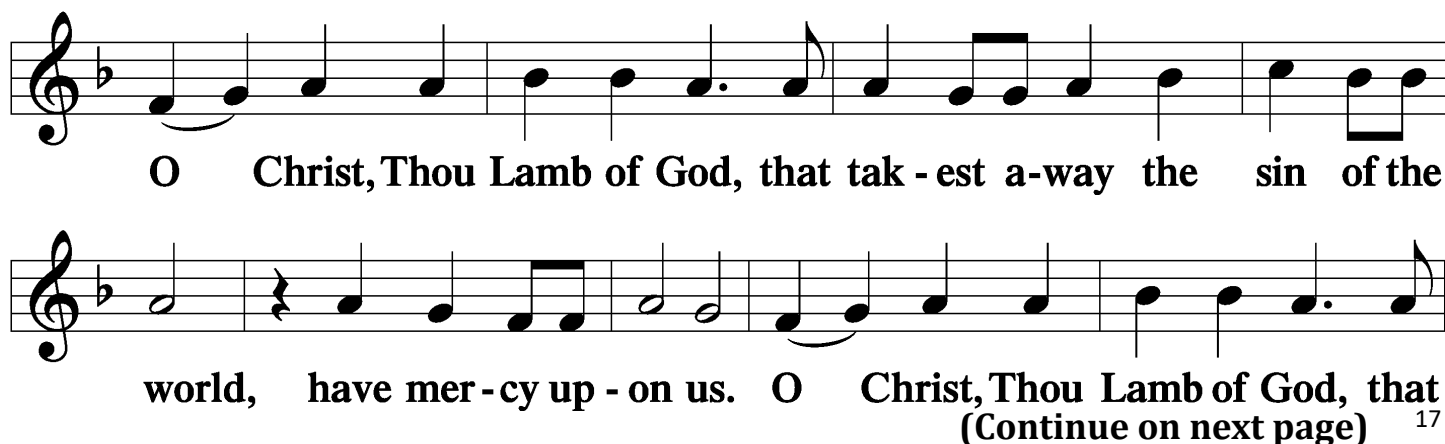
**P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## PAX DOMINI



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.  
**C** A - men.

## AGNUS DEI



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
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tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the

world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Please sit*

## **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

### **SILENT PRAYER before COMMUNING**

Heavenly Father, in my Holy Baptism you have called me to be Your own possession. Prepare my heart to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all my sins.

Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope, and assure me a place at Your heavenly table, where I will eat eternal manna and drink of the river of the water of life freely, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

*Your Table I Approach*

**LSB 628**

1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.

2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;

3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,

4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.  
A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.  
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.  
God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

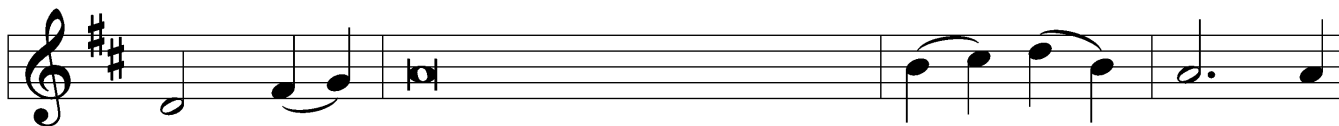
5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,  
That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament  
Raise doubt within my mind.

