

***“Baptism of Our Lord”***

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**THE COMMON SERVICE**

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**80 - Opening Hymn**

*“Angels From the Realms of Glory”*

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

***C: (sing) Amen***

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

*P: Beloved in the Lord; let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.*

***C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.***

**Lord, Have Mercy**

***C: (sing) Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.***

*P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

***C: (sing) Amen.***

**PRAYER AND PRAISE**

*P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.*

***C: (sing) Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.***

*We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you,  
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King.*

*God the Father al-mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;*

*O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the  
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the*

*sin of the world; receive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of God the Father;*

*have mercy on us. For you only are holy; you only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the  
Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.*

## ***Prayer of the Day***

*P: The Lord be with you.*

*P: Let us pray.*

*C: (sing) And also with you.*

*C: (sing) Amen*

## ***THE WORD***

***Old Testament Lesson – Isaiah 42:1-7 “Jesus is the Light of the World”*** <sup>1</sup>“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup>He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. <sup>3</sup>A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; <sup>4</sup>he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his law the islands will put their hope.” <sup>5</sup>This is what God the LORD says-- he who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and all that comes out of it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: <sup>6</sup>“I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, <sup>7</sup>to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

## ***79 v 1 - Psalm Hymn***

***“How Lovely Shines the Morning Star”***

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**How lovely shines the Morning Star! The nations see and hail afar  
The light in Judah shining.**

**O David's Son of Jacob's race, My Bridegroom and my King of grace,  
For you my heart is pining.**

**Lowly, Holy, Great and glorious, O victorious Prince of graces,  
Filling all the heav'nly places.**

## ***Gospel – Matthew 3:13-17***

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*

*C: (sing) Glory be to you, O Lord!*

***“Jesus is Baptized to Fulfill All Righteousness and to  
Be Like Us In Every Way”***

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. <sup>14</sup>But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup>Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented. <sup>16</sup>As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."



*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*

*C: (sing) Praise be to you, O Christ!*

## ***Apostle's Creed***

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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.

## **89 - Hymn of the Day**

*“To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”*

## **Sermon**

## **WANTED: DEAD AND ALIVE**

***Romans 6:1-11***

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup>By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? <sup>3</sup>Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. <sup>5</sup>If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. <sup>6</sup>For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin-- <sup>7</sup>because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**DEAD TO SIN**  
**ALIVE TO GOD**  
**ROMANS 6:11**

***Response: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.***

*(sing) Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.*

***Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.***

## ***Offering***

## ***Prayer of the Church***

## ***Lord's Prayer***

***Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name,***

***Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven.***

***Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins,***

***As we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation,***

***but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours. Now and forever. Amen.***

**Hymn – 297 vv 1-2**

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*“Baptized in Water”*

**Baptized in water,  
Sealed by the Spirit,  
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:  
Heirs of salvation,  
Trusting his promise,  
Faithfully now God's  
Praise we sing.**

**Baptized in water,  
Sealed by the Spirit,  
Dead in the tomb with Christ our King:  
One with his rising,  
Freed and forgiven,  
Thankfully now God's  
Praise we sing.**



*P: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**C: (sing) Amen**

**Blessing**

*P: The Lord bless you and keep you.*

*The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.*

*The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.*

**C: (sing) Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn – 297 v 3**

*“Baptized in Water”*

**Baptized in water,  
Sealed by the Spirit,  
Marked with the sign of Christ our King:  
Born of one Father,  
We are his children;  
Joyfully now God's  
Praise we sing.**