

**“Renewing Creation in Baptism
with the Very Same Materials as the First Creation
—Word & Water”**



Baptism of Our Lord January 10, 2021

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THE GOSPEL OF ST. MARK SERVICE

Worship in a traditional order drawing words from Mark’s Gospel.

Mark is the focus of Year B Gospel readings in the Lectionary.

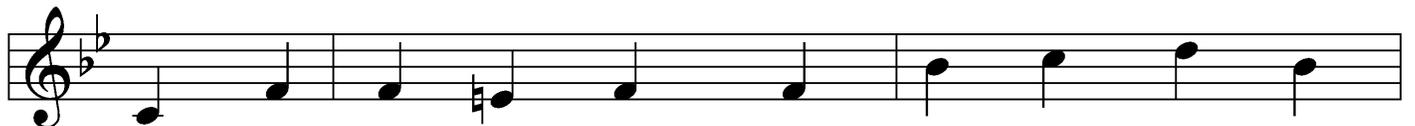
Opening Hymn

To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord

LSB 405 sts. 1, 3-5



1 To Jor - dan’s riv - er came our Lord, The Christ, whom
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
5 The Fa - ther’s word, the Spir - it’s flight A - noint - ed



heav’n - ly hosts a - dored, The God from God, the
tized the Lamb of God, The Ho - ly Spir - it,
voice with words pro - found: “This is My Son,” was
Christ in glo - rious sight As God’s own choice, from



Light from Light, The Lord of glo - ry, pow’r, and might.
heav’n - ly dove, De - scend - ed on Him from a - bove.
His de - cree, “The one I love, who pleas - es Me.”
Ad - am’s fall To save the world and free us all.

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Invocation (Based on Mark 1:1-8)

P: John the Baptist appeared, baptizing people in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

C: God had announced this through the prophet Isaiah:

P: “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,”

C: And all the people were going out to be baptized by John in the Jordan River. They were confessing their sins.

P: And John said, “I have baptized you with water, but the One who comes after me will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

C: This is Jesus, the Son of God, our Lord, the Christ, the Messiah.

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

C: Amen.

Confession (Mark 1:15,2:17,7:14-23)

P: Jesus began His ministry, preaching and saying,

“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand;

C: repent and believe in the gospel.”

P: When Jesus knew that some thought they were already righteous, without sin, He said to them “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.

C: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

P: [Jesus] called the people to Him and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand.” And He calls us now, “Hear me, all of you, and understand.”

C: We have come to hear and repent.

P: Jesus says, “There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

C: We repent and believe in the Gospel of Jesus for the forgiveness of our sins.

Absolution (Forgiveness) (Mark 2:5,10, 5:34; 10:52)

P: And when Jesus saw the faith of the paralytic brought for healing by his friends,
He said, "My son, your sins are forgiven."

C: Because Jesus has authority on earth to forgive sins!

P: And Jesus said to the woman who reached out to touch Him for healing,
"Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace."

And Jesus said to the man born blind but had now received sight,
"Go your way; your faith has made you well."

Therefore, in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I say to
you: "Your sins are forgiven, your faith has made you well." I forgive you all
your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Response of Praise (based on Mark 10:52)

LSB 551 sts. 1, 4-5



1 When to our world the Sav - ior came The sick and
4 Of long a - go: yet liv - ing still, Who died for
5 His sov - 'reign pur - pose still re - mains Who rose in



help - less heard His name, And in their weak - ness
us on Cal - v'ry's hill; Who tri - umphed o - ver
pow'r, and lives and reigns; Till ev - 'ry tongue con -



longed to see The heal - ing Christ of Gal - i - lee.
cross and grave, His heal - ing hands stretched forth to save.
fess His praise, The heal - ing Christ of all our days.

Collect (Prayer of the Day)

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.

Anthem**Father Welcomes****Adult Choir**

- Use the anthem's music and words to help you to meditate on God's Word and His truth for you today. Maintain this as meditative time.