6 Oh, may I never fail  
To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood,  
O God, my peace and light.

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*Please stand*

## NUNC DIMITTIS



 Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

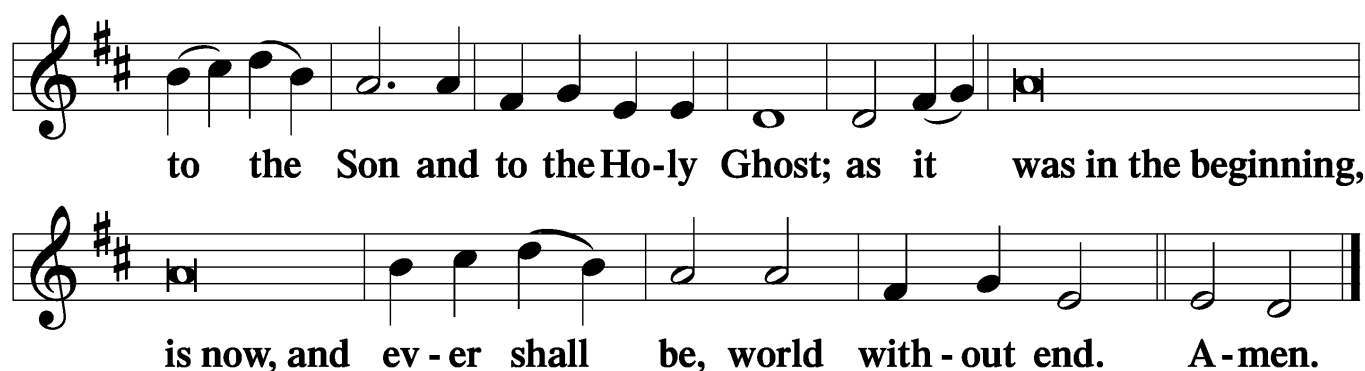


a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

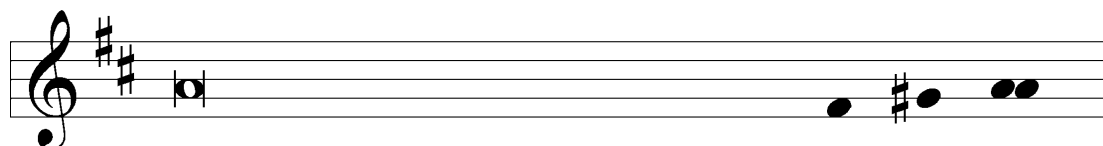


peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

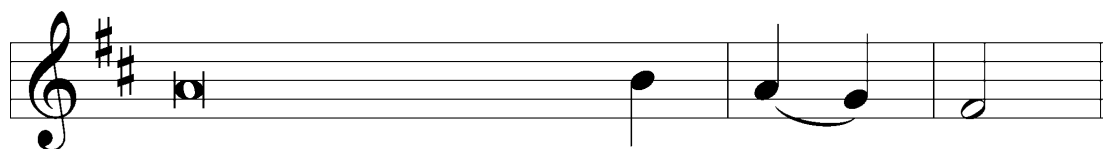
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## THANKSGIVING



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

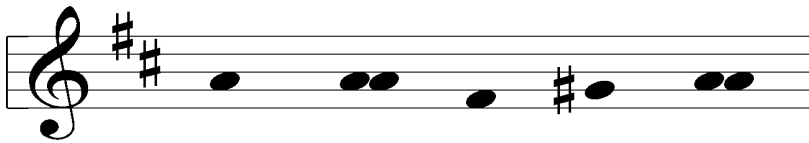


**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

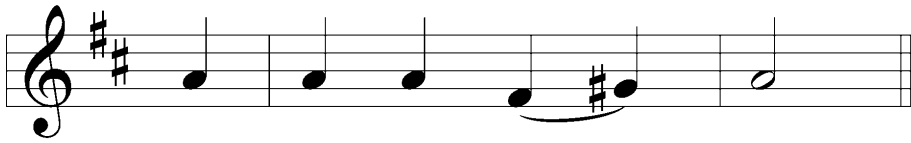
P Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



