

## THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

United with Christ

What Baptism Reveals

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### AS WE GATHER

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. Such a day is also a good time to remember our own Baptism. In Baptism, we are buried with Christ. We are united with Him in a death like His. In Baptism, we are also raised to new life as re-creations. As we are united to Christ in death, we will also be united with Him in resurrection when He returns and raises the dead. Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. At Jesus' Baptism, God the Father speaks from heaven, revealing Jesus to be His beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descends in the form of a dove. All three persons of the Trinity make their presence known at Jesus' Baptism. All three persons of the Trinity made their presence known at our Baptism as well as we are revealed to be God's beloved children.

### ✘ PREPARATION ✘

**Dear loving Father who is in heaven, we want to thank you for bringing us together for worship today, thank you for your divine guidance. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your Divine Love. We want to ask for the Holy spirit to be us through this worship hour, we also ask for your divine presence to be with us. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit instructed the hearts of the faithful. God of grace and glory, you call us with your voice of flame to be your people, faithful and courageous. As your beloved Son embraced his mission in the waters of baptism, inspire us with the fire of your Spirit to join in his transforming work. Grant, that by the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation. We honor and praise you for your mercies and goodness that always following us, we thank you for hearing and answering our prayer in Jesus name we pray and believe, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.**

**WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE...The heavens open. The Spirit descends. Jesus emerges from the water. And a voice echoes through the blue expanse. "This is my child, the Beloved, with whom I am well-pleased." Jesus is named. We come to the water. We remember we are named. In the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, welcome to Christian worship. A special welcome is extended to each visitor. The Lord has given us this day to worship Him. True worship is connecting with our Creator and walking in relationship with Him, enjoying His fellowship. Let us worship the one who names and claims us still and let's each do our best to worship the Lord in spirit and in truth. Welcome!**

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### **INVOCATION**

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen.**

### **OPENING SENTENCES** *Genesis 1:1–2; Psalm 29:3–4*

**Pastor:** In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

**People:** **And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.**

**Pastor:** And God said, "Let there be light."

**People:** **The voice of the Lord is over the waters.**

**Pastor:** The voice of the Lord is powerful.

**People:** **The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

**Pastor:** The voice of the Lord reveals Jesus as His Son.

**People:** **The voice of the Lord reveals we are His children too.**

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**Pastor:** In Holy Baptism, each of us was baptized into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. In Baptism, we were united with Christ. Yet, we have often lived as if we were entirely independent and autonomous. We have lived as if our identity were not in Jesus, but in our own selfish desires. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to turn back to Him and ask for His forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection.*

**Pastor:** Heavenly Father,

**People:**        **we confess that we are by nature sinful and have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. On account of Jesus, forgive us, renew us, and unite us to Your name.**

**Pastor:**        Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you. In Baptism, you were united to Christ in both His death and resurrection. You were buried with Him, but also raised to walk in newness of life. 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 ✕ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:**        **Amen. We are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.**

**✕ WORD ✕**

**HYMN OF PRAISE                    “Wade In The Water” TFBF 114 St. 3-4**

Refrain:

Wade in the water, wade in the water, children, wade in the water, God’s a-goin’a trouble the water.

3 Look over yonder, what do I see? God’s a-goin’a trouble the water. The Holy Ghost a-coming on me, God’s a-goin’a trouble the water. [Refrain]

4 If you don’t believe I’ve been redeemed, God’s a-goin’a trouble the water. Just follow me down to Jordan’s stream, God’s a-goin’a trouble the water. [Refrain]

**SALUTATION**

**Pastor:**        The Lord be with you.

**People:**        **And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:**        Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, at the Baptism of Jesus, You revealed Him as Your beloved Son. Unite us to Christ, that we may daily die to sin and arise to newness of life, so that we might share the truth of

Your Gospel; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:**       **Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**    *Genesis 1:1–5*       (God creates the heavens and the earth.)

**Leader:**       This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:**       **Thanks be to God.**

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**GRADUAL**    *Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

**Leader:**       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*    (We are baptized into Christ's death and resurrection.)

**Leader:**       This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:**       **Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE**        *Mark 1:11b*

**Leader:**       Alleluia. You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased.  
Alleluia.

**HOLY GOSPEL**    *Mark 1:4–11* (Jesus is baptized by John.)

**Leader:**       The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

**People:**       **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

**Leader:**       This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:**       **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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## **SERMON**

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**(We Bring Our Tithes And Offering To The Lord)**

### **CREED** 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**

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

**People:** Dear heavenly Father, in the Jordan River, You revealed Jesus to be Your beloved Son. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,  
**reveal Your grace to us.**

Leader: Lord, strengthen all those who have been baptized, especially those who have been baptized recently, with Your heavenly protection. Lead them to find their true identity in You as Your beloved sons and daughters. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,  
**People: reveal Your grace to us.**

Leader: Lord, comfort all those who are suffering in grief, [*especially . . .*]. Console them with the sure and certain hope that just as we have been united with Christ in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,  
**People: reveal Your grace to us.**

Leader: Lord, give courage to all those who live in conflict with their family members, especially regarding differences of faith. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,  
**People: reveal Your grace to us.**

Leader: Lord, bless all pastors, church planters, missionaries, and servants in Your Church who proclaim Your Word and administer Your Sacraments. Embolden them to seek and to save the lost and bring those who have strayed back into Your family. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,  
**People: reveal Your grace to us.**

Leader: Lord, place Your healing hand upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially . . .*]. Have mercy upon them, and lead them on the path to health according to Your will. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,  
**People: reveal Your grace to us.**

Leader: Lord, we commend all these things to You in the name of Your beloved Son, Jesus. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,  
**People: reveal Your grace to us.**

**LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: 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 ✠ give you peace.  
*Numbers 6:24-26*  
People: Amen.

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***LISTEN TO THE MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD.  
USE THIS SHEET TO MAKE SOME PERSONAL NOTES.  
GO BACK OVER THEM THROUGH THE WEEK.  
THINK AND LET GOD CRYSTALIZE TRUTHS IN YOUR LIFE.***

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WHAT I WILL DO AS A RESULT OF THIS MESSAGE:  
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“...They received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures everyday.” Acts 17:11 (NIV)