*Father welcomes all his children to his family through his Son.
Father giving his salvation, Life forever has been won.*

*Little children, come to me, for my kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give, Mercy for your sin.*

*Father welcomes all his children to his family through his Son.
Father giving his salvation, Life forever has been won.*

*In the water, in the Word, in his promise, be assured:
Those who are baptized and believes, Shall be born again.*

*Father welcomes all his children to his family through his Son.
Father giving his salvation, Life forever has been won.*

*Let us daily die to sin; let us daily rise with him
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord, Live in the peace of God.*

*Father welcomes all his children to his family through his Son.
Father giving his salvation, Life forever has been won.*

Old Testament Reading**Genesis 1:1–9(ESV)**

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. ⁸And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so.

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

Jesus name Above All Names



1. Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful Sav - ior,
2. Je - sus, lov - ing Shep - herd, Vine of the branch - es,



glo - ri - ous Lord. _____ Em - man - u - el, God _____ is
Son _____ of God; _____ Prince of Peace, Won - der - ful



with _____ us, bless - ed Re - deem - er, Liv - ing Word. _____
Coun - se - lor, Lord of the u - ni - verse, Light of the world. _____

3. Jesus, Way of salvation,
King of Kings, Lord of Lords,
The Way, The Truth, and the Life,
Mighty Creator, my Savior and Friend.

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Holy Gospel

Mark 1:4–11 (ESV)

⁴John [the Baptist] appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message (based on Mark 10:13–16)

P: Why do we have a Children's Message in worship?

It's like how the people were bringing children to Jesus,

C: **So that He could bless them.**

P: But the disciples rebuked the people, as if they were wasting the Teacher's time.

But Jesus said:

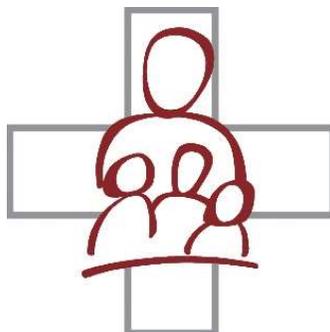
C: **"Let the children come to me;**

P: do not stop them,

because the kingdom of God belongs to them."

C: **So now let us receive the Kingdom of God like children.**

P: And Jesus takes us in His arms and blesses us. The children can come forward.



Hymn of the Day

God, Whose Almighty Word

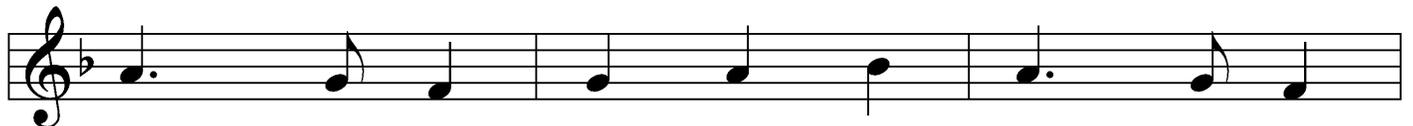
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1 God, whose al - might - y word Cha - os and
 2 Lord, who once came to bring, On Your re -
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, Life - giv - ing,
 Δ 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, Glo - ri - ous



dark - ness heard And took their flight: Hear us, we
 deem - ing wing, Heal - ing and sight, Health to the
 ho - ly dove, Speed forth Your flight; Move on the
 Trin - i - ty, Wis - dom, love, might! Bound - less as



hum - bly pray, And where the Gos - pel day
 sick in mind, Sight to the in - ly blind:
 wa - ter's face, Bear - ing the lamp of grace,
 o - cean's tide, Roll - ing in full - est pride,



Sheds not its glo - rious ray, Let there be light!
 Oh, now to hu - man-kind Let there be light!
 And in earth's dark - est place Let there be light!
 Through the earth, far and wide, Let there be light!

Sermon **“Renewing Creation in Baptism** **Genesis 1:1-9**
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Confession of Faith from Mark 8:27-30, 9:31, 10:33-34, 12:10-11, 16:6-7

P: When Jesus asked His disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” Peter answered:

C: **“You are the Christ.”**

P: meaning the Messiah, the Anointed One, coming to save God’s people.

