

# THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

*January 8, 2012*

Welcome to Shepherd of the Hills! We thank the Lord for this opportunity to share the joy of Jesus Christ with you as we gather together to worship Him. Our prayer is that each of us will grow in the assurance of Jesus as Savior and have the peace of a daily personal walk with Him.

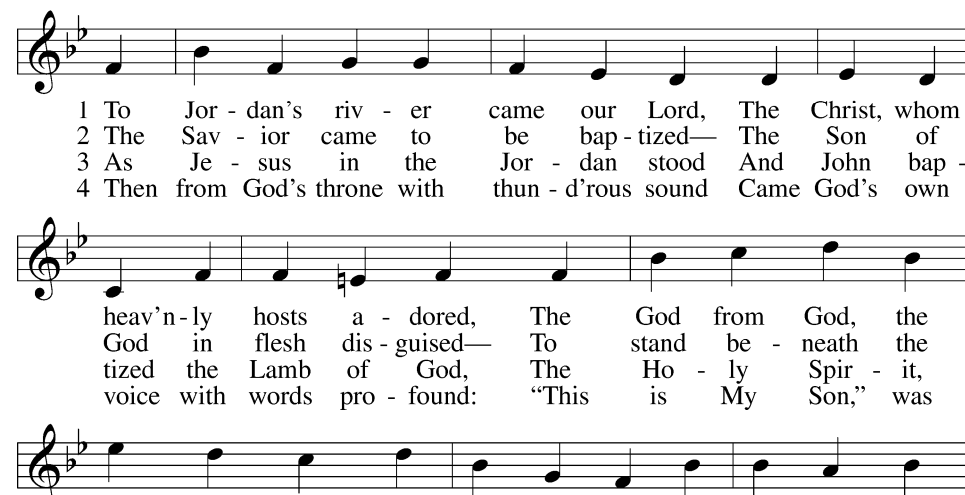
If you are visiting with us today, and have no church home, we would consider it a privilege to be able to invite you to share in the fellowship of the Shepherd of the Hills family. If you have any questions about Shepherd of the Hills please feel free to ask any of our members or our pastor before you leave today – we care and are here to help. If you already have a church home, we hope you will continue to grow in faith while you are with us and will return to worship again when you have the opportunity.

*As we prepare to worship today, we ask that each one be respectful of others as they pray silently and meditate on the great gifts God has both given and promised to all His faithful children.*

## PRESERVICE MUSIC RINGING OF THE BELLS and WELCOME

### Opening Hymn

“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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*(Please rise as you are able.)*

## Invocation

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

**People:** Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

**Pastor:** 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. *(pause)*

**Pastor:** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People:** who made heaven and earth.

**Pastor:** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**People:** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**Pastor:** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All:** O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Pastor:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**People:** Amen.

## Kyrie

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

## Gloria in Excelsis

Glory be to God on high: 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 Collect of the Day**

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

**People:** And with thy spirit.

**Pastor:** 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.

**People:** Amen.

*(Please be seated.)*

**Old Testament** ..... Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The 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.

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

**Lector:** So far the readings.

**Psalmody** ..... Psalm 29

**ELLIE GUSTIN'S BOOK OF POETRY** - "A Smattering of Rhyme, will not be available until January or early February due to the publisher's prior commitments. If you haven't signed up for your copy, please do. Proceeds benefit Shepherd's Little Flock.

**LWML NEWS** - The first meeting of the year will be January 21 at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. This will include a Bible Study, a fun program and the business meeting.

There will be a luncheon to follow the program with a freewill offering at the door. Please sign up if you are planning to attend.

Also a reminder that first day of quilting for LWR is Jan 17, 10-2 and bring your lunch. Hope to see lots of you there. Treva

**GREAT GIFT GIVE-AWAY  
JANUARY COLLECTION:**

- MEN:** Socks (white & work), hankies, small tools, coffee cups
- TEEN BOYS:** Caps, gloves, socks, books

(Small gifts only so the value to all recipients can be as fair as possible.)

We will need gift bags, tissue paper, tape rolls for dispenser and wine bags,

**WE ALSO COLLECT NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ALL YEAR  
Please place all items in the box by the mailboxes**

**"MISSIONS AT WORK** - See the news letters on the bulletin board - Our mission to China and our mission to The Dominican Republic - as reported by the action team led by Pastor Ted Krey in the Dominican Republic and Pastor Stephen Wiesenauer in China.

These wonderful people have an inspirational story to tell, and we should praise God that we can participate through them."

**Lector:** Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.  
**People:** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

**Lector:** The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

**People:** The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

**Lector:** The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**People:** He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

**Lector:** The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

**People:** The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**Lector:** The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

**People:** The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

**Lector:** May the LORD give strength to his people!

**People:** May the LORD bless his people with peace!

**All:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**Epistle** ..... Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We 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.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We 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. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*(Please rise as you are able.)*

**Holy Gospel** ..... Mark 1:4-11





New each morn - ing all our days, For Your mer - cies  
 Bear the im - print of Your grace; With the Son and  
 nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, Praise be Yours in ev - 'ry place!

*Refrain*

Lord, we pray that we, Your peo - ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,  
 Through the shar - ing of Your bless - ings May bring glo - ry to Your name.

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### Prayer of the Church

Each petition of the prayer will conclude with “... *let us pray to the Lord ...*”  
 to which the congregation may respond “*Lord, have mercy.*”

### Lord's Prayer

**Pastor:** 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. Amen.

*Pause for silent reflection and prayer.*

*(Please be seated.)*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS and WELCOME OF GUESTS

### Benediction

### POSTLUDE

**Pastor:** The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God  
 Following the service, all are invited for coffee and treats in our Fellowship Hall  
 and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
*(across the parking lot as you leave the Narthex).*

**People:** Amen.

It is good to gather together in the joy of the Lord.

### Closing Hymn

“Praise Be to Christ” LSB #538

1 Praise be to Christ in whom we see The im - age of the  
 2 Praise be to Him whose sov - 'reign sway And will up - holds cre -  
 3 Praise be to Him who, Lord Most High, The full - ness of the  
 Fa - ther shown, The first-born Son re - vealed and known, The truth and  
 a - tion's plan; Who is, be - fore all worlds be - gan And when our  
 God-head shares; And yet our hu - man na - ture bears, Who came as  
 grace of de - i - ty; Through whom cre - a - tion came to birth,  
 world has passed a - way: Lord of the Church, its life and head,  
 man to bleed and die. And from His cross there flows our peace  
 Whose fin - gers set the stars in place, The un - seen pow'rs, and  
 Re - demp - tion's price and source and theme, A - live, the first - born  
 Who chose for us the path He trod, That so might sins and  
 this small earth, The fur - thest bounds of time and space.  
 from the dead, To reign as all - in - all su - preme.  
 sor - rows cease And all be rec - on - ciled to God.