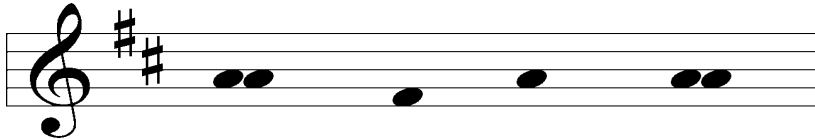
# BENEDICAMUS



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

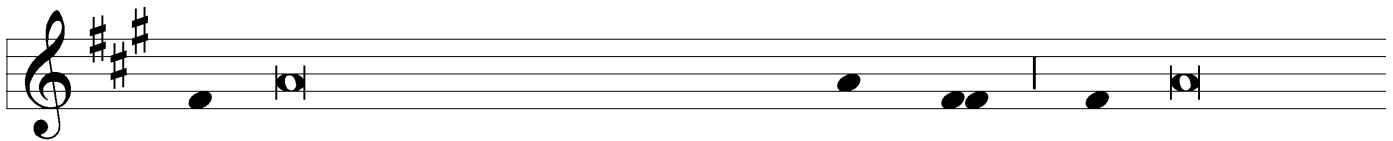


**A** Bless we the Lord.

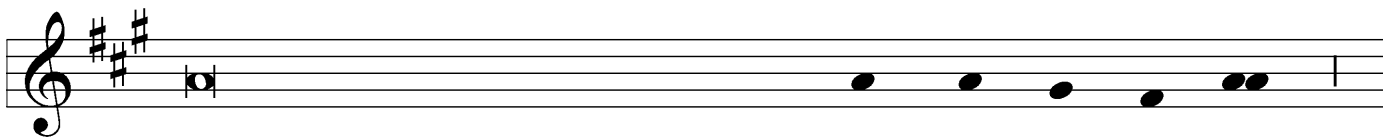


**C** Thanks be to God.

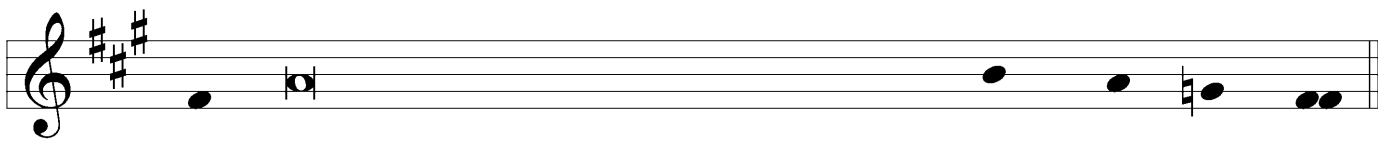
# BENEDICTION



**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.



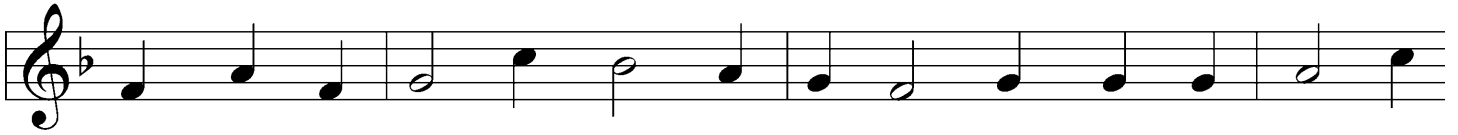
**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

*Please sit*

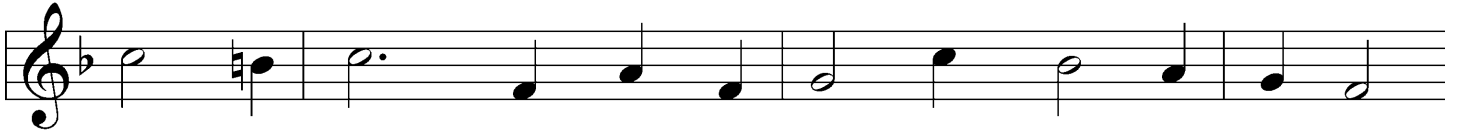
## SENDING HYMN

*Baptized into Your Name Most Holy*

**LSB 590**



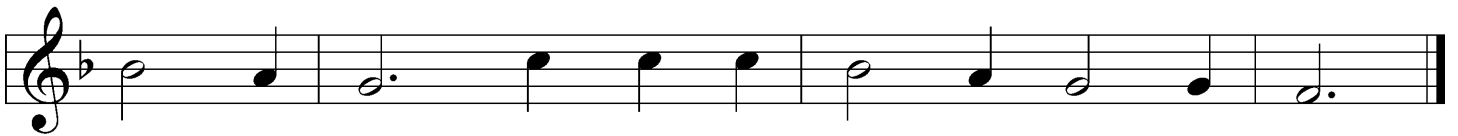
1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and  
2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here You take me To be hence-forth Your  
3 My faith - ful God, You fail me nev - er; Your prom - ise sure - ly  
4 All that I am and love most dear - ly— Re - ceive it all, O



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.