C: **Did Jesus come with His glory and power?**

P: No, not during His first coming. He told the disciples many times how the Lord's salvation would be accomplished: "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise."

And again: "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. ³⁴And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise."

This fulfills Psalm 118 which says:

C: *"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes."*

P: So we believe in the death and resurrection of Jesus just as He told us and as the angel declared to the women when they went early to the tomb on Easter: "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you."

**C: *This is our Resurrection hope.
Jesus has told us that He will return again
to take us to be with Him forever.
We will see Him, just as He told us. Amen.***

Offering Preface (based on Mark 10:42-45, 12:41-44)

P: Come, now, and offer your lives in service to the Lord. Jesus said, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them."

**C: *But it shall not be this way among us!
Whoever would be great among us must be a servant to others,
and whoever would be first among us must be servant of all.
For even Jesus did not come to be served but to serve,***

P: and to give his life as a ransom for many.

When you come to bring financial offerings to the ministry of the Lord, remember what the Lord Jesus taught while watching the poor widow come to the Temple with her offering. She came and put in two small copper coins, which adds up to a penny.

C: *Jesus said this widow put in more offering than all the others.*

P: The others gave out of their abundance, their extra wealth,

**C: But out of her poverty,
the widow put in everything she had,
all she had to live on.**

P: Come, give to the Lord from your heart and as a servant. Amen.

Offertory (Based on Mark 10:42-45)

LSB 857 sts. 1, 4

1 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -
4 You bid us bend our hu - man pride Nor
ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -
count our - selves a - bove The low - est place, the
get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.
mean - est task That waits the gift of love.

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Prayers

The 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.

Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(We greet one another in peace saying "God's peace" or "The Lord be with you.")

Benediction (Blessing) (Based on Mark 5:34; 10:52)

P: As you have already heard this day, the words of Jesus which He spoke to others while here on Earth, these are words which He speaks to you as well today:

“My children, your sins are forgiven.”

“Go your way; your faith has made you well.”

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

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn All Christians Who Have Been Baptized

LSB 596 sts. 1, 4-6



1 All Chris-tians who have been bap-tized, Who know the God of
4 In Bap-tism we now put on Christ— Our shame is ful-ly
5 O Chris-tian, firm-ly hold this gift And give God thanks for-
6 So use it well! You are made new— In Christ a new cre-



heav-en, And in whose dai-ly life is prized The name of
cov-ered With all that He once sac-ri-ficed And free-ly
ev-er! It gives the pow-er to up-lift In all that
a-tion! As faith-ful Chris-tians, live and do With-in your



Christ once giv-en: Con-sid-er now what God has done, The
for us suf-fered. For here the flood of His own blood Now
you en-deav-or. When noth-ing else re-vives your soul, Your
own vo-ca-tion, Un-til that day when you pos-sess His



gifts He gives to ev-'ry-one Bap-tized in-to Christ Je-sus!
makes us ho-ly, right, and good Be-fore our heav'n-ly Fa-ther.
Bap-tism stands and makes you whole And then in death com-pletes you.
glo-rious robe of righ-teous-ness Be-stowed on you for-ev-er!

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Announcements



JANUARY 2021 WORSHIP SCHEDULE



January 10

Livestream Worship - 9AM

Bible Class on Sacraments & Food (Zoom) – 10:15am-11AM

January 17

Livestream Worship - 9AM

Bible Class on Service & Money (Zoom) – 10:15am-11AM

Indoor Communion (In Gym) 11:15AM – Noon

January 24

Livestream Worship - 9AM

Bible Class on Community with a
special presentation (Zoom) – 10:15am-11AM

January 31

Livestream Worship - 9AM

Bible Study (Zoom) – 10:15am-11AM

Indoor Communion (In Gym) 11:15AM – Noon

Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht – Organists

Ann Souza - Music Director

Mandi Diver – Choir/New Music Accompanist

David Ziegler - Handbell Director

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