

Did the Father *REALLY* send Jesus to bring out the Prisoners?

Isaiah 42:1–9



Baptism of Our Lord
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday of the month

Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,
Mandi Diver – Choir/New Music Accompanist, David Ziegler - Handbell Director

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God's word and serve His mission. We'd love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

NURSERY

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. If the service is held in the gym, the nursery is in the youth room at the far end of the gym.

SERVING TODAY

Sunday 8:00 AM

<i>Elders:</i>	JJ Jones
<i>Comm/Asst. Elder:</i>	Mike Bandman
<i>Acolytes:</i>	Ellie Kreamer, Brooke Ratzburg
<i>Lay Readers:</i>	Sue Bandman, Joanne Heidlauf
<i>Ushers:</i>	Don Heidlauf, OPEN
<i>Greeters:</i>	Mulley Family, Novacek Family
<i>Fellowship:</i>	Rayos/Schaefer
<i>Jan. Altar Guild:</i>	Diane Sanders
<i>Jan. Counters:</i>	Mary Kay Ames

Sunday 10:45 AM

<i>Bob Souza</i>
<i>Jack Wameke</i>
<i>Cameron Fleming, Joseph Kaiser</i>
<i>Bill Schwartz, Ann Souza</i>
<i>Jay Souza, Scott Gutzke</i>
<i>Bill Ratzburg Family,</i>
<i>Richardt Family</i>
<i>Sheila Bunnell</i>
<i>Joan Blasko</i>

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY:

David and Madeline Adams in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

THE GOSPEL OF ST. MATTHEW SERVICE

Worship in a traditional order drawing words from Matthew's Gospel.
Matthew is the focus of Year A Gospel readings in the Lectionary.

In Today's Prayers

*If you have something you'd like added,
please go to one of the Prayer Stands,
write down your request, & put in the plastic rack.*



In our weekly Worship Prayers, we lift up praises, thanksgivings, requests, and concerns to our Lord. In order to help us pray to God about the wholeness of our lives in the world, we have a schedule for when we will focus on specific areas for prayer. Any immediate needs will always take priority, but in general, we will follow this schedule. Please note that this means on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, Pastor will speak the names of everyone on our health concerns list, but on other Sundays, this will be lifted up only as a general prayer for health and healing.

Our District Partners

Northern Illinois District
Concordia University—Chicago

Walcamp—outdoor ministry
Lutheran Church Charities

Our Seminaries

Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne and Bethel member, Jacob Stoltzman, on his vicarage (internship year) at Redeemer Lutheran, Highland, IN
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Congregation: Discipleship

Help us continue to see what it means to have a “heart life,” daily lives for Jesus

Our Loved Ones in the Armed Forces *Let Pastor know if you have someone to add.*

Victoria Wuethrick, Bethel member, Air Force
Lt. Colonel Michael Ridley, USAF, Minot AFB, ND – Steve Best’s brother
Jason Lucker, Navy, had been at Great Lakes, now in school in Virginia
Marshall King, Army—son of Deb Pellettiere’s friend
David Mrnak, Army—Deb Pellettiere’s friend’s future son-in-law
Allison Luzwick, Lt., Navy—Great Lakes
Bradley Abbitt, Army—Susan Squires’ cousin
Steven Furman, Air Force—Margie Tatgenhorst’s nephew
Andrew Waala, Air Force—Brian & Sherri Waala’s son
Jonathan Grana, Navy, stationed in Bahrain—Shelly Adams’ cousin
Justyn Koster, Marines—Jeff and Mary Kay Ams’ nephew

Opening Anthem 8 AM
10:45 AM

"Apple-Red Happiness"
"We Are One in the Spirit"

Cherub Choir
Junior Choir

Opening Hymn To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord

LSB 406



1 To Jor - dan came the Christ, our Lord, To do His
2 O hear and mark the mes - sage well, For God Him -
3 These truths on Jor - dan's banks were shown By might - y
4 There stood the Son of God in love, His grace to



Fa - ther's plea - sure; Bap - tized by John, the Fa - ther's Word
self has spo - ken. Let faith, not doubt, a - mong us dwell
word and won - der. The Fa - ther's voice from heav'n came down,
us ex - tend - ing; The Ho - ly Spir - it like a dove



Was giv - en us to trea - sure. This heav'n - ly wash - ing
And so re - ceive this to - ken. Our Lord here with His
Which we do well to pon - der: "This man is My be -
Up - on the scene de - scend - ing; The tri - une God as -



now shall be A cleans - ing from trans - gres - sion
Word en - dows Pure wa - ter, free - ly flow - ing.
lov - ed Son, In whom My heart has plea - sure.
sur - ing us, With prom - is - es com - pel - ling,



And by His blood and ag - o - ny Re - lease from death's
God's Ho - ly Spir - it here a - vows Our kin - ship while
Him you must hear, and Him a - lone, And trust in full -
That in our Bap - tism He will thus A - mong us find



op - pres - sion. A new life now a - waits us.
be - stow - ing The Bap - tism of His bless - ing.
est mea - sure The word that He has spo - ken."
a dwell - ing To com - fort and sus - tain us.