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## DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace! Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Portals of Prayer for January to March 2025 are available in the Narthex or office.

Join us for **Sunday School and Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Rev. Goetz is leading the class.

### January Activities

Family Confirmation Class on Thursdays @ 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**German Polka Fest**, Saturday, January 18, 2025 at 10 a.m.—2:00 p.m.  
in the Fellowship Hall.

(Sign up sheet posted on the church door.)

### **Fourth Quarterly Voters' Meeting**

Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

### **January 2025 Women's Retreat**

**Chosen : A Study of Esther**

Friday, January 24th - 6-9 p.m. and

Saturday, January 25th - 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

@ St. Paul Lutheran Church; 602 Morgan Blvd.; Harlingen, TX

Registration is \$50.00 Includes : Retreat materials, snacks, coffee and tea, & Friday night - catered dinner; Saturday - breakfast crumpets and catered lunch. For more info go to:

[splch.breezechms.com/form/2025retreat](http://splch.breezechms.com/form/2025retreat)

### **Men's Steak Night/Bible Study**

Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

(Sign-up Sheet is posted on the church door.)

## Sermon Notes

Behold  
I make  
all things  
➤ new ➤

*Revelation 21:5*

May God bless you  
this New Year!



## ***Memory Verse Challenge:***

This week's:

### MEMORY VERSE

***WHEN THE GOODNESS AND LOVING  
KINDNESS OF GOD OUR SAVIOR  
APPEARED***, he saved us, not because of  
works done by us in righteousness, but  
according to his own mercy, by the washing  
of regeneration and renewal of the Holy  
Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly  
through Jesus Christ our Savior.



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TITUS 3:4-6



Psalm 29:2

Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name;  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

OOM-PAH!



**German Polka Festival!!**

**Saturday, January 18, 2025**

**10am-2pm Live Polka music**

**Noon: Brats, hot dogs, potato salad**

**Bring a friend!**

*free will donation*

**Immanuel Lutheran Church**

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12/31/2024	
<b>New Year's Eve Service</b>	<b>33</b>
Plate:	\$ 83.00
Envelopes:	\$ 392.00
Memorial:	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 475.00</b>

1/5/2025	
<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<b>76</b>
Plate:	\$ 730.00
Envelopes:	\$ 1,193.00
Envelopes-Other:	
Donation: <b>School</b>	\$ 100.00
Memorial:	
<b>Matt Miller</b>	\$ 500.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 2,523.00</b>
Bible Class: <b>28</b>	\$ 54.00

***SECOND SUNDAY AFTER  
EPIPHANY***

Isaiah 62:1-5  
 Psalm 128  
 1 Corinthians 12:1-11  
 John 2:1-11

## The Triune God Opens Heaven to You in Holy Baptism

The Baptism of our Lord is an “Epiphany” of the one true God in the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ. In divine mercy, He takes His place with sinners and takes their sin upon Himself. “When all the people were baptized,” Jesus submitted Himself to a Baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Luke 3:21). He had no sins of His own, but He took the sins of the world upon Himself and so was baptized into His own death. Therefore, “when you pass through the waters,” He is with you (Is. 43:2). He created you for His glory, and He has redeemed you with His blood, that you may be His own and live with Him in His kingdom (Is. 43:1, 7). As you are baptized with a Baptism like His, so also are you united with Him in His death and resurrection that you “might walk in newness of life” (Rom. 6:4). For all who are baptized into Christ Jesus receive His anointing of the Holy Spirit and are named by His Father as beloved and well-pleasing sons and daughters.

	<b>Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule</b>	
	<b>January Sunday Servants</b>	
Elder:	Don Vogel	
Altar Guild:	Billie Jo Neuhaus/ Maggie Weber	
Music:	Doris Pickering	
<b>This Week</b>	The Baptism of Our Lord	
Usher:	Ken Eilers	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
<b>Next Week</b>	Second Sunday after Epiphany	
Usher:	Don Vogel	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am