Invocation (Based on Matthew 11:28-30)

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

C: Amen.

P: Jesus says, "Come to Me all who are weary, and I will give You rest.

Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me.

For I am gentle and lowly in heart."

C: For You have promised we will find rest for our souls.

P: For His yoke is easy, and His burden is light.

C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution (Matthew 22:34-40;19:16-26;18:13-14,19-20;20:28)

P: When asked "Teacher, what is the great commandment in the Law?", Jesus said,

C: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart

and with all your soul and with all your mind.

And you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

P: Jesus said, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor,
and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

C: This brings us sorrow, Lord,

Because we treasure many things which are not focused on You.

Who then can be saved?

P: Jesus declares, "With people this is impossible,
but with God all things are possible."

He rejoices more over finding one lost sheep than over the ninety-nine that
never went astray. It is not His will that one of you should perish.

C: For the Lord has promised:

Where two or three are gathered in His Name,

He is among us with His forgiveness.

P: Indeed, He is here in the power of His forgiveness for you today.

He comes not to be served

but to serve, to give His life as a ransom for you.

Therefore, 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.

Gloria in Excelsis (based on Matthew 20:28)

LSB 971, st. 2

2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all names;
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.
Refrain
Thank You, O my Fa - ther, For giv-ing us Your Son,
And leav - ing Your Spir-it Till the work on earth is done.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of text. The third staff is marked 'Refrain' and contains the melody for the third line of text. The fourth staff contains the melody for the fourth line of text. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

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Collect (Prayer of the Day)

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: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9 (ESV)

¹Behold 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.

²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;

³a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged
till he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.

⁵Thus 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:
⁶“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,
⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸I am the LORD; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.
⁹Behold, 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.

Epistle (New Testament Letter)

Romans 6:1–11 (ESV)

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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Song of Praise

We Fall Down

We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Je -

- sus, the great-ness of mer-cy and love at the feet of Je -

- sus. And we cry ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, and we cry

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, and we cry ho - ly, ho - ly, ho -

ly is the Lamb.

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:13–17 (ESV)

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John [the Baptist], to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And 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; ¹⁷and 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: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

LSB 398, sts. 1-3,5; tune: 527



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2 He comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer wrong,
3 He shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit - ful earth;
5 O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, He on His throne shall rest,



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!
To help the poor and need - y And bid the weak be strong;
Love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, Spring in His path to birth.
From age to age more glo - rious, All bless - ing and all - blest.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free,
To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their dark - ness turn to light,
Be - fore Him on the moun - tains Shall peace, the her - ald, go;
The tide of time shall nev - er His cov - e - nant re - move;



To take a - way trans - gres - sion And rule in eq - ui - ty.
Whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, Were pre - cious in His sight.
And righ - teous - ness in foun - tains From hill to val - ley flow.
His name shall stand for - ev - er— That name to us is Love.

Confession of Faith from Matthew 11:2-6; 16:13-16

P: When John the Baptist heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to Jesus, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?”

C: ***Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”***

P: Jesus asked His disciples, using the title “Son of Man” to speak about Himself, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”
And the disciples said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”
Then He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?”
And I also ask you, disciples here today, “Who do you say that Jesus is?”

C: ***Simon Peter replied, and we also say, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Amen.***

Offering & Prayer Requests

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.



Offertory (Based on Matthew 19:28,12:18-21)

LSB 920 sts.2,5; tune: 616

(we join in singing as the offerings are brought forward to the altar)

2 King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings; King - ship with
5 We are the Church: Christ bids us show That in His
Him Church His ser - vants gain; With Christ the Ser - vant
Church all na - tions find Their hearth and home where
- Lord of all, Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.
Christ re - stores True peace, true love to all man- kind.

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Prayers

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: 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.

Benediction (Blessing) (Based on Matthew 28:18-20)

P: As Jesus said to His disciples before He ascended into heaven, He says to you,
“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.
And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

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.

Announcements